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South principal faces ‘admission’ test over Tweet

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS — A South High School graduate with a hair trigger for taking screenshots claims proof that her least favorite former principal was on the internet equating Republicans with Nazis.

The former student presented a screenshot of South Principal Moussa Hamka “hearting” the

comparison plus written admission he did it by accident.

“Went through my likes — it was there,” Hamka wrote Thursday, April 29, answering the grad confronting him on Instagram. “Must have been an accident like while scrolling. I know folks may not believe that, but it is the truth. Will definitely be more mindful will (sic) scrolling.”

“I screen-shotted it the second he sent it to me,” said the former high schooler, now in college and requesting anonymity for fear of being canceled (attacked) for defending Republicans.

“He unsent it within two minutes, so I can no longer see it,” said the student. “I don’t think Hamka knows I have screenshots of him admitting it.”

A parent of a current

South student posted the screenshot on Facebook.

“I got a call from Hamka,” said John Gelle, the parent. “I said, ‘Did you like it accidentally?’ He said, ‘I don’t know.’ If he did like it accidentally, he must have deleted it. He goes, ‘No, I didn’t delete it.’ He told one person he liked it and is telling me he never deleted it. Which one is it? Did



The above tweet has been making the rounds in Grosse Pointe via social media. Moussa Hamka has “unequivocally” denied he liked the post.

City alters Mack zoning

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In a process that began with the City’s 2012 master plan, and more recently picked up traction with the Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan, city council approved changes to the Mack Avenue zoning map and ordinance during its meeting Monday night.

These changes unify the majority of Mack in the City into a single new district, the C-1 commercial district, while increasing its allowed uses, providing more flexible parking standards and unifying development

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Jane McFeely’s “Jewels of Detroit” was voted the winner of the inaugural “The Finer Pointes” art contest.

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Master plan open house slated

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park is in the process of routinely updating its master plan and the city has been seeking active engagement throughout the process. After a virtual master plan update visioning session, which was open to the community in February, the Park is inviting interested residents to attend a community open house Tuesday, May 25.

The open house was scheduled for a date in

April, but was postponed to May 25, due to COVID-19.

The strolling open house will take place in two sessions, first from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the second from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both are hosted at the Tompkins Community Center patio at Windmill Pointe Park.

The city, along with its partnering organization MKSK, released a survey engaging residents in their goals and priorities for the Park as the master plan is updated. As the survey has closed, the community open

house aims to provide a summary of the survey results and continue to gather resident feedback.

Park residents are invited to attend and asked to practice social distancing and wear masks, according to the most recent flyer for the event.

“The city is excited to have its first real outdoor community engagement open house,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “COVID’s starting to ramp down and we

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City public safety to seek accreditation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City’s public safety department soon will begin the approximately two-year process toward achieving a mark only 6 percent of Michigan law enforcement agencies have reached to date: certification through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

Its mission, “is all about a better way to do things,”

Public Safety Director John Alcorn said, as it is based on standards reflective of the best practices available in law enforcement.

The process aims to help agencies calculate and improve their overall performances by way of implementation of written directives, policies and procedures. The result is objective outside recognition and approval earned through the internal and external evaluation.

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Q&A: Opening parks and streets

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Two written questions sent by the Grosse Pointe News to the mayor and council members generated opinions about whether to open municipal parks to nonresidents and, secondly, whether to open roads that are currently closed or to close roads currently open.

Open parks

Mayor Robert Denner: “All of the Grosse Pointes have developed and operated parks for the benefit of their residents and guests for decades. This is a part of the value that each Grosse Pointe provides to their taxpayers. I support continuing this amenity.”

Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt: “There are two lies gaining traction in the Park, although I already spoke to both during our April 12 council meeting. I am not considering opening the parks to nonresidents. I am not trying to thwart the Schaap Center for the purpose of putting low-income housing in its place (my concerns about the Schaap Center

have always been financial viability and a lack of resident engagement). I’d be delighted if these unfounded rumors could be put to bed.”

Councilwoman Michele Hodges: “Given capacity issues, limitations with existing infrastructure and the role they play in our quality of life, opening the parks is not something I support. Keeping our parks available to residents only is not rooted in exclusionary thinking, but in the practical reality that existing infrastructure doesn’t support it and residents are willing to pay for the benefit. This community as a whole is not a racist one, and actually prides itself in its welcoming culture and appreciation for all, which is why many choose it in the first place.”

Councilwoman Darci McConnell, answering both questions at once: “As a public servant my guidance comes from residents in terms of setting the agenda for Grosse Pointe Park. As we are midway through the master planning process, I would only act on these issues if they were

identified as priorities by the residents. While I think it’s important that we improve our relationship with our neighbors, as it stands now, neither I nor any of my colleagues have plans to open the parks or act on the barriers.”

Councilwoman Lauri Read: “I do not support opening our parks or operating them any differently than we do now. I have not spoken with any residents who favor this. This is a rumor that has no basis in fact. I am reminded of a play my son was in at Pierce Middle School called ‘True Shoes.’ The tagline was, ‘A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.’”

Councilman James Robson: “I do not support opening the city’s municipal parks to nonresidents. The operation and maintenance of those parks are paid for by Park property owners. They pay to play, if you will. But on a practical level, our parks could not sustain the influx of visitors if they were opened up to nonresidents. As it is, our parks are often overcrowded

on weekends and holidays, and other days as well. Our parks are simply not large enough to handle a significant influx of visitors. And additionally, there would be a strain on resources. Additional park staff would likely be required. Who pays for that? Taxpayers.”

Councilman Vikas Relan: “I never have stated I wanted the parks open for nonresidents, unless it was a special occasion.”

Streets

Denner: “It is important to provide for beneficial ingress to and egress from our city with our neighboring communities. In Grosse Pointe Park, all major connector streets and the vast majority of residential streets are open for this purpose. A few streets in Grosse Pointe Park, primarily minor connector streets, have been closed to vehicles for many years for various traffic flow and public safety reasons. Each closure generally has the support of the immediate neighborhood. Any change to the current status should only be

considered on a case-by-case basis with concurrence from the immediate neighborhood and professional review. I am not aware of any neighborhood currently requesting a change to the traffic flow directly affecting them.”

Fluitt: “Council is not exploring opening or blocking any streets.”

Hodges: “Our border points represent an opportunity to strengthen our community. I wasn’t at the table when the decision was made to close them, but I am aware of the assertion it was rooted in racism. I also understand there were practical concerns, such as speeding cars and high crime rates. Either way, I know what our community is today and it is not an exclusionary one; so it would behoove us to understand the practical implications of removing the barriers and devise solutions accordingly, which may or may not include opening them to vehicle traffic.”

McConnell: Included in her answer above.

Read: “To my knowledge, the city has no plans to block any streets

or to open any streets currently blocked. I would expect any proposed changes by city administration to be carefully vetted with input from public safety, our engineering experts and the community.”

Robson: “I do not support opening or blocking any streets or roads leading to or from Detroit. I would, of course, listen to any recommendations put forth by the city administration. But under current street and road configurations, citizens have benefited from a reduction in excessive and dangerous vehicular traffic. I am opposed to any changes at those locations. And speaking of Detroit, it is a city that will forever be in my heart. I’m a fan. I grew up in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood. And I’m excited about all the positive things happening there.”

Relan: “I also love the idea of making the road closures somewhat more beautiful than most of the current setups, but opening all up to vehicle traffic is something that needs to be decided upon by public safety, not me personally.”

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standards. Notably, six blocks of Mack previously only allowed office uses now are able to have general business uses, while second-floor residential uses also have become a possibility.

No changes were made to the R-T, residential terrace, district.

“This is the last step in the process of really modernizing the city’s approach to land use regulations on Mack

Avenue,” City Planner John Jackson said.

Permitted uses in the new C-1 district are essential services; public and quasi-public uses; animal grooming shops; artisan/maker spaces; auto service, auto repair and gas/charging stations; banks and financial institutions; educational uses; fitness centers; grocery or specialty food stores; interior decorating establishments and home furnishing stores; medical or dental clinics and physical therapy; business, professional,

medical or dental offices; personal services establishments and massage; repair shops for personal and household items; carry-out or full-service restaurants; resale shops; retail establishments; small animal clinics; studios, schools or galleries for arts and similar uses; and multifamily residential.

Special-use uses are brewpub, microbrewery, craft distillery, small winemakers and similar uses; child care centers; parking structures; and live/work units.

Permitted with approval uses are outdoor cafes and eating areas, as well as surface parking lots.

While city council and residents seemed to largely be in agreement with unifying Mack and its uses, contention arose when it came to four Loraine houses proposed to be zoned for parking. This essentially would

allow developers down the line to purchase the properties, if homeowners are willing to sell, and create parking lots.

“Having adequate parking makes it easier to lease the spaces along Mack Avenue, including this area, for the full range of uses that are now permitted in these uses,” Jackson explained, “so there are uses that are now permitted in the district that may require more parking than say office space.”

Property owners of the single-family homes now zoned for parking voiced overwhelming opposition during the public hearing, citing concerns of changes to taxes and home insurance, as well as their properties being turned into parking lots in scenarios such as if the home burns down.

Neighboring residents also cited concern about having to stare at a parking lot or the street becoming less safe for children to play along.

The ordinance was written to protect property owners from these

concerns, City Manager Pete Dame assured, so taxes and insurance will not be affected.

There also is a provision in the ordinance to make sure any potential future parking lots are screened and, therefore, not an eyesore to neighboring properties.

“One of the big things that people talk about is that they want to know that the City of Grosse Pointe is open for business,” Councilman Chris Walsh said. “We’re not saying that we’re turning (those parcels) into parking lots. We’re just saying if somebody wants to come along with a project that could be an economic stimulus for the city ... this kind of plan says to people, ‘We’re open for business and we will definitely try to accommodate you if we can.’”

No one is going to be compelled to sell their house, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak added, so a developer would have to buy the properties with homeowner approval.

In response to the pub-

lic hearing, council also agreed to change the ordinance language to a “by right” approach, which protects the homeowner in the case of a fire or desire to add an addition.

Following significant discussion and debate, council approved the zoning map and ordinance change 4-1, with councilmen John Stempfle and Terence Thomas absent.

Councilwoman Maureen Juip opposed the proposal, although noting her support for unifying Mack zoning and its uses. Her disagreement was in regard to the Loraine parking zoning and whether it was the ideal area to expand parking along Mack.

“I want to make sure,” she said, “if we’re sending the message that we’re open for business by creating new potential parking zones, that we’re doing it in a spot along Mack that makes the most sense relative to the parcels that would be most ripe for redevelopment.”

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Potential ordinance would fight ethnic intimidation

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Months after a Ku Klux Klan flag was hung by a resident in the Park — in the window facing his neighbor, JeDonna Dinges, and her family — the city council discussed introducing an ethnic intimidation ordinance at its meeting Monday, May 10.

The ordinance was proposed by councilwoman Darci McConnell, who spoke to the importance of a potential ordinance due to recent ethnic intimidation incidents in the Park.

According to the Detroit Free Press, the neighbor who hung the KKK flag in February put a call in to Park public safety at the end of April threatening to put it back up. Lt. Jim Bostock, interim director of public safety, said he has not heard from either party — Dinges or her neighbor.

When the flag was hung in February, the Park city government was at a loss for what to do. Though they rallied to support the Dinges family, their hands

were tied in terms of legal action. City Attorney Jake Howlett said at the time if charges could be pressed against the man who hung the flag, it would fall under the ethnic intimidation statute, MCL750.147b — a felony. The case was passed to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s office.

Because Michigan’s ethnic intimidation statute requires “there must be physical contact, damage, destruction, defacement of property, or threats to do so,” Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy was unable to file charges.

“There is absolutely no question that what happened to Ms. Dinges was despicable, traumatizing and completely unacceptable,” Worthy said. “But, very unfortunately in my view, not a crime. The KKK flag, while intending to be visible to Ms. Dinges, was hanging inside of her neighbor’s house. We could not even begin to charge ethnic intimidation under current Michigan law.”

Neither Michigan law nor local law could pro-

tect Dinges from the act she was victim to.

“It’s also important to note that our city attorney, Jake Howlett, researched whether there were any options on the books that allowed for local action and he drew the same conclusion,” McConnell said in her proposal to council Monday night.

McConnell asked the council to refer this to the ordinance review committee and Howlett for consideration and further research.

“Since the March decision by the Wayne County prosecutor,” McConnell said to council, “I have done some preliminary research to see what can be developed for our city to create better accountability and penalties for those who seek to harass and intimidate residents in the Park, because as we all said, ‘Hate has no home here.’”

Mayor Robert Denner expressed concerns with pursuing an ordinance.

“It has really nothing to do with the objective. I support the objective that has been placed here before us by

C o u n c i l m e m b e r McConnell,” Denner said. “However, I do have some concerns.”

Denner said in Michigan, no other municipality addresses what the Park would be trying to accomplish in this ordinance. Neither does the state legislature.

“I’m concerned that this will create a drain on our city resources and present the opportunity for us to continue to spend city resources on it, because new areas of law tend to get challenged in court and it’s expensive to litigate,” Denner said.

Councilwoman Lauri Read, also the ordinance review committee chair, said she was willing to bring the proposal to the committee and try to tackle it as legally responsibly as possible.

“I have to study it, what we can do, what some of the model ordinances are out there,” Read said. “The big thing for me is we do not want to pass an ordinance that will not withstand court scrutiny.”

Howlett agreed the city could be walking on

legally unsteady ground, though he was willing to research different possibilities as well.

“It’s a difficult situation from a legal standpoint, because we are very constricted by the Constitution, by the Supreme Court,” Howlett said.

Though passing an ordinance regarding ethnic intimidation would make the Park a trailblazer in the field and could be a difficult process, council expressed a desire to dig deeper into the issue via the ordinance review committee.

“I think it’s an important issue,” Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt said in support of McConnell’s proposal. “Our county

prosecutor herself said that perhaps the laws needed to be changed and if the city can make a small step with what we can do with an ordinance here, I would certainly be in support of that.”

Read will bring the issue to the ordinance review committee, where they will discuss options. Eventually, the ordinance review committee would bring a recommendation to council with the advice of the city attorney.

“Often, we’ve had certain ordinances take up more than one committee meeting,” Read said. “It’s something. Let’s leave this in committee for a while and chew on it and see what we can do. I’m happy to do it that way.”

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can get back to business in a way.”

In addition to the master plan update, residents are encouraged to bring thoughts regarding parking, as that may be next on the city’s agenda.

“The city is engaging with MKSK regarding parking,” Sizeland said.

“Not only is there going to be an open house in regards to a master plan, there’s also going to be discussion regarding parking.”

At its last board meeting, the TIFA district approved Sizeland to engage in a parking study with MKSK, which puts the next move on the city and the DDA board in order to reach an all-inclusive parking study for the city.

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tions; decreased litigation and exposure; continual self-assessment; and increasing public confidence.

“At the end of the day, accreditation gives us that outside expert’s stamp of approval that says we’re doing things the right way and continue to do things the right way,” Alcorn said.

Although the department can’t formally apply for the program until the fall, it immediately will begin working toward the initial steps.

Lt. Thomas Martindale volunteered and was

selected to serve as the City police accreditation manager. While waiting for his formal training in the fall, the department plans to create an internal committee of department members and become engaged with the Police Accreditation Coalition. From there, a heavily involved department self-assessment will begin.

Since Alcorn became public safety director in January, “I’ve been looking for ways to continually raise the bar of excellence that we’ve had for quite some time and we have two main ways to do that: the continued investment in training and the pursuit of accred-

itation. And I say pursuit, because it’s a long, difficult process, but now is the time. With our new facility, the positivity of our newest staff members and senior officers, I think we can do it.”

The initial \$19,000 cost for achieving accreditation covers the application, accreditation manager training, initial on-site assessment, accreditation fee and second assessment team check-up. There isn’t room in the 2021-22 operational budget in the City’s general fund for the cost, City Manager Pete Dame said, so instead it will be added to the capital projects fund as a one-time large

expenditure.

The \$1,800 annual cost to maintain accreditation once it is achieved can be accommodated into the operational budgets in the future, he added.

City council has expressed overwhelming support for the initiative.

“I give you credit, chief, for being willing to be introspective, for you and your entire department to be willing to look inward and to accept guidance and an opportunity for growth,” Councilwoman Maureen Juip said. “I know that our department has the utmost standards now and, with this, you’ll only raise the bar even higher.”

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(finalists) to begin with. I’ve been riding pretty high on that horse. ... I’m really honored and excited about it.”

McFeely, who majored in art at Albion College and then studied in Aix-en-Provence, France, has long preferred oil painting. But she doesn’t care much for brushes. She uses knives to create her oil paintings, which gives her work added texture — evident in the vibrantly colored “Jewels of Detroit.”

The avid bicycler found inspiration for her painting from regular rides down Jefferson to Belle Isle, Indian Village, the Detroit Riverfront and other scenic locations. With every trip, it’s the beauty of Lake St. Clair that always catches her eye — and was the focal point of “Jewels of Detroit.”

“When you get to the waterfront, something magical happens,” she said. “I love the city, but living here, the water is such a big part of who you are.

“I hope it encourages people to get down to the river,” she added. “It’s such a cool place to visit and a part of our little Grosse Pointe — our city. The city needs us and we need them.”

McFeely said she also hopes her entry encourages aspiring artists to show their work.

“It’s difficult to expose something you’ve created; you’ve got to put your Teflon on,” she said. “I’d like to see more people encouraged to step out of their comfort zone and show their work.”

For her win, McFeely will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

“I would like to congratulate Jane McFeely on her winning the highest number of votes in ‘The Finer Pointes’ contest,” said Sean Cotton, Grosse Pointe News owner. “Jane was one of the first artists that came to my mind when I was looking for a way to highlight the many talented artists that reside in Grosse Pointe. Her wonderful artwork can be found in many homes

in Grosse Pointe.”

Subscribers were tasked with voting for their favorite among 11 entries, which are on display at The War Memorial through June 3. Participants had the option of casting votes online or in person.

“It was a very close contest, a testament to the talent of all of the artists,” Cotton said. “I hope that next year’s contest is an even bigger event.”

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Uniting foodies, one free cookbook at a time

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Family is first and foremost in Jeanene Adams’s life. She thinks the world of her daughters, Grace and Eve. She adopted the girls as a single parent and, of all the things she’s done, “my biggest accomplishment is my kids.”

Following family, food is one of Adams’s passions. The self-professed “cookbook junkie” recently set out to share her love of cooking with friends and neighbors – or anyone who passes by her Grosse Pointe Park home.

Adams recently installed a Cookbook Little Free Library in front of her house, located near Jefferson on Harvard. Guests are welcome to take or leave a cookbook that tempts their taste buds.

“It’s nice to go out every couple days and find new ones,” Adams said. “I’ve been a cookbook junkie for years and have so many foodie friends with similar interests.”

In the few weeks since the library was installed, Adams said she’s seen her fair share of interesting donations. Among them are cookbooks focused on sushi, bacon and vodka; a couple of vegan cookbooks were scooped up quickly.

“It’s fun to see people come up and look through things,” Adams said.

Not just a browser of books, Adams proves her passion in the kitchen. It’s been one of her interests since childhood.

“I remember as a kid me and my sisters belonged to a 4H club,” she recalled. “We lived in Canada then. The farmer ladies would have us over. One would show us how to bake bread. Another taught us something else.



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Jeanene Adams recently installed a Cookbook Little Free Library in her front yard.

My mother never really was a big cook. But I’ve been interested (in cooking) since I was 12 or 13.”

Like her mother, Adams has a few tried-and-true recipes she turns to on occasion, but unlike her mother, “I thrive on getting a new recipe,” she said. “I have some I like to go back to because the kids like them, but I like trying new ones.”

She likes trying new things, period.

When COVID-19 restrictions limited time away from home, Adams decided to take advantage of the situation.

“I bought a smoker and learned how to smoke meat,” she said. “I learned by watching YouTube videos. I smoked two turkeys last year.”

The past few years, she’s also grown a vegetable garden, courtesy of

seeds procured from the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s seed library, housed at its Ewald Branch.

“I’ll go on a jag,” she said. “Lately I’ve been making jams. I did a whole vegetable garden, so I did a lot of canning — corn, relish, tomatoes, pizza sauce, sundried tomatoes.”

During winter months, Adams grows plants hydroponically in her sunroom.

“Mostly greens,” she said, “herbs, lettuces, bok choy, Swiss chard, arugula.”

“It amazes me out of a little seed you can have produce,” she continued. “I’m always looking for new recipes. It makes me feel accomplished. But I need someone to clean up after me.”

The last few years,



Adams and her daughters, Grace and Eve.

Adams has shared her cooking passion with a group of foodie friends who have formed the group, “Cooking with Friends.” Members, from various ethnic backgrounds, meet at Adams’s house for food, wine and friendship.

“We’d have themed cooking nights where we would get together, bring dishes or someone would host an entire dinner at my house,” she said. “Whatever dish we made, we would bring copies of the recipe for the rest of the group. We’ve had Made in Michigan night, where we learned how to make pasties; a cookie exchange with a decorative cookie demo; we’ve learned how to make

Lebanese baklava; we’ve had a harvest potluck; an Italian dinner; an Irish dinner; a soup exchange; and an evening where one of my Polish cousins taught us how to make the Polish angel wing recipe called Chrusciki.

“Besides our love of cooking, the group has a supportive prayer bond with members who’ve gone through difficult times and loss,” she added.

Adams, who’s lived in Grosse Pointe since 1986, has been a nurse 39 years, including 27 years as a nurse anesthetist. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Detroit and master’s degree from Wayne State University.

She currently works at Detroit Medical Center.

In her spare time, she said, her hobbies are varied.

“Pretty much the only thing I haven’t done is make jewelry,” she said. “My daughters and I have been making epoxy tumblers, which are stainless steel cups that we decorate.”

For now, she’s enjoying the happiness spread among visitors to her new front yard addition.

Adams is no stranger to Little Free Libraries; she has one at her cottage in Canada. The rules are easy.

“If they see book they like, they can take it. If they have a cookbook to share, they can leave it. If they happen to walk by and don’t have one to share, that doesn’t mean they can’t take one out. But maybe later they’ll bring one by.”

Also, Adams welcomes oversized cookbooks that don’t fit in the library to be placed in the plastic bin on her porch.

She plans to leave up her Cookbook Little Free Library — which includes a hand sanitizer station — year round.

Grosse Pointe Park

Intoxicated speeding

A 29-year-old Park woman was pulled over for speeding at Jefferson and Three Mile, then arrested for operating while intoxicated at 9:20 p.m. Monday, May 10.

Smoking fire

Crews were called to the 1200 block of Audubon at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Thursday, May 13, when a fence caught fire.

Investigation showed discarded cigarette butts caught a trash can on fire, spreading to nearby trees and the fence.

Attempted theft

A teenage male was seen stealing a bike from behind a school in the 15000 block of Kercheval at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12.

He dropped the bike and ran when someone confronted him.

The investigation is still ongoing.

Stolen wallet

An unknown person stole the wallet of a woman working in the 15000 block of Jefferson at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 12.

Her credit cards were used in multiple loca-

tions after the incident.

The investigation is still ongoing.

Stolen bike

An unknown suspect stole an unlocked Trek Marlin bike from the bike rack behind a school in the 15000 block of Kercheval.

The bike was stolen sometime during the school day Tuesday, May 11.

Drunken disturbance

A 37-year-old Park man under the influence caused disturbance and damaged a fence to a restaurant/bar in the 1100 block of Lakepointe at 11 p.m. Friday, May 14.

The man was arrested for malicious destruction of property.

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Crash.

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REPORTS: Stolen plate

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Missing bin

An unknown suspect stole a 48-gallon blue recycling bin from a backyard in the 1400 block of Somerset. The bin was noted missing sometime between Thursday, May 13, and Sunday, May 16.

Bike stolen

At 6 p.m. Sunday, May 16, a victim saw a group of five to six 15- to 17-year-olds ride off with his grey Schwinn mountain bike. The bike had been unlocked on the school-yard bike rack in the 900 block of Trombley.

Felony warrant

A 40-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 2:20 a.m. Saturday, May 15, on a parole absconder warrant. He was turned over to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Suspended

A 27-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack and Audubon at 1:50 p.m. Friday, May 14. Upon the stop, he was found to be driving with a suspended license. He was issued a ticket and released.

Hit and run

A black 4-door SUV reportedly struck a woman's car at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, in the 1300 block of Kensington, then fled northbound into Detroit.

A man in the 1100 block of Maryland parked his car in his open garage overnight Friday, May 14. The next morning, he discovered his license plate had been stolen.

Be gone urinal

A 30-year-old Park resident ripped a urinal off the wall at a bar/restaurant in the 15000 block of Charlevoix at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The incident caused a flood in the bathroom. — Kate Vanderstelt Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400

City of Grosse Pointe

Hospital thief

While admitted at an area hospital in April, a 70-year-old Warren woman's phone was stolen. The phone then was used to access her bank account and steal \$1,000.

Stolen cash

After leaving her purse behind in a room while being evaluated at an area hospital Monday, May 10, a 41-year-old Woods woman discovered \$360 in cash missing from it.

Light pole crash

A 28-year-old Detroit man's vehicle crashed into a light pole at Cameron Place and East Jefferson at 8:03 a.m. Sunday, May 16, when he swerved to avoid another vehicle turning onto the street.

He was cited for driving while license suspended and improper lane use, and his vehicle was impounded. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Ripped screen

A window screen was discovered ripped open, with items knocked off the bookshelf under the open window at an area school Monday, May 10. Nothing was found to be missing.

Identify theft

A TransUnion account was opened in the amount of \$15,787 using a 54-year-old Farms woman's identity Monday, May 10.

Tinted windows

A 41-year-old Oak Park woman was pulled over at Canyon Street and Mack Avenue at 11:37 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, for illegally tinted from windows. A LEIN/Secretary of State check also showed her plate had expired. The woman received a citation for driving while license suspended and an expired plate. Her vehicle was impounded.

Speeding

After being seen speeding 45 mph on Moross Road at 2:24 a.m. Friday, May 14, a 37-year-old Detroit man was pulled over and cited for driving while license suspended

and no proof of insurance. His vehicle was impounded.

Parking no-no

A vehicle parked improperly in a lot in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue and causing congestion brought out officers to search for the 50-year-old Detroit owner at 3:10 p.m. Friday, May 14. After the woman was found exiting a nearby store, she was identified and cited for driving while license suspended. The vehicle was impounded.

Unlicensed

After failing to yield the right-of-way as he turned left in front of an oncoming truck on Fisher Road, a 14-year-old Grosse Pointe boy driving a moped was pulled over at 4:57 p.m. Friday, May 14. While he provided a registration, he did not have a moped license and told officers he was unaware one was required. The boy was ticketed for failing to yield and warned on the license violation; the moped was impounded. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Intoxicated

After Woods public safety alerted there was a possible intoxicated driver near Lakeshore and Vernier Road at 10:04 p.m. Saturday, May 15, a 28-year-old Detroit man was pulled over and

arrested for operating while intoxicated. A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .20 percent. — Laurel Kraus Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Still not caught

A woman said she was walking east on Roslyn between Marter and Wedgewood Thursday, April 22, when a car approached her from behind and stopped. The man, in his early 20s and described with "mixed skin" and "bushy brown curly hair," made a crude comment to the woman while pointing to his genital area. The vehicle, a burnt-orange-colored SUV, sped off as the woman turned to walk in the other direction. The woman made the report at 1:25 p.m. Monday, May 10, after seeing similar reports in the Grosse Pointe News.

Crashed

A 70-year-old Warren man was arrested at 3:42 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, for operating while intoxicated. Woods officers were dispatched to Mack and Roslyn where a black van struck a tree and settled on the grass median. The officer saw the driver unsteady and wobbly. The man was slurring words and refusing medical attention. He said he was heading home from a friend's house, but had no idea where he was. He told officers someone else was driving the vehicle when it crashed, but he did not know the person's name. The driver told officers he drank four beers. He could not complete any field sobriety tests. A preliminary breath test showed 0.159 percent blood alcohol content. He was arrested and the vehicle impounded.

Harassing texts

A Woods resident reported finding sexually explicit messages on his son's phone dating before December 2020, when the boy was younger than 18 years old. Detectives are investigating the origins of the text. — Kate Vanderstelt Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.



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OUR VIEW

M. Jon Dean:
It’s your turn

The school board has proven as fractured as the community in its selection of a new superintendent.

The Board of Education voted 4-3 to give the job to M. Jon Dean, the current deputy superintendent. Two of the nay-sayers — Ahmed Ismail and David Brumbaugh — committed themselves afterward to working with him “110 percent” in Mr. Brumbaugh’s words. Mr. Ismail, who voted against both potential candidates, offered his help to Dr. Dean and also pointed out that, many times, “the bad rap he got was because he was the messenger.”

Dr. Dean’s support came from board President Joseph Herd and members Christopher Lee, Margaret Weertz and Colleen Worden, all of whom were effusive in their assessments of his knowledge and skills. Board member Lisa Papas voted no.

Dr. Dean, assuming contract negotiations come to completion, will become superintendent July 1, following the departure of Gary Niehaus.

As Mr. Ismail noted, one reason to pull together, for now, is the fact a deputy superintendent may be carrying out policies or decisions not to his or her own liking. As deputy, Dr. Dean would have represented both administration and board positions whether he agreed with them or not. He deserves leeway to act on his own before the community rates him.

Dr. Dean himself recognizes the divisions that surround him and in some cases involve him. For his final interview, he devised a “Time to Heal” plan for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. It focuses on informal listening sessions throughout the district and community, combined with facilitated focus groups, and segues into the process needed to produce the district’s next strategic plan.

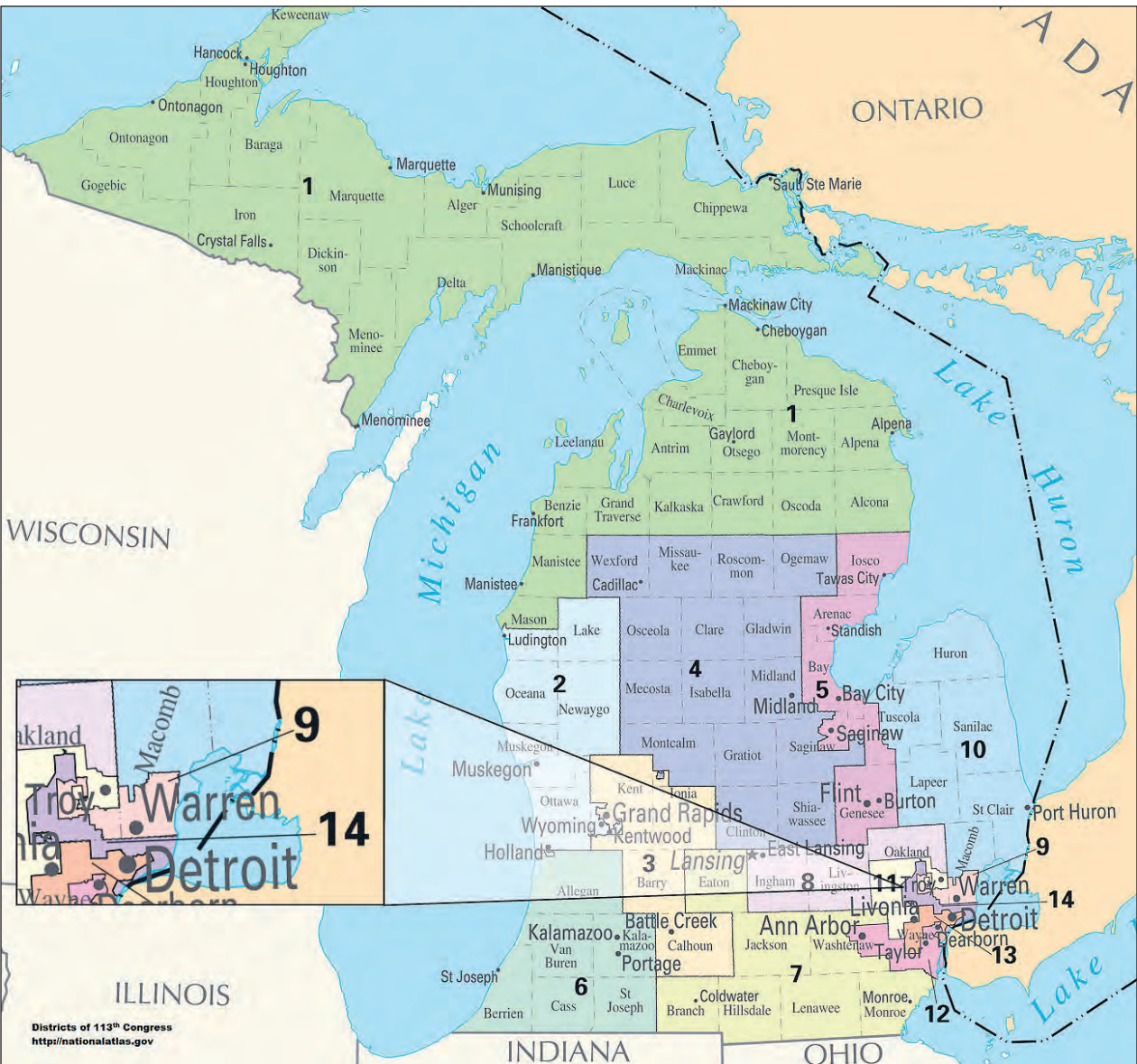
Over the course of two interviews, Dr. Dean also demonstrated some ability to diagnose problems from the past. Presumably he continues to learn and grow — as the community can by giving him a fresh start.

Reserving immediate criticism of Dr. Dean is not the same as saying the board found the perfect candidate or perhaps even the best one. The runner-up, Superintendent Stephen Bigelow of the Bay City Public Schools, had some excellent ideas and a strong track record, including a few tactics worth stealing. Dr. Bigelow maintains extensive involvement in community organizations, for example; he also said he tries to meet personally with families who pull their students out of the district, as compared to the current Grosse Pointe practice of having principals make contact by phone.

No matter who got the title, many challenges lie ahead for the next superintendent, starting with what may be a severe budget crunch in the coming school year. Michigan’s per-pupil school finance system has left most districts with similar problems, as birth rates fall and enrollment keeps declining; state policies apparently even make it increasingly difficult to recruit out-of-state candidates for open superintendent posts.

At some point during the next superintendent’s tenure, the district almost surely will hold another bond millage election. The board already has been told maintaining buildings as old as those in the Grosse Pointes will require regular, perhaps continuous, millage support.

As Dr. Dean has pointed out — and almost any other potential superintendent would have quickly realized — the district also needs a new strategic plan. That will



Due to loss of population revealed in the 2020 census, Michigan will lose one congressional seat, District 14, currently held by U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence. We propose that the Citizens Redistricting Commission, now holding hearings on reconfiguring Michigan congressional districts, look at creating a new “Lakeshore” or “Shoreline” congressional district either down along the Detroit River or up along Lake St. Clair rather than a contorted, gerrymandered district stretching west into Oakland County, as does the current 14th District, shown purple in the inset.

OUR VIEW

Redistricting: Keep GPs, HW together

In the past, when the Michigan Legislature controlled redistricting, no one had to listen to average citizens’ ideas about what an ideal voting district might look like.

That has all changed, due to the constitutional amendment approved by Michigan voters in 2018. The amendment creates an independent commission to handle how lines are drawn and the commission, in turn, is in the process of taking suggestions from any and all Michiganders.

That should mark the end to oddly shaped districts, such as the current congressional district that includes the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Gerrymandering — or designing districts to suit the party in power at the time — has created increasingly strange districts as computer software grew more precise in identifying voting patterns.

Now, as the Citizens Redistricting Commission takes testimony, it’s important its members hear a couple of major themes from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

First, keep these communities together at every level of representation.

Currently, the local municipalities are split into two different state House districts. But that’s the only level of representation where the communities that comprise the Grosse Pointe Public School System can have a strong voice, and the school district itself can have a staunch defender of its own.

But even in the bigger districts, for state Senate and U.S. House, it is essential this group of cities be treated as one.

This concept is known as “communities of interest,” a factor written into the constitution as a key factor in forming districts. (Higher priorities include creating equal-sized, contiguous districts; the Voting Rights Act also must be followed.)

Surely the sharing of one school district among the communities (along with the Harper Woods district in

part of that city) makes a strong case for an interest that holds everyone together.

Second, respect this area’s geographic distinction: a history and a culture developed out of its presence along the shoreline of Lake St. Clair.

In the last round of redistricting, the Pointes and Harper Woods got corralled into weirdly shaped districts that wander away from the area’s chief geographic interest. In the case of both the state Senate and the U.S. House districts, local cities are in districts that head west from here — taking each district’s focal point away from the shoreline. In the case of the current congressional district, the wandering even crosses over into Oakland County.

Rather than extending all the way to Pontiac, or going west toward Highland Park and Hamtramck, or both, the Pointes and Harper Woods would have far more in common with their shoreline neighbors, stretching along the Detroit River in one direction and/or along Lake St. Clair into Macomb County in the other.

Like other Great Lakes communities of interest, this kind of “Lakeshore” or “Shoreline” district would much better reflect a life of marinas and other water-based recreation, residents’ concern about water quality and the health of fisheries, and the commercial aspects involved in maintaining this hugely important resource.

The Census Bureau has provided only state population figures so far. Until the detailed numbers arrive for each municipality, it’s difficult to go much further than defining communities of interest.

But it’s important local residents and organizations help create that mindset for the commission now: The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods must stay together. A shoreline district best reflects what ties this area together with its neighbors.

Public hearings

The Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold public hearings in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties throughout June. Go to the commission’s website, michigan.gov/micrc, under Meeting Notices and Materials, about a week in advance for details on how to participate.

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WeGP: Known by the company it keeps

To the Editor:

In a recent letter to the editor, the representative of WeGP stated: “We know of no organized effort to ‘open’ the parks and we have never taken a position on that.”

Yet, WeGP publicly co-sponsors a series of monthly newspaper ads with Graig Donnelly — a

very vocal advocate of opening Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks.

On several occasions, Mr. Donnelly has expressed this position before the Park council. In November of 2016, he wrote an article stating, “Every single public park on the waterfront in the Grosse Pointes requires a pass that you can only acquire with residency,

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Find adventure in a good book



It is said the world belongs to those who read. I like that, because reading allows you to go places within the pages of a book. When I find a good book to read, I am captivated. I love going on an adventure through a book, traveling to places without having to leave the spot I'm reading in, learning about things and feeling like I've made new friends. We are spectators in the lives of the characters in the book.

Reading for me has always been a joy. Well, maybe not the textbooks in college. I remember after graduating one of the first things I thought of, other than sleep, was I was going to be able to read whatever I wanted. The idea of that was thrilling. Now, most often, I have a few books going at the same time. When I was a little girl, you could often find me at the Grosse Pointe Park library branch. I would sit for hours looking through the shelves of books, comfortably sitting on the floor, quietly reading about the lives and adventures people were having. I loved the whirl of the cards from the back of the books as they went through the machine for checkout. I particularly liked a

book called "Island of the Blue Dolphins." It's about a 12-year-old Native American girl named Karana, who stayed behind because her younger brother, Ramo, didn't make it to the ship in time when it sailed away from the island taking the rest of her people to California. On the island were wild dogs and one ended up killing Ramo and she vows revenge, but after wounding the leader dog, she ends up feeling sorry for him, nurses him back to health and they become friends. This changes her perspective on animals and leads her to not want to eat them any more. Karana is eventually rescued off the island and brings her dog with her, which I cheered for loudly. I wouldn't have

left my dog behind either. The book is about trust, friendship and survival. Years later I wrote to the author, Scott O'Dell, to tell him how much I liked his book when I was in elementary school. I was surprised to have his widow write me back to thank me and say how much her husband had enjoyed writing the book. Another book I enjoyed was C.S. Lewis's "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe." The idea that four siblings found a magical kingdom and a talking lion named Aslan by moving the coats in the back of the wardrobe, which led to a place called Narnia, was incredible to me. Books can open your mind to another's viewpoint like the book by Jodi Picoult called

"Nineteen Minutes." It is written from the perspective of a 17-year-old high school student who was bullied for years by his classmates and, when one moment finally pushes him over the edge, he becomes a school shooter whose rampage lasts 19 minutes. That is a perspective into which we don't normally have insight. Books are magical, wonderful, tragic and happy endings. Books reach places inside of us and say things we might not know we needed to say ourselves. Books can influence us, change us and fill us with insight and information. I have shelves and shelves of books. Many I have read and some I have not, or at least not yet. Some I've only

glanced through but feel smarter for having them. The many environmental books that line my shelves don't let me forget the promise I made to bear witness to environmental destruction. Books in a stack waiting for me to open and read the pages. A bag in which I keep the many checked-out library books I always have. And two books I have photos published in. And a book my mom published. I look back at the books I've read throughout my life and they leave a trail, charting the path of what I was interested in or passionate about at the time and often still am. Lots of different subjects and titles. Frank Zappa said, "So many books, so little time." True, that. I completely agree.

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APPROVAL SHOULD COME SOON: Final approval for construction of a new and expanded Neighborhood Club in The Village is expected no later than June 20. Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council endorsed the \$7 million project, but are withholding the go-ahead until details of the site plan are agreed upon.
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OUR VIEW

Prince Harry, 1st Amendment

On July 4, 1776, the American colonies issued their Declaration of Independence from Britain and declared war on King George III. American victory, of course, formed the United States of America under a constitutional government with a First Amendment that created a free and independent press. It was ironic, then, when Prince Harry, great-great-great-great-great-grandson of George III, called America's First Amendment "bonkers" on the May 13 podcast "American Expert with Dax Shepard." Welcome to America, Harry, and, yes, thanks to our First Amendment, you are free to say anything you like.

LETTER:

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neither free or welcoming to all. By keeping visitors out of our public lands along Lake St. Clair, we are hurting the future economy of the Eastside." In 2019, WeGP supported the campaign of Park Councilmember Vikas Relan. It described him as a candidate "whose values are most aligned with WeGP." In a Diversity and Inclusion

Committee meeting (December 2020) he was asked about allowing nonresidents to use the lakeside parks. He responded that he "would listen to it." Park Councilmember Darci McConnell was a featured speaker at a recent WeGP rally. In December 2020, she proposed opening Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks, on certain days, to Detroit residents. As Aesop said, "We are known by the company

we keep." The rumblings about opening our resident-only parks have come from people who work with WeGP, or who have been endorsed by WeGP. Although it may not be "organized," the notion of opening the lakeside parks is definitely alive. **KEN SANBORN**
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor's note: See Q&A on council members' positions on opening the parks on page 2A. Also, it

should be noted in response to this letter and letters printed about WeGP last week that WeGP did not acquire nonprofit 501(c)3 tax exempt status until June 13, 2020.

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Park relaunches business association

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As of May 10, the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association is back in the business of backing businesses throughout the city.

The mission of the association, which was active around 10 years ago, but fizzled out after nearly two years, is to advocate on behalf of Grosse Pointe Park businesses while working to attract continued interest, investment and development in the city.

“Its purpose is to unite all business owners to be able to express our wants and needs with the city,” said Joe Hebeka, association president and owner of Belding Cleaners. “We’re a liaison between businesses, the city and residents.”

In its effort to develop and maintain economic vitality in the Park, the association and its board are committed to fostering a culture of connection, communication and collaboration – throughout the Park and

in surrounding communities.

Through the association, Hebeka hopes to see more open dialogue and better communication between business owners and city officials. When topics like parking, traffic flow or ordinance changes come up, Hebeka said the association will serve as the singular voice of many members.

“Instead of getting 50 or 70 phone calls, it’s easier if it comes from the association as a whole,” he said. “... I think it’s important for the city to understand the actual needs of businesses.”

The relationship works both ways, he added, noting the association will provide a line of communication from the city to its members.



For example, the Park is providing TIFA grants to qualifying businesses that have struggled through the pandemic, “but they’re not even getting enough people to participate,” Hebeka said. “If they communicate it to us, we’ll communicate it to the business owners.”

“We want to protect the interests and needs of business owners, especially with the challenges we’re facing today,” he added.

Since February, Hebeka has been hard at work forming the association, a 501(c)(6) tax-deductible organization with a full board of directors and bylaws.

He said in the few days since the relaunch, he’s gotten positive feedback from the busi-

ness community. Though still in its infancy, he anticipates anywhere from 50 to 80 members. Already, though, members represent all four main streets in the Park business district – Kercheval, Jefferson, Mack and Charlevoix.

“We have board members from every street, representing each street’s interests as well,” Hebeka added.

Future plans include hosting or partnering with the city for events, as well as additional special projects.

“We’d like to do some beautification to the business district,” Hebeka said. “We’ll also begin advertising outside of the Park to bring in visitors from other cities.”

Hebeka, a nine-year director on the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce board, said the association serves to “connect the dots to the chamber as well; we’re linking together.”

“A lot of our business owners have never met each other – and we all share the same daily stresses and issues,” he

added. “We hope this creates sense of community.”

Business owners are welcome to join the association for an annual fee of \$95.

Membership benefits include member-to-member resources and discounts; quarterly member-only social events; increased visibility on social media; sponsorship and advertising opportunities; a comprehensive online directory listing and much more.

“Dues are reinvested in the community in which they’re doing business,” Hebeka said.

Prospective members may sign up on the association website, visittheparkgp.com.

Hebeka thanked local artist Nicole St. John for designing the website and logo, as well as Danielle Baiz, who handles its social media accounts and communications.

Learn more about the association online at visittheparkgp.com, or on social media: [visit.the.park.gp](https://www.instagram.com/visit.the.park.gp) on Instagram or Visit the Park GP on Facebook.

Gourmet popsicles coming to metro Detroit

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Detroit business owner Karen Hudson has been in the mobile dessert business 10 years.

She started Detroit Mini Donut in 2011, and was ready to take on a new venture when a Frios Gourmet Pops franchise opportunity arose.

Hudson requested samples from Frios corporate and was “blown away,” she said.

Impressed by both the taste and quality of the popsicles, she immediately said, “I have to bring this to Detroit.”

The mobile franchise-based business started in 2017, in

Alabama. It was taken over by owner and CEO Cliff Kennedy in 2018.

In a press release, he said, “Seeing the brand become what it is today is so rewarding. Previously being a franchisee turned franchisor, I am able to share my passions through everything I do at a larger scale.”

Frios encourages its franchisees through the saying, “Be in business for yourself, but not by yourself.”

This reminds franchisees they have backing from corporate to have a successful business.

Frios Gourmet Pops can be booked for events, including

weddings, birthdays, teacher appreciation days and all other celebrations.

“Whatever type of event someone is having, we can probably accommodate it in some way,” Hudson said.

The truck will travel throughout the metro Detroit area, including into the Pointes.

Her Detroit Mini Donut truck has appeared at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House for its Holiday Lights program, as well as Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest and the Aqua Freeze in St. Clair Shores.

As Frios launches in June, Hudson plans to reach out to the Grosse Pointe Public School System to set up fund-

raising opportunities and teacher appreciation days.

“The Grosse Pointe area is very supportive of small businesses and we are excited for that,” Hudson said.

Frios offers creamy, fruity, sugar-free, gluten-free, dye-free, nut-free, wheat-free, soy-free, dairy-free and vegan options.

The gourmet pops come in many flavors, including Cookies N’ Cream, Blue Raspberry, Strawberry Mango and Birthday Cake.

“I’m just excited for everyone to try them,” Hudson said.

The Detroit franchise truck will be available for bookings starting June 1. Hudson also is

looking for local retailers who are interested in hosting Frios Gourmet Pops freezers in their stores.

She will have one Frios freezer at Detroit Mini Donut, 214 E. Grand River, Detroit, starting June 1.

Both Frios Gourmet Pops and Detroit Mini Donut will be included on food truck tours. The schedule and locations of the subdivision tours may be viewed at foodtruck.tours.

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Superintendent selection Dean’s first object: Heal divisions

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

Deputy Superintendent M. Jon Dean, who has accepted the position of superintendent but has yet to sign a contract from the board, says healing the divisions within the community is his first job as the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s top administrator.

“As I’ve talked to people in this community, whether its teachers, administrators or parents, that’s frankly the thing they want to talk about. This comes from me listening to people,” Dean said. “As the next GPPSS superintendent, I have the moral imperative to implement a series of steps to heal our community.”

Communication is the

key, Dean said. These issues continue to fester because there is no means of communication, either formal or informal, within the district that allows people to talk out these issues.

“In this district we did not do a good enough job of creating opportunities to communicate. I don’t think we did a good enough job being out there,” Dean said. “When you have communication, people feel heard and I think there’s value in that.”

His solution, beginning in July, should a contract agreement be reached, is to go on a four-month search for the answers and publish the results of what he finds during that search.

First, he plans to

develop monthly “community listening sessions,” perhaps in local coffee shops, that include the superintendent, a school administrator and a member of the board of education. These sessions will be available to anyone in the community who wants to attend.

He also wants to establish monthly meetings with all the district’s unions. And he wants to hold meet-and-greet opportunities in all of the district’s school buildings that will include the superintendent and a board of education member.

Finally, he wants to listen to the students as well, and will meet with student leadership groups at both North and South high schools.

It’s clear from Dean’s

presentations to the school board he’s thought a great deal about the tensions in the district.

He sees four primary reasons for these tensions.

First, he sees what he called “fractures” in the community, which he said is divided into a series of opposing camps: The administration building vs. those in school buildings; the school board vs. the teachers; the community vs. the school district.

Next, he said the pandemic and accompanying stress, not surprisingly, has magnified the divisions.

“The hard decisions have to be made in every organizations,” Dean said. “But when people are exhausted

from the pandemic, then they tend to go into their camp and personalize negatively on the person, rather than the decision.” This leads to a tendency to attack others rather than focus on the issue, he said.

And the district’s reconfiguration continues to cause tension and tempers, he said.

“That’s been the most painful thing in education that I’ve been through,” Dean said.

Closing Trombly Elementary School meant closing the only school south of Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. And closing Poupard Elementary School meant closing the only school in Harper Woods, the only school west of the freeway and the only major-



M. Jon Dean

ity African American school, Dean said.

People are anxious and frustrated and this leads them to assume the worst, Dean said.

Making difficult decisions under these circumstances can lead to division rather than unity, he added.

“In talking about our need to heal, I’ve heard from many colleagues and friends that they have experienced these same responses,” Dean said. “These are signs of trauma that need to be addressed.”

Foundation’s ‘Be the Beacon’ benefit is June 3

Author JT Mestdagh serves as honorary chair

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced it will host its popular “Be the Beacon” benefit this spring. The event begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 3, on the grounds of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

This annual event is the GPFPE’s largest fundraiser, allowing the organization to continue to supplement educational opportunities and support the students and teachers within the Grosse Pointe Public School System. This year’s event will raise money for both the organization’s unrestricted grant fund, which supports the GPFPE’s biannual districtwide grants, as well as a new program being launched this spring – Social Emotional Encouragement and Development, or SEED – which will fund grants specifically targeting social and emotional growth, healing and connections and other mental health programs.

“The timing is right to launch the new SEED initiative, which will allow educators and administrators to apply for funding specifically targeting emotional and mental health programming,” said Christie Scoggin, GPFPE board vice president and grants committee co-chair. “Recognizing the many challenges our students are facing due to the pandemic, we developed SEED in partnership with the GPPSS and it will be wonderful to expand our support of students’ social and emotional needs alongside academic support, at this time when it is needed most.”

Fittingly, JT Mestdagh, inspirational speaker and author, will serve as the event’s honorary chair. Mestdagh, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, has overcome health

and learning struggles and was instrumental in bringing the Tattum F.A.S.T. reading program to GPPSS. The GPFPE helped support the initial funding of the F.A.S.T. program, which is still in use today in the district.

The GPFPE has made some changes to the benefit this year to make it safe for all involved. The event takes place outside on the grounds of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and social distancing, masking and other safety protocols will be in place. The event includes dinner, an open bar and the auction, which promises some enticing packages.

“We are so pleased to have the opportunity to gather once more, in a safe way, and thank our many supporters throughout the community,” said Bob Bury, GPFPE board president. “Our annual benefit is a favorite for many and promises to be a fun night in a beautiful setting and a wonderful opportunity to support our public school system, our teachers and, most importantly, our students.”

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you like it accidentally and delete it, or did you delete it and you're lying about deleting it?"

Both positions differ from official statements given on the Tweet in question. Last week a statement by the Grosse Pointe Public School System was given on behalf of Hamka where he "unequivocally denied liking the image."

Hamka didn't return telephone calls to his office requesting an interview.

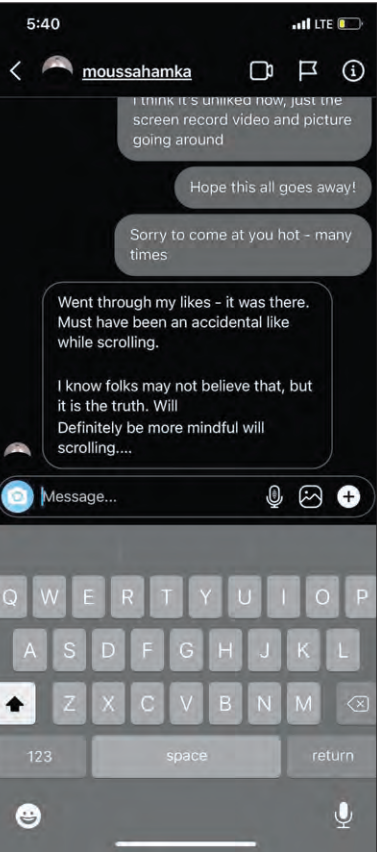
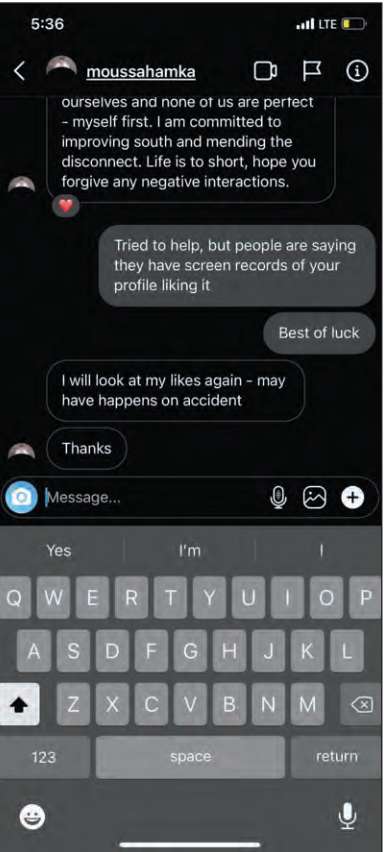
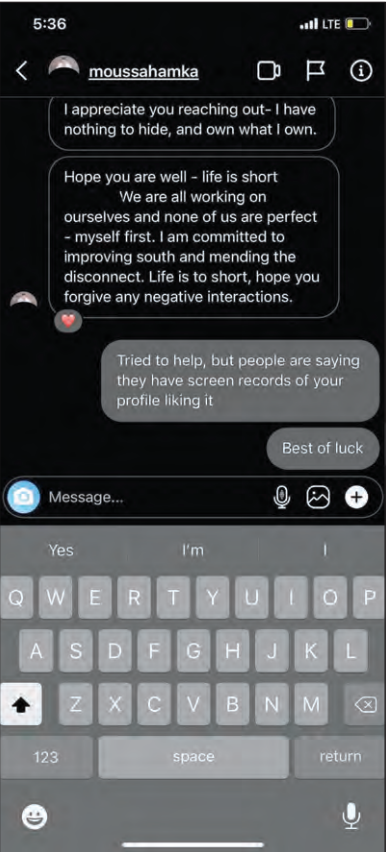
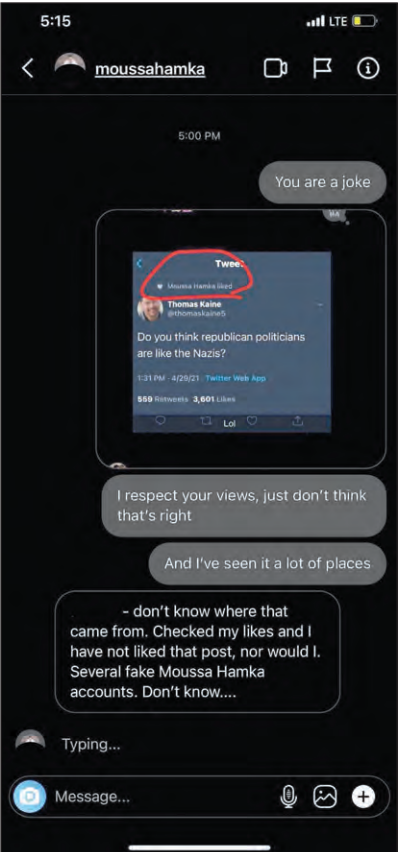
"The district makes the comment," School Superintendent Gary Niehaus said. "If he (Hamka) asks me for my advice, I'd tell him it's not in his best interests to talk with you. I think it's a setup on your part to get him to engage with you and have to defend his position."

"Everybody grows six feet and no one has a filter online," said Kevin Lorentz, assistant political science professor and adviser to the Saginaw Valley State University College Republicans, about social media tosspots. "We're not getting anywhere with the conversation when we throw around insults like this. It's a serious accusation, for goodness sake. If you want to call someone a Nazi, he best be a Nazi."

Farms police said they learned of the matter from a third party. The department hasn't received a criminal complaint. There is no investigation. It isn't illegal to endorse anti-Republican tirades.

If a complaint were made about someone hacking Hamka's Twitter account, the resulting case of identity theft would be handled by officers having jurisdiction in the city of his residence, according to Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

Accusers and defenders of Hamka are alike in citing law enforcement investigations that never took place and don't verify or refute his Tweet's



Screenshots of South High School Principal Moussa Hamka explaining his endorsement of a Tweet comparing Republicans to Nazis was a mistake.

authenticity.

Niehaus claims Farms police concluded Hamka's thumbs-up to the Tweet that started it all — issued by a Las Vegas man asking, "Do you think Republican politicians are like the Nazis?" — resulted from malicious manipulation with Photoshop or similar photo-editing software.

"That's the opinion of the Grosse Pointe Farms police department," Niehaus said. "That's what I've gone with, that it was photoshopped."

"That's incorrect," Jensen said. "Very incorrect," added Detective Lt. Antonino Trupiano, head of the investigations unit.

"We did a cursory check on the Twitter account, but couldn't find the Tweet," Jensen said. "That's the extent of the whole thing."

"The original one, does it look off?" Trupiano said. "Yes, but I'm not computer savvy, so I'm not going on the record saying it's a fake Tweet."

"We are not very good forensics experts in computers," Jensen said. "We either use the state police or Wayne County Sheriff's Department."

Gelle arranged for a

photo of Hamka's supposed "like" Tweet to be forwarded to a parent working as forensic video technician for a large law enforcement agency.

"He's the type of guy you'd want to look at it," Jensen said of the technician. "That's all he does."

"(Gelle) wanted to know if it was photoshopped or if there was a way to see if it was photoshopped," said the technician. "I ran it through software and told him it was inconclusive. But, the backstory was the Farms police said it was photoshopped. I explained, no, that's not true."

The technician agreed with the following analogy: Trying to determine the authenticity of Hamka's thumbs-up, as captured in the former student's screenshot, is like taking a photograph of an Old Masters painting, then trying to authenticate the painting by analyzing the photograph. A real photo of a fake painting is nevertheless an authentic photo.

The technician analyzed the screenshot photo of Hamka's alleged original thumbs-up, not the original thumbs-up, which the principal reportedly said he did

and also said he didn't delete.

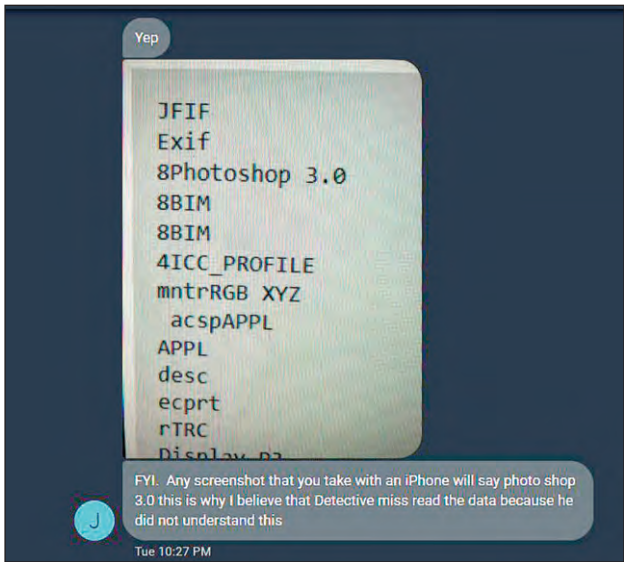
"It's highly unlikely the screenshot is edited, but that doesn't mean what (the student) took the screenshot of wasn't edited," he said.

The authenticity of the image of Hamka liking the Nazi comparison isn't definitive.

"It's inconclusive," the technician said. "The problem with Photoshop is unless I have that original to compare it to, there's no way to know if it's a fake or not. It would be easy for anybody to take a screenshot, edit the screenshot and then take another screenshot of the edited screenshot that would show it was an original, unedited screenshot — because it is. But you're taking a screenshot of an edited screenshot, so there's no way to tell definitively what it was."

The former student has a history of run-ins with Hamka.

"I'm very respectful when talking to adults, but when it comes to him, I'm the complete opposite of respectful," the graduate said. "I sent him the screenshot and basically said, 'You are a joke. I respect your views but don't know why a princi-



pal of a school would be favoriting something like this.' It's a school with Republicans and Democrats. He shows his opinions way too much."

"I have no beef with Hamka," Gelle said. "I knew he leans toward the liberal side, so I can see why he would have liked the post."

Gelle called "Nazi" the other N-word.

"When you basically call someone a killer of millions of humans, it's a bad word," he said. "When you're alienating half your students, telling half your students they're like Nazis just because of their political affiliation, that's not the right thing for an educator to be doing."

If guilty, Gelle doesn't want Hamka fired.

"He should be reprimanded and issue an apology," Gelle said. "Let's not ruin his life for doing something stupid."

Niehaus shifts in the same sentence from denying Hamka did it to excusing him for carelessness.

"I don't think he did it, and if he did it, he knows there's been this allegation he did it accidentally," Niehaus said.

Farms police are happy to focus on criminal cases.

"I've never had an issue with Niehaus," Jensen said. "We have an excellent working relationship with the school system and South High School."

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Olivia Benoit, Madeline McDonnell and Khalee Simpson of Grosse Pointe recently graduated from Alma College. Benoit

earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication; McDonnell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; and

Simpson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

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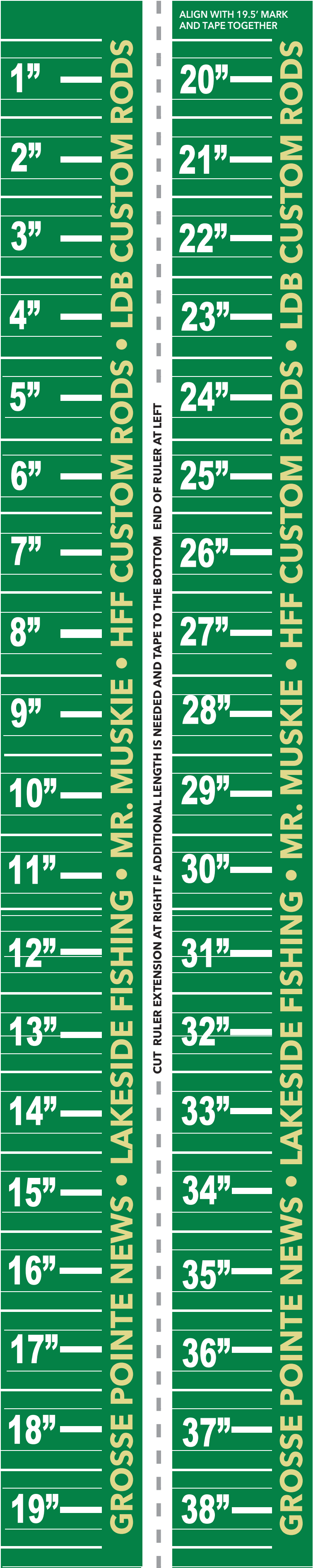
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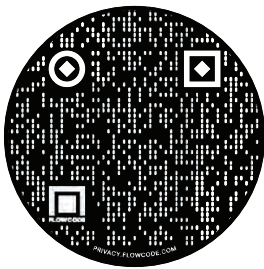
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Taking the stage GP Symphony concert raises funds for Full Circle

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been well over a year since the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra took the stage to perform for its faithful audiences. Not only have fans of its concerts missed hearing the orchestra, but orchestra members also are anxious to get back onstage. In its 2021 debut, the orchestra has decided to pair up with local nonprofit, Full Circle Foundation, to raise funds. "To my knowledge it hasn't been done before," Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Board President William Hulsker said. "We were able to fund the concert without having to charge for it ... so I wondered if this would be an opportunity for someone to benefit." Full Circle came to mind, he said, partially because a few symphony members have children

with special needs, but also because he's gotten to know some Full Circle clients and he believes in its mission. "They were very excited to be able to do something for the community again, but also to pair up with a nonprofit in the community," said Sue Banner, Full Circle board president. "They picked us and thought they'd have some activities to help raise money." The concert, which takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at The War Memorial, is free. Funds will be raised through the tin-can raffle of gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Free-will donations also will benefit Full Circle. Led by Conductor Joseph Striplin, the concert also features trombonist Ken Thompkins and violinist Alyssa Campbell – both guests of the Grosse Pointe Symphony. "It will be an interesting program; a little unusual as we work

around COVID problems," Hulsker said. "Ken is the principal trombonist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He's our major attraction, but our other major attraction is Alyssa, who is from Grosse Pointe Park. She won our Nester Scholarship and played a concerto with us six or seven years ago. Now she's working on her master's degree at Julliard. "Because of COVID, we had to avoid as much as possible having our whole orchestra meet," he continued. "So we're breaking into small groups. The brass will perform, then woodwinds, then concertos. The closer will be the full orchestra." Attendance is limited to 150 guests, due to space restrictions. Because of the limitation, reserved seats are strongly recommended. Reservations may be made by emailing fullcirclefoundationgp@gmail.com.



Ken Thompkins

"Walk-ups will be admitted only if the reservation people don't show," Hulsker said. "And we're offering free valet parking." Hulsker, who also plays bassoon with the orchestra, said he and fellow members are ready to return to live shows. "We've all been sitting at home practicing alone," he said. "Since COVID, we haven't had a real live presence in the community." Though a few smaller performances have been posted on social media during the pandemic, there's no replacement for live performances. The orchestra is planning for a full season, he added, and is trying to work as far in advance as possible. The June 8 performance will be a nice way to kick things off. "It'll be nice in June,



Alyssa Campbell

warm and sunny," Hulsker said. "Everybody is really excited." **Looking ahead** While the orchestra has been subdued in its efforts to entertain, Full Circle has been providing services to clients throughout the pandemic, including hosting sidewalk sales last summer, said Allison Greene, director of programs. It's Upscale Resale Shop, which reopened in December, recently expanded its hours of operation. Now, guests may peruse the gently used clothing and accessories from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. "People can bring in donations as well at that time, which is always helpful," Greene said. Additionally, Full Circle's TEAM 26 program has continued to meet Tuesdays and Thursdays via Zoom. "That's been fun," Greene said. "They really miss each other. This is a way to say hi and chat. There have been lots of good conversations." Greene said even as restrictions are lifted, many clients are comfortable staying on Zoom, but those few who miss in-person interaction are welcome to come in. "They love connecting

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library gathered over the holidays to present gift baskets to its active volunteers.

A Friend indeed Friends of the GPPL provide unwavering support

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been a busy year for the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library. Despite all three branches being closed due to health restrictions, the Friends has maintained its support of the library, its members and

volunteers these past several months. "The board has stayed engaged," said Tracy Magee, vice president of the Friends board of directors. "We're not waiting out this pandemic; we've modified for the pandemic." The mission of the Friends is to engage the

community, support the library, and promote literacy and lifelong learning, Magee said. It achieves this largely by raising funds through its Friends Down Under Book Store, used book sales and other fundraisers. But the bookstore remains closed and in-

house events are prohibited, so the Friends got creative in their support. "We asked what the library needed at this time," Magee said. "We helped fund protective equipment the librarians would need. Throughout this time, there's still staff in the buildings, so we bought protective equipment for them to keep them safe." The Friends also purchased take-home craft kits to keep children engaged, especially during the early days of remote learning, Magee noted. Families were invited to pick up kits, which ranged in focus from science to art and everything in between. "We've also continued to support the processing of books; there are always books going out of circulation," she added. "We usually process them at the bookstore, but that's not open, but as the Friends, we provide this service for them." While not able to offer in-house book sales, the group hosted a pop-up sale in October featuring more than 1,000 books. Additionally books were made available through an online retailer so those interested could purchase them from the comfort of home. "Our signature event is our used book sales,



The spring gift from Friends members to volunteers.

where you can buy \$1 used books coming out of circulation," Magee said, noting the October pop-up event saw as many sales in one day as the Friends typically see during its annual three-day sale. Another pop-up sale is planned May 22, during which the Friends will clear out-of-circulation books and its used bookstore. It's the first half of the reimagining of its popular Bags, Books and Bagels event. COVID restrictions made serving bagels impossible, but the books and bags portions are split between the May 22 book sale and a June 5 purse sale. Additionally, the Friends is hosting a Zoom presentation with Duncan Campbell and Richard Thomas of Oudolf Garden Detroit,

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Bayview Yacht Club unveils details of clubhouse renovation project

Bayview Yacht Club is nearing completion of the renovation of its 86-year-old clubhouse. The project is scheduled to be completed in June.

“When Bayview’s leadership undertook this project, we had a number of goals,” said Chuck Stormes, 2021 Bayview Yacht Club Commodore. “First and foremost, we wanted to create a facility that would showcase our rich sailing heritage and safeguard our legacy. Secondly, we aspired to design a state-of-the-art clubhouse that would embrace our location at the water’s edge and maximize views of the Detroit River. In late spring, we’ll complete the renovation and welcome members, families and guests into our new home that will position BYC to grow into the next century.”

The project required more than 85 percent of the original building to be demolished and rebuilt at a cost of more



COURTESY PHOTO

Bayview Yacht Club is nearing completion of the renovation of its 86-year-old clubhouse.

than \$5 million.

In 2017, the clubhouse was in desperate need of restoration and a survey of the building was conducted. It was quickly realized the repairs and upgrades needed were more extensive than initially envisioned. In 2018, the BYC Board of Governors approved the renovation; architect/engineer NSA and construction manager Frank Rewold & Sons were retained to oversee the project.

The usable space inside the newly completed clubhouse will increase by 2,700 square feet, bringing the total to 12,791. Additionally, the 80-plus-year-old foundation and infrastructure will be completely replaced and updated.

The new facility includes flexible dining/banquet spaces, a state-of-the-art kitchen, a second-story deck for dining and completely updated A/V and multi-use rooms.

The new grand entrance and main hallway feature a trophy hall with vaulted ceilings that will safeguard and display the many trophies, plaques and models that

illustrate Bayview’s storied sailing history. Some of these treasures date back more than 100 years.

Founded in 1915, BYC moved to its current Detroit location at 100 Clairpointe Street in 1935. The clubhouse has undergone seven makeovers and additions, the last taking place in 1988. The new design takes advantage of the club’s riverfront location and the panoramic views of downtown Detroit, Belle Isle and Canada.

“As with many renovation projects involving old and failing infrastructure, the deeper you get into it, the more you discover what needs to be reworked or completely redesigned and replaced,” said Bradford Kimmel, past commodore and renovation chairman. “Our clubhouse was no exception. Upon completion, we will have a brand new state-of-the-art facility built on a solid concrete

foundation.”

Several elements from the old clubhouse will be incorporated into the new building. These include the original mahogany bar, the sandstone fireplace, numerous trophies, awards and memorabilia.

“From the moment you walk through the front doors, you will feel the history of Bayview Yacht Club,” Kimmel added. “While we tried to incorporate many traditional elements into the new design, make no mistake, this is a modern, open and multi-functional facility created for our members, guests and families. This building has been specifically designed as a first-class venue to promote daily camaraderie, the expansion of membership and the sport of sailing.”

For more information regarding Bayview Yacht Club and membership opportunities, visit byc.com/membership.

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.
- ◆ Dealing with Pandemic Stress, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20.

- ◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20.
- ◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 24. The group discusses “The Nickel Boys,” by Colson Whitehead.
- ◆ In Cold Mug Book Group, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. The group discusses “Trust Exercise,” by Susan Choi.
- ◆ From the Roots Up: Urban Farming in the Motor City, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, with Billy Wall-Winkel of the Detroit Historical Society.
- ◆ Thoughts to Action Book Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27.

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

The Helm

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

- ◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 21. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.
- ◆ The movie, “Pick of the Litter,” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 28. Members pay \$2 for snacks and the movie; nonmembers pay \$3.
- ◆ Intergenerational Garden, begins Saturday, May 29. This program is facilitated by the Grosse

Pointe Garden Center.

- ◆ Outdoor lawn games, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Corn hole, croquet and ring toss, among others, are free for members to play.
- ◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month, with Jessica Malfa.
- ◆ Coffee Connection, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Catch up with old friends or meet new ones while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea.
- ◆ Chess and Checker Club, 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays.

- ◆ Sole Mates Walking Club 8 or 10 a.m. Wednesdays, weather permitting.
- ◆ Carryout lunches, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Reservations close at 10 a.m. each morning. Register by calling (313) 882-9600 or emailing mcooper@helmlife.org.
- ◆ Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services buses operate Monday

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Family Center welcomes new ED, director of programs

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods has promoted Jennifer Bingaman to executive director and hired MaryJo Harris as director of programs and administration.

Bingaman, who was the executive director of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation six years before joining The Family Center staff, has a master's degree in

education. She has served on the executive boards of the Grosse Pointe Moms Club, Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club, Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors Club and Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club. Previously she was a campus recruiting manager for Deloitte Consulting.

Harris comes to The Family Center from

CARE of Southeastern Michigan, where she planned and implemented mental health and drug prevention programs in the community and was co-facilitator of the Healthy Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods coalition. She has served on the Harper Woods Corporate Advisory Board, was a development volunteer at Gilda's Club and served

on the executive boards of Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club and Athletic Booster Club. She has a master's degree in business administration and previously was the director of administration for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

The pair is excited to bring their wealth of experience to The Family Center, particularly when the need for mental health services is so great.

"We're honored to continue The Family Center's vital service to our community," Bingaman said. "And we

look forward to working with our local schools, hospitals and community partners to provide mental health programs that help children, teens and families build resilience."

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods is a 100 percent donor-supported nonprofit organization that provides resources and preventive education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges.

Founded in 2000 by Diane Strickler, The

Family Center offers programs on a wide range of topics aimed at building resilient families and helping parents raise children who will become competent, caring and responsible community members.

"In challenging times, The Family Center has been and will continue to be a supporting pillar to our Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities," Strickler said. "We have a strong board, talented staff, professional partners, committed volunteers and a mission that is more important than ever."



MaryJo Harris, left, and Jennifer Bingaman.

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through Friday. Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe resident age 60 and older or disabled may schedule a ride for shopping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, May 21, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Friends of the GPPL

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host an outdoor used book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, in the GPPL Woods branch parking lot. The sale includes thousands of books, DVDs, recorded books, children's books and more for \$1 per item, cash only. All proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The Friends host an outdoor purse sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the GPPL Woods branch parking lot. Hundreds of gently used purses, bags, wallets and more will be on sale for prices ranging from \$2 to \$30, cash only. All proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

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, May 24, Family Bereavement.
- ◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, Gentle Mat Yoga.
- ◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday,

May 26, Chair Yoga.

- ◆ Thursday, May 27, Survivor Day Lake House Planting. Register for planting times at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Men's Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, with Dan Aitken of Aitken & Ormond Insurance. He will discuss changes in no-fault auto insurance.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26. District 6400 Gov. Aruna Kousik speaks. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Questers

Pettipointe Questers — Grosse Pointe Chapter No. 243 — is celebrating 55 years of supporting collectors of antiques and encouraging the preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. An anniversary luncheon hosted by Wendy Jennings takes place at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 3, at the Little Club, featuring speaker Judy Franco,

who presents, "The 100-Year Anniversary of Root Beer." Each participant will receive an old-fashioned handwritten invitation to commemorate the event. To learn about Questers and its various activities, email Liberta Licata at pettipointequesters@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 lisa.jones@namihealth@gmail.com.

Lakeshore

Lakeshore Senior Living hosts the Facebook Live Q&A, "Ask the Therapist," with Ramy Yacoub of Sphinx Home Care, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and "Coffee Break Chat with Rachel," with Sales and Marketing Manager Rachel Nagorsen, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.

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from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 10. The speakers will provide an update on the garden being installed on Belle Isle, as well as challenges they've faced and grand-opening plans.

The Friends also plan to sponsor the 2021 GPPL summer reading program, among other library events.

"We continue helping the library with its mission of helping families in the community stay engaged," Magee said.

The group has made strides in helping its own members as well, including expanding its board to 12 directors and building a new website that's easier to navigate.

"We also hosted two Zoom events, which are typically members-only events as a benefit of membership," she added.

One featured Grosse Pointe North High School teacher Ben Henri, who was crowned a Jeopardy! Teachers Tournament champion last May. The other featured Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michelle Boggess-Nunely, who last year broke a Guinness World Record for creating the world's largest hand-drawn maze; the Friends sponsored a section of the maze.

None of the Friends'

efforts would be accomplished as seamlessly if it weren't for the 75 volunteers who commit their time and talents to the organization. Of course, the Friends board couldn't overlook them during the past year either.

Not only did the volunteer group continue to meet virtually each month and receive monthly emails from the volunteer coordinator to stay connected, but the 45 most active volunteers received gifts for their service. Mug-and-cookie care packages were delivered during the holidays and during Volunteer Appreciation Week in April, they were given a gardening kneepad, gloves and seed packets.

"With everything closed, with no store, there are not many opportunities to engage with our volunteers face to face," Magee said. "It was heartwarming, the notes we got back from them — that they appreciated us staying in touch and the gifts."

"It would have been pretty easy to sit back and say, 'We'll get back to things when the pandemic is over,' but I'm proud of what we've done," Magee said, "finding ways to put rays of fun, hope, sunshine in people's days during this time."

The Friends' work is far from over; plans con-

Upcoming events

Outdoor Used Book Sale

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22

The sale takes place in the Woods branch parking lot. Thousands of books, DVDs, audiobooks, children's books and more cost \$1 each, cash only. All proceeds benefit the GPPL.

Outdoor Purse Sale

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5

The sale takes place in the Woods branch parking lot. Hundreds of purses, bags and wallets cost between \$2 and \$30, cash only. All proceeds benefit the GPPL.

tinue to be made.

"We want to make sure when things are more safe we can hit the ground running," Magee said. "We have put off planning our annual membership event, but it's on the horizon as soon as it feels safe. And we'd love to go back to the bookstore."

Membership to the Friends of the GPPL cost \$25 per year.

"We're here in the community and we try to keep providing benefits to the library and community members," Magee said.

Visit the new Friends website at gpfriends.org. Options to become a member, volunteer or donate are available.



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OBITUARIES

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

Robert L. Shovan

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Robert Louis Shovan, 67, passed away Friday, April 30, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19.

Born July 11, 1954, to Mary Katherine (nee Bunn) and Louis William “Bud” Shovan in Mount Clemens, he grew up in Algonac.

A 1972 graduate of Algonac Community High School, Robert was on the wrestling team and enjoyed fishing, sailing and boating.

After he graduated high school, Robert worked the afternoon shift in a factory full time and attended nursing school during the day. He graduated from St. Clair Community College in 1980. He began his nursing career at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he worked in the critical care unit from 1980 to 1984. He then attended the Cleveland Clinic Graduate School of Anesthesia, from which he graduated in 1986, and returned to Michigan.

A nurse anesthetist 35 years, Robert worked at many medical offices and hospitals during his career. He finished his career at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield, where he was one of the original nurse anesthetists when the hospital opened and always laughed, joked and bantered with the staff.

Robert had a passion for shooting sporting clays — especially FITASC, an international

form of sporting clays — in which he competed locally and nationally. His accomplishments included master class, shooting a perfect 100 straight in a registered event, shooting more than 100,000 registered targets and winning the first American Field Sporting event at Eagle’s Nest in Ohio.

He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, bicycling and boating.

Robert was a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, National Sporting Clay Association, National Rifle Association and Republican Committee.

Robert is survived by his life companion, LuAnn, and dear brother, Larry (Linda). He was the loving uncle of Lisa and Lora.

Memorial visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, at Gendernalik Funeral Home, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore.

Lawrence I. Kruger

Lawrence Irving Kruger died peacefully Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Born Itzik Leibel ben Malka v William, Jan. 15, 1932, he was 89.

He left behind his beloved children, Davida Kruger, Ray Bleau (Sue) and Donna Davis; daughter-in-law, Kim Kruger; grandchildren, Brianne Nadeau (Jayson Harpster), Andrea Nadeau, Leah Nadeau, Meghan Hopkins (Danny), Matt Kruger

(Jennifer), Katie Mertz (Ben), Kyle Bleau, Nicole Davis, Austin Davis and Joe Davis; and great-grandchildren, Paisley, Keegan, Zoe, Isabel, Charlotte and Madeline. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Mollie; siblings, Nettie and David; and son, Nyles.

The son of immigrant parents, Larry was born and raised in Bronx, N.Y. Beginning at age 14, he contributed to the family household by working in the garment district as a runner and answering phones. Larry graduated high school at age 18, during the Korean War, and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was taught computer programming in the Army, which he used in subsequent positions at the Boy Scouts of America, IBM and Konica. In his 30s, he and his family moved to Windsor, Conn., where he lived until he retired at 65, and moved to the Detroit area to be with family.

Larry worked at Grosse Pointe Farms’ Pier Park, where he welcomed guests and made new friends. He spent much time at Services for Older Citizens, including teaching a computer program to members. Most mornings, he was at Starbucks in The Village where he held court and gathered with a group of friends.

Known for his wit and sense of humor, Larry loved dogs, road trips and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a beloved friend,



Robert L. Shovan

neighbor, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; he will be deeply missed by all who knew him, his family said.

Larry will be buried with family in New Jersey. A Celebration of Life will be held this summer.

Donations in Larry’s honor may be made to Michigan Humane, michiganhumane.org/tributes; or The Helm, helmlife.org/donate.

Michael C. Johnston

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michael C. Johnston passed away Friday, May 7, 2021. Born Dec. 24, 1939, in Detroit, Mike moved with his parents to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1949.

A 1958 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Mike earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and began teaching elementary education at Poupard Elementary School in Harper Woods. He then moved to Richard Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he remained an elementary school teacher the rest of his career. He continued postgraduate studies at Michigan’s Rackham Graduate School and Wayne State University. Mike dedicated his



Lawrence I. Kruger



Michael C. Johnston



Norma L. Beddow



Lawrence Woods

entire career to the careful education of generations of Grosse Pointe elementary students.

Mike enjoyed music and theater. He was a professionally trained vocalist and held soloist positions at local churches. He was an active member of the Episcopal church until his death.

Mike was predeceased by his parents, Russel M. and Crystal R. Johnston, and siblings, Daniel W. Johnston and Drussela F. Douglas. He is survived by his brother, Peter R. Johnston; six nieces and nephews; two great-nieces; and dear friend, Gail A. Smith.

At Mike’s direction, no services will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to the kitchen project at Christ Church Detroit, christcd.org; or the Nature Conservancy, nature.org. Mike’s family stated memorial donations to these organizations are appreciated, but the best way to remember Mike is to thank a teacher.

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

Norma L. Beddow

Norma Lorraine Beddow passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021.

A bright spirit and beloved wife and mother, she was born Sept. 23, 1933, in Detroit, to Charles Clifford and Edith Oliver Clifford. It was in Detroit she met her beloved husband, John Beddow, to whom she was devoted for 56 years.

Norma lived most of her life in Grosse Pointe Farms, where she and John together lovingly raised their children. The couple retired to Southport, N.C., where Norma continued to enjoy her passions of cooking, traveling and — most importantly — family gatherings.

A respected business owner, she built many lifelong relationships while positively impacting the lives of others.

A true nurturer, Norma had an innate gift for making others feel instantly welcome and loved. Generous, selfless and caring, she always put others first, her family said. She was the ultimate motherly role model; her example of devotion and loving care is a legacy that will extend through the generations that follow. Her family said she will be

greatly missed and her warmth of heart and selfless spirit will live on always.

Norma is survived by her children, Charles Frederic Beddow (Jacqueline) and Beverly Jean Gross (Bradley); grandchildren, Blake Beddow (Magnolia), Brett Beddow, Bradley Beddow, Ivy Beddow, Ryan Gross, Jenna Gross and Andrew Gross; and great-grandsons, Jackson Gross and Levi Beddow. She was predeceased by her husband, John Frederic Beddow, and son, David John Beddow.

A private family service in celebration of Norma’s life will be held in June.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, alz.org; or American Cancer Society, donate3.cancer.org.

Lawrence Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lawrence Woods passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Born in Detroit, he was the son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Woods. He is survived by his children, Nicholas and Barbara.

Larry graduated from high school and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Thereafter, he joined the Grosse Pointe Public School System as a building engineer. Larry served at Pierce, Maire and Poupard elementary schools, where he made many friendships that lasted a lifetime. He retired from GPPSS after 40 years of service.

Larry was always ready to help everyone. Certified in many mechanical operations, as well as holding national pool certifications and agricultural licenses, he was a visionary and solved problems efficiently and permanently. He encouraged young people to follow the trades and continued as an advisor as they became successful in their fields.

After he retired, Larry joined Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and Cultural Center and Assumption Nursery School as a building operations consultant.

Memorial tributes may be made to Assumption Nursery School, 21800 Marter Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

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PATRICK T. GIFFER

Patrick T. Giffer, age 83, passed away Monday, May 10, 2021, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, after a courageous battle with cancer. Patrick was born on April 26, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late John Thomas and the late Mary Ann (nee Tyrrell) Giffer.

Patrick attended Annunciation High School where his peers on the Yearbook Committee gave him the quote, “Once known, never forgotten.” Which anyone who met him knows — he fully lived up to this quote. Following graduation from high school, he began working at Detroit Edison where, when he was 19, he met the love of his life, Colleen Jackson. She also worked at Edison and was coming down the escalator when Patrick first caught a glimpse of her — and the rest is history. The couple was married on August 1, 1959, at St. Joan of Arc. They went on to have three loving children, Mary Ann, Patrick Jr., and Colleen.

Patrick left Detroit Edison and moved on to become the District Manager for Automotive and Rubber at McLean Trucking Company. He retired at the age of 40 due to longstanding health issues. It was at this point where he devoted his life, full-time, to helping others.

Colleen and Patrick would adopt families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Colleen would head to the store to fill her cart full of gifts and food for the family and they would wrap them all when she got home. Even years after they did this, Patrick would continue to check in on these adopted families. Each and every one of them would remember him.

The doors at the Giffer home were always open to anyone in need. The family hosted relatives and friends who needed a place to stay with no questions asked or wanting anything in return. As an Irishman, Patrick knew how to have a good time. He never missed a party and loved even more to host them at their home. They hosted graduation parties and anniversary celebrations for others and enjoyed having their loved ones over for big Thanksgiving dinners...their favorite holiday.



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People were drawn to him. Patrick would make everyone feel as if they were the most important person in the room and like they were one of his own. He was deeply committed to his family, faith, and all who he came to know. He never once met a stranger; as soon as he would strike up a conversation, you became an instant friend and someone he never forgot. He was selfless and always took care of everyone before himself. It has been said by those that knew him, “he was the only man you would ever meet that would give you more money than he had in his pocket.”

In 1991, Colleen passed away suddenly. Although he was deeply devastated by the loss, Patrick continued to honor their tradition and passion of helping others. He was a Eucharistic Minister and had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, Blessed Solanus, and the Monastery. Because of his devotion, he was honored with an affiliation with the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph. Patrick also frequently volunteered at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Patrick prayed the Rosary twice a day and, prior to his illness, attended daily Mass. He would serve meals at the Monastery, was a regular visitor, and from the moment he met the Brothers, they became forever friends.

Patrick became a member of the Chas.

Verheyden Family in 1993 when he moved into the apartment in the Grosse Pointe Funeral Home. Soon after, he began working with the Verheyden team in various capacities. He loved to head down to the main floor and greet guests or give the staff a good laugh. Patrick took pride in taking meticulous care of the building and loved working with the staff, encouraging them to complete tasks to the highest standards. You would often see him in his “Verheyden Best” ready to run funerals and help where necessary. Patrick was one of the greatest assets to the home for the past 27 years.

Patrick was the beloved Husband of the late Colleen. Loving Father of Mary Ann (Jim Gardiner), Patrick (Elisabeth), and Colleen (David Thill). Cherished Papa of Kathleen (Joseph Anderson), Colleen (Bryan Sanborn), Sarah, Kyle, Kathryn and Emily. Proud Great Papa of Joey and Patrick. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Joyce Doyle and Sally Ballelli, as well as dear sisters-in-law, Angela Weaver and Terri Jackson. Patrick is also survived by many adoring nieces and nephews. He was truly one-of-a-kind and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Visitation for Patrick will take place on Friday, May 14 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Welcome Prayer and 7 p.m. Scripture Service at St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Br. Ray Stadmeyer, OFM, CAP on Saturday, May 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Bonaventure Monastery. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced. A livestream of the service can be viewed at www.solanuscenter.org. Following Mass, he will be laid to rest beside his late wife at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In keeping with Patrick's lifelong devotion to Blessed Solanus and the Province of St. Joseph, the Giffer Family would appreciate Memorial Contributions be made in his name to St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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Barbara A. Van Tiem Conte

Barbara Anne Conte, 88, of Delray Beach, Fla., passed away Monday, March 8, 2021.

Born June 26, 1932, in Grosse Pointe, to Margaret and August Van Tiem, she grew up with six siblings, Augustus, Thomas Sr., Patricia, Phillip, Frederick and Stanley.

Barbara graduated from St. Paul High School and earned a registered nurse diploma from St. Joseph School of Nursing, now known as Fanshawe College, in London, Ontario, Canada. Thereafter, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After she received an honorable discharge from the Navy, Barbara continued a life of service and remained with the U.S. Federal Civil Service throughout her long nursing career.

Barbara is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Felix; children, Jenifer Conte, Janet Turner (Jack), Carolyn O'Brien (James) and Richard Conte (Nancy Mae); seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Thomas Sr. (the late Helen), Stanley (Leigh) and Phillip (Darlene); and dozens of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings, Augustus (the late Janice), Patricia Morgan (the late Kenneth) and Frederick (Janet Herrick).

Barbara was kind, giving and never met a stranger, her family said. She was the gem who always kept in touch with her large extended



Barbara A. Conte



Thomas A. Arbaugh



Richard H. Burt

family.

Masses in Barbara's memory were celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. Her ashes were interred with full military honors at a graveside ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery, Cape Cod, Mass.

Thomas A. Arbaugh

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Thomas Arbaugh, recently of St. Clair Shores, died Saturday, May 15, 2021, due to heart failure. He was born Feb. 2, 1934, in Detroit, to Luetta and William Arbaugh.

Tom graduated from Southeastern High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served three years stationed in London, England, where his love affair with Europe began.

Tom attended Michigan State University on the GI Bill and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in history. He furthered his education at Wayne State University, where he earned a master's degree in Russian history.

He met his lovely bride, undergraduate

Shirley Pfeilsticker, at WSU. Tom often joked the only way he convinced Shirley to marry him was because the school offered a 10-week European trip abroad and he suggested they go as a honeymoon. Shirley accepted and the couple wed June 23, 1962. Shirley also fell in love with Europe, where they returned many times during their long marriage.

A dedicated history teacher, Thomas taught students at Macomb Community College 35 years, until he retired at 65.

Tom was an avid runner and competed in many marathons and long-distance races. He boasted he had run "every street in Grosse Pointe, the Shores and Detroit probably 1,000 times"; in later years, he pointed that out — often.

Thomas was an accomplished writer, published author and playwright; in his formative years, when not reading a book he was writing a play.

He enjoyed winters at the family home in Delray Beach, Fla., and every fall he looked forward to escaping the "Michigan gray."

Thomas is survived by his wife of more than 58 years, Shirley; children, Michael (Joyce), Jeffrey

(Kim), Thomas and Leslie Rajewski (Josh); 10 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Tom was a proud husband, father and grandfather. His family said he often bragged about his successful family to anyone who would listen, but the person he spoke most about was his wife, life partner and love of his life.

A private funeral service will be held Thursday, May 20.

Donations in Thomas' honor may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Richard H. Burt

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Richard "Dick" Herbert Burt, 87, passed away peacefully Monday, May 17, 2021, at home, surrounded by family, after a short courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Dick was born Jan. 14, 1934, in Detroit, to Richard and Elinore Losh (nee Wurst). In 1948, his mother remarried Edward Burt, by whom Dick was adopted.

Dick graduated from Trenton High School in 1952. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in

1956, from the University of Michigan School of Business, where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. In 1957, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Army; he was stationed 18 months near Frankfurt, Germany. He returned to Ann Arbor in 1959, and earned an MBA the following year.

In 1960, Dick joined Ford Motor Co., where he spent the next 41 years of a fulfilling career in sales, marketing and allocations.

Shortly after Dick moved to Detroit's east side in the mid-1960s, he met Karen Zita Giessler; the couple married in 1964. Together they started a family and moved from Harper Woods to Grosse Pointe Woods in 1970. That same year, the family joined Christ the King Lutheran Church, at which Dick was a member 50 years, served on the vestry and as trustee, and later, chairman of the trustees.

Dick enjoyed countless summer outings in Caseville and at his parents' home on Commerce Lake, where he and Karen entertained family and friends with boating trips — first with outboards and later, sailing.

At home, when he was not working on the house, trimming innumerable shrubs or building his brick patio, Dick and his wife relaxed by entertaining friends and playing card games into the wee hours of the morning. His children and the neighborhood kids always looked forward to him building an ice rink in the backyard each winter, which he did more than 20 years.

An avid golfer, he was a 25-year member of the

Ford Ren-Cen golf league; recently, he played weekly as a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He also enjoyed regularly meeting for breakfast in Livonia with his fellow Ford retiree friends, followed by a round of golf. In the same year Dick made his second hole-in-one, he met a hero of his on the golf course, Bo Schembechler.

Soon after he retired, Dick began traveling the world. He documented his excursions with the help of a digital video camera that he later used to convert into elaborate HD Blu-ray movies and photo albums. He took more than 20 land and sea cruises and tours, spanning five continents and visiting dozens of countries.

In addition to watching golf, Dick enjoyed following the Detroit Red Wings, Tigers, Pistons and his beloved Michigan Wolverines. He was particularly proud of his three granddaughters, each of whom graduated from his alma mater, U of M.

Dick is survived by his children, Thayer Cueter, Richard Burt (Julie), Jenna Carroll (Matthew), Charles Burt and Darren Burt; and grandchildren, Courtney, Katelyn and Ashley Carroll. He was predeceased by his former wife, Karen Burt.

A funeral service will be held Monday, May 24, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 10 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Dick Burt may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, christthekinggp.org.

COVID testing, vaccinations offered at Christ Church GP

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, offers free COVID-19 testing and vaccine shots from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 21.

The drive-thru event provides nasal swab testing for ages 3 and older; serology, or antibody, testing for ages 12 and older; and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccinations for ages 12 and older.

Appointments are not necessary, but highly recommended as spaces are limited.

To register for a time slot, visit signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4bada929a0fe3-free9.

Second doses will be administered June 11.

More information is available at christchurchgp.org/covid.

Assumption hosts Greek MiniFest

Assumption Cultural Center is putting a twist on its traditional — and popular — GreekFest.

This year, the center invites the community to enjoy its hospitality, as well as its authentic Greek foods and pastries during Greek MiniFest, which takes place May 28 to 31. Greek MiniFest offers curbside carryout and delivery services from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the four-day festival.

Food orders may be placed by calling (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071. A menu is available

online at assumptionfestival.com.

Assumption's Grand Raffle also takes place, featuring a \$5,000 cash first prize. Second prize is \$500 and third and fourth prizes are \$200 each. Raffle tickets are \$10 each.

Those interested in purchasing raffle tickets should stop by the office or call (586) 779-6111 to arrange for the purchase and pickup of raffle tickets. Food orders and raffle tickets also may be ordered through Assumption's web-

site: assumptionfestival.org. The drawing takes place at 6 p.m. May 31.

A second Greek MiniFest is planned Aug. 19 to 22, and Assumption is planning for the return of the traditional GreekFest in August 2022.

Assumption's Greek MiniFest is sponsored by Estia Greek Street Food, coming soon to 20871 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more details about MiniFest, as well as other Assumption programs, see the spring/summer brochure at assumptionculturalcenter.org or call (586) 779-6111.

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Auditions for One Voice chorus June 1

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

One Voice, a community choir for young girls led by Artistic Director Carolyn Gross, with Assistant Director Tammy Palazzolo and accompanist Brian Leduc, provides a unique opportunity for young girls to share their vocal talents.

The chorus debuted in fall 2019, offering participants a chance to learn new music, make new friends and sing to their hearts' content.

"They get to meet other women their age with similar interests from other communities," Palazzolo said. "We

expanded our reach to include Clinton Township, Eastpointe, St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe. It's a good way for girls to break the bubble."

As its second season wraps, auditions for the 2021-22 season of One Voice take place Tuesday, June 1. Those interested in sharing their talents may sign up for a time slot between 4 and 8 p.m. on the One Voice website, choironevoice.org.

Those selected to the chorus will find the program challenging and inspirational.

"We strive for a high level of choral music," Palazzolo said. Rehearsals take place Tuesdays, from September to

May, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Students are divided by age. One Voice Juniors, who are rising fourth graders through eighth graders, meet 5:15 to 6 p.m. Advanced eighth graders through 12th graders meet 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Safety measures are in place. "We are wearing masks during rehearsals," Palazzolo said. "And we're super spread out, 6 to 12 feet at all times."

However, she added, as mask restrictions are lifted and more participants are vaccinated, the plan is to sing without masks moving forward. Additionally, as the weather warms, rehears-

als will be moved outdoors.

During a typical year, One Voice performs three concerts per season — one in fall, at least one during the holidays and one in spring. The current season, performances were entirely virtual, but Palazzolo is hopeful for in-person performances next season.

"We'll have to make adjustments," she noted.

The choir also would like to bring in guest artists next season, including professors from different universities, "so if the girls are interested in taking it to the next level, this can be their connection to higher education," Palazzolo said.

Cost to join One Voice varies.

Juniors who register early pay \$350; late registrants pay \$375. Older girls who register early pay \$425; late registrants pay \$450. Family discounts are available.

A second round of auditions is planned Sept. 7.

"We are trying our hardest to get back to normalcy," Palazzolo said. "We're providing a way for them to get out of the house, meet other girls their age and share their passion for performance. We survived the pandemic and being able to perform together is really a blessing."

For more information or to register for an audition time slot, visit choironevoice.org.

Johnson joins The Helm as development director

M. Elizabeth Johnson has joined The Helm at the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Life Center as its director of development.

Johnson will be responsible for developing and implementing the organization's fundraising, endowment and planned giving activities. She has more than 20 years in fundraising, most recently working at Karmanos Cancer Institute, where she led the planned giving and donor stewardship programs and played an active role in gift management, grant writing and relationship building.

"We are pleased to have Liz on The Helm team," said Peggy Hayes, executive director of The Helm. "Her two decades' worth of experience is what The Helm needs to strengthen our current development program and launch our planned giving efforts. We are excited to have Liz on our team."

Johnson lives in Grosse Pointe Park with her husband, Ned, and their three daughters.



M. Elizabeth Johnson

The Helm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, non-residential senior community center dedicated to making the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods areas a great place to grow older. The organization serves as an essential resource to older adults in those communities by providing opportunities and services in the areas of health, nutrition, education and recreation, such as transportation, Meals on Wheels, home maintenance, social activities, health screenings and lifelong learning classes.

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

Signs of support

Lucia Sceglione-Bodenhorn, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, saw a sign in a front yard across from her brother's house in the Farms that read "Choose Kindness."

She liked it so much,

she decided to create 10 different positive signs and see who on her block, the 400 block of Maison, would put a positive message in their front yard. Now more than a dozen houses

post positive messages for passersby. Print Express in Grosse Pointe Woods printed the signs.

The signs spread a positive message at a difficult time. Just before the signs were posted, her

brother, Dr. Vincent Sceglione, an anesthesiologist at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, contracted COVID-19 and passed away, leaving behind a wife and four children.



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with people," she added.

Full Circle will be adding summer programming this year, though limiting participation to 10 people. Outdoor activities and weekly outings during the six-week program are included.

Summertime also is prime time for Full Circle's Edible Garden, a community staple for many years. Around 50 beds have been or soon will be planted, Greene said.

"This is total volunteerism," Banner noted. "The store is run by volunteers, the garden is run by volunteers. Last year, we gave away all of our produce ... to firefighters, police, some of our donors, people at The Rivers.

"We'll be doing pretty much the same thing this year," she added. "There are a few people who've donated for garden subscriptions, but we will be giving it away."

All things considered,

"the new normal is working," Greene said. "It's just small scale."

Added Banner, "We're taking it slow and steady. We're trying to be as cautious as possible and not hit the gas too soon."

Full Circle is looking for volunteers for its garden and other programs. Those interested should call (313) 469-6660.

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Donation, loan expand DIA’s African American exhibition

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Detroit Institute of Arts recently accepted the gift of a 2009 painting by award-winning artist Titus Kaphar — a Kalamazoo native — from Grosse Pointe Farms art collectors Sean and Nancy Cotton. The donation of “Nip Tuck” expands the DIA’s collection of African American art.

Along with it, nine additional works created by African American artists are on loan from the Cottons.

The gift and loan were inspired by the DIA’s role in educating students.

“It was the community outreach programs and the free field trips to the 90,000 school children who visit the collections of the DIA every year that touched us, serving as one of those critical resources between the art world and today’s educational outcomes,” the Cottons wrote in a press release.

Their gift of Kaphar’s “Nip Tuck” is just as much for the students as it is for the museum.

“The No. 1 reason I wanted to do this exhibition and give the gift is to inspire the children of southeast Michigan,” Cotton said, adding he hopes “Nip Tuck” encourages students “to be America’s next generation of artists, gallery owners, curators, art lovers and collectors.”

“All children need to see themselves in art and in the artists that create that art,” he added. “If you see it, you can be it.”

Along with the gift of “Nip Tuck,” on loan to the DIA is a mix of works by artists from the African diaspora. Among them are works by Rashid Johnson, Tschabalala Self, Mequitta



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A piece from Kaphar’s 2020 “From a Tropical Space” series, on loan to the DIA.

Ahuja, Jordan Casteel, Henry Taylor, Amoako Bofo and two additional works by Kaphar, “Untitled (From a Tropical Space)” and “Page 4 of Jefferson’s ‘Farm Book.’”

After the Cottons acquired their first Kaphar piece, a great relationship developed between Sean, the artist and NXTHVN, a 501(c)3 organization founded by Kaphar, Jason Price and Jonathan Brand, who wanted to build an alternative model of art mentorship and career advising through a specially designed curriculum, as well as simultaneously set into motion significant opportunities for emerging local entrepreneurs.

Cotton noted his strong support of Kaphar and NXTHVN.

“Titus and I have become friends during quarantine,” he said, “and will meet for the first time face to face this month. I believe strongly in the mission of Titus and NXTHVN — that supporting artists, and his

mission, is the support of the very fabric of neighborhoods. Their mission is key to changing the art world as well, by teaching artists how to navigate the art world and protect their art and talent. Artists often give back to their communities where they have strong ties and Titus is helping them achieve that. He is on the forefront of art and thought, with all that is happening with Americans re-evaluating social dynamics and how we govern ourselves. He has been for years. Now more than ever, his message is being heard.”

In the past several years, Kaphar has become a notable artist in terms of messaging. The theme of his “Tropical Space” series, featured in June 2020 on the cover of Time, “goes back to his childhood and the concerns all mothers have of losing a child,” said Jonathon Boos, curator and art advisor to the Cotton family. “He cut the children away from the

canvas so you can see through the canvas to the back wall.”

Gaining critical acclaim for the series, Kaphar’s work has been acquired by museums across the country.

“The DIA has long admired the work of Titus Kaphar,” Boos said. “... They were so thrilled and honored to receive their first Titus Kaphar piece into their collection.”

The gift and loan, Boos said, is the beginning of a longer commitment the Cottons have established with the DIA. The 10 large-scale paintings will be displayed in one gallery at the museum.

“Sean and Nancy recognized the DIA’s approach to the tri-county area having all the school children come in,” Boos said. “They realized how this could impact kids.”

“The reason they chose Titus vs. other artists as their first gift is the wonderful friendship they developed and Sean’s admiration for what Titus has done with NXTHVN.”

Kaphar received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from San Jose State University in 2001, and his Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University in 2006. His bold ideas and innovative paintings, sculptures and installations have earned him numerous accolades and awards,

including a Rappaport Prize from the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, MacArthur fellowship, Art for Justice grant, Robert Rauschenberg Artist as Activist grant and Creative Capital Grant. In 2009, he became the first recipient of the Gwendolyn Knight and Jacob Lawrence Fellowship.

The DIA was the first museum in the U.S. to dedicate a curatorial department and galleries to African American art. With a collection of more than 600 artworks created from the mid-19th century to today, the DIA’s Center for African American Art was the inspiration for the Cottons to collect works of art produced by artists of color.

“It’s extremely generous of collectors Nancy and Sean Cotton to gift the DIA

this powerful painting that uncovers hidden truths in American history,” said Valerie Mercer, curator and head of the DIA’s Center for African American Art. “In that respect, it, along with nine loaned contemporary artworks by various black artists represented in the Cottons’ outstanding collection, refers to the theme of Black Lives Matter directly and indirectly by emphasizing aspects of black humanity through the examination of numerous issues, such as the complexities of historical narratives, cultures, identities, myths, genders, fears, humor, imagination, influences, communities, families and more. We’re really honored to have Kaphar’s art included in the museum’s collection and to share the Cottons’ collection with the DIA’s communities.”



Jordan Casteel’s “Three Lions,” 2015 on loan to the DIA.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dan Tripp

Simple steps to make life easier on aging parents

Q. My mom is getting on in years, but is adamant about staying at home, even though it’s becoming harder to maintain. Are there any things I can do to make it easier for her?

A. “Aging in place,” as it’s commonly known, is favored by nearly 90 percent of older adults, according to AARP. But sometimes the home becomes less friendly over time. What once was comfortable and convenient now can present issues of safety and frustration. But there are some inexpensive things you can do to help Mom.

One of the first and easiest things you can do is get rid of any throw rugs or other items that can cause a fall. According to the CDC, one in five falls causes a serious injury such as broken bones or a head injury. Things like loose rugs or even a short step can be a problem.

If Mom spends a lot of

time in the kitchen, there’s a couple of easy fixes. One is to improve accessibility to the things she uses the most. Keep things off the high shelves or down too low. Make the items she uses regularly easily reachable.

Another item often overlooked is door handles. Changing from knobs to levers makes opening doors much easier, especially if arthritis is an issue.

Changes to the bathroom should be a priority, as well. Having grab bars in the shower or tub and around the toilet will aid in mobility for your mom as she gets older. Installing a tub with a door or a walk-in shower can make bathing much easier for her too.

Rest assured cosmetic changes like these are inexpensive, especially when you compare them to the cost of moving Mom to an assisted living

community, and will not adversely affect the equity in the home itself.

Dan Tripp is a member of Family Center’s Association of Professionals and has worked more than 30 years in the long-term care and life insurance industry. He is a founder of Pointe Professionals, a locally formed group of professionals with a mission of helping older adults and their families. He can be reached at (313) 478-4337 or dtripp.tag@gmail.com.

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Jerk du Soleil

I'm a guy in my senior year of college. I cannot figure out how my roommate gets all the women he does. He's a huge jerk to everyone, including women -- the typical "bad boy."
He breaks any rule or law he can, doesn't care who he hurts, and makes very little effort with women, yet all my female friends go for him.
A good friend (sleeping over, as it got really late) even left my bed in the middle of the night to get into his! Why?!!
—Nice Guy

Women -- especially in their 20s -- will blather on about how they want a nice, reliable guy. Then they find one and immediately despise him for how nice and reliable he is: like how he always calls when he says he will -- usually to the minute! -- and there's never that recorded voice on the line first, "Will you accept a collect call from prison?"

Reading between the lines of your email, you seem to have the same question cognitive scientist Scott Barry Kaufman asked: Basically, do you have to be a jerk to get the girl? To answer that, Kaufman explored bad boys' appeal.



He observes that bad boys tend to have big helpings of "dark triad" personality traits. Dark triad sounds like the name for three ne'er-do-well superheroes, but it's actually the

term for three malevolent personality traits with some ugly similarities: Machiavellianism, psychopathy, and narcissism. Machiavellianism, named for 16th-century Italian political adviser (aka tyrant whisperer) Niccolò Machiavelli, plays out in ruthless scheming, callousness, and self-interest. Psychopathy shows itself in callous detachment, poor impulse control, and a lack of empathy and remorse. Narcissism is reflected in egotism, an extra-large sense of entitlement, a lack of empathy, and "grandiosity": an inflated sense of one's greatness in contrast with all the rest of the human worms. This is quite the personality poison pack, yet -- in research mirroring your experience -- evolutionary psychologist Peter K. Jonason found that dark triad traits were correlated with having more sex partners (as well as more of a desire for hookups).

Obviously, the dark triad traits themselves -- essentially heartless, exploitative user-ishness -- make exactly no one in their right mind go, "Wow, where do I sign up for somebody with all that?!" However, Kaufman observes that dark triad "bad boys tend to have lots of positive traits that come along for the ride (with the badness," such as confidence, assertiveness, and fearlessness, along with creativity, humor, charisma, and high energy -- "all things women find attractive."

I think two types of women are particularly drawn to bad boys: hooku-perellas -- women who just want casual sex -- and "sensation-seeking" excitement junkies. Sensation seeking is a personality trait that psychologist Marvin Zuckerman finds plays out in a craving for novel, varied, intense sensations and experiences and a willingness to take risks to get them.

There's a clue in all of this for the dismayed nice guy who can't understand why women seem to fall out of the trees into bed with the

jerk. Even women who aren't danger-and-excitement junkies are drawn to men who are a consistent source of "novel" experiences: that is, who never stop surprising them (though playfully rather than evilly!). Also, consider that what drives away women isn't so much being a nice guy but an *overly nice* guy: a guy who comes off needy, tentative, and desperate to be wanted. Now, maybe you *feel* needy, tentative, and desperate -- at least to some degree. (Who doesn't?!) The thing is there's no mandate for you to act the way you feel. That said, that "fake it till you make it" is actually a bust, because you typically succumb to "cognitive overload": you have so many things to remember (to come off confident, surprising, fun, etc.) that you end up getting overwhelmed and falling apart.

I instead advise that you "impersonate your way" into the new confident you: basically, borrow a confident, easygoing, fun guy's persona -- meaning, secretly "be" him (like an actor playing a role) when, say, talking

to a new woman in a coffee shop. Do this repeatedly, and you should see that women treat you very differently.

There are sure to be some hiccups, but you should eventually feel ready to do this confident, easygoing thing as you: a nice guy who's trained himself into having the good parts of bad-boy mojo.

By the way, you should have an easier time with the ladies as you approach your 30s because many women will have been jerk-burned at least once and learned their lesson.

They want a guy who can hold their attention for hours with his wit and good nature -- as opposed to the dude who seems destined to hold off the cops for hours by shouting demands from inside the 7-Eleven.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak

How to choose a new career when looking for a change

Q: I am 35, and I have been in information technology since the beginning of my career. IT jobs are often well-paid and easy to find, but they are not what I want to do anymore. I am thinking about changing fields, but I am hesitant.

I realize I will lose my seniority if I leave my job and my experience won't matter if I leave the field. Is it crazy to switch this far along in my career?

A: It is never "crazy" to search for a career that will fulfill you, especially when you are no longer happy with the one you're in. Your IT experience could transfer to a related field while keeping or increasing your

salary, but if you want out of working in any position connected to IT, it's time to look into your choices.

Keep your job while you are researching other areas of interest as well as the salaries involved in those areas. People can quickly change their minds about changing fields when they see how much less they might be making by switching.

This shouldn't negate you wanting to find a position in a different field, but you will want to be able to support your current lifestyle while learning what kind of changes may be necessary.

The first step is to be open-minded to researching new fields. When discovering the various choices,

gather as much information as possible so you don't end up substituting one dislike for another. Impulsive decision-making often ends up in regret.

Step two is to take various assessment tests to help you find a meeting of your interests, abilities and personality. All these aspects must be considered for the change in field to be successful.

This likely won't happen to you, but this example is real. A college student who did not like studying and decided she was not interested in continuing her education thought she would quit the program and instead become a medical doctor. She had to be told that becoming a doctor

required top grades, extensive studying and years dedicated to long hours of work.

Assessment tests can be administered by the career offices at community and local colleges, sometimes for free or for nominal fees.

Private coaching companies sometimes offer assessment tests, but their fees cover entire coaching packages and can run into the thousands.

Many of the assessment tests offer abbreviated samples of the tests online and range from free versions to fee-based, more informative and detailed versions.

Motivational Appraisal Personal Potential, or MAPP, career assessment recommends all interested to first take the free version. MAPP states it takes approximately 22 minutes, but it is not timed, so there's no need to worry about finishing it.

The free version provides an overall view of one's career motivations, along with a top-10 list of vocational areas according to a person's responses. This free version can be ideal for employees who are burnt out in their jobs and need guidance for starters. The

results can also help increase a person's confidence to discover they have a multitude of options or may reveal the person has been on the right path from the beginning and may just need a vacation.

The categories rated are 1) interest in job contents; 2) temperament for the job -- how a person prefers to perform; 3) aptitude for the job; 4) people; 5) things; 6) data; 7) reasoning; 8) mathematical capacity; and 9) language capacity.

Three more levels of detailed assessments can be ordered -- the starter, career seeker and executive -- and cost between \$89.95 and \$149.95. The fee-based versions offer different levels of benefits for matching the person to their top career choices and up to 1,000 ideas for careers from its database.

Different assessments are designed to focus on varying aspects of personalities and profile styles, so the greater number of assessments one takes, the greater one's knowledge becomes about their personal skills, interests and personality types.

DISC, which can be used by companies prior to hiring, can be taken online for free, as can the personality

assessment based on well-known psychologist Carl Jung's theory, which offers 16 personality types.

Once you are satisfied with the knowledge gained through these assessments, you can follow through with books explaining the personality types with pros and cons of each one. This information is valuable for all, since many people know very little about themselves, especially when people have chosen careers based on salary.

These assessments have been verified as valid and accurate, so you can feel confident in switching to a field that matches your interests and abilities. You may need to update your knowledge base through additional courses, but you should then be on your way to a positive career change that aligns with your goals for the future.

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Wife discovers husband's secret interest in escorts

DEAR ABBY: I just found out my husband has been looking at escorts in the local area. When I confronted him about seeing his search for escorts, he said he just clicked on a link that popped up on a site. (I have seen them, so I know it can happen.)

However, I now know he created another email address and joined an escort review site. I can't say anything to him because I snooped on his phone.

I'm heartbroken and want to believe him, but this is too much. Please help me. -- NERVOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NERVOUS: First things first. Call

your doctor and make an appointment to be checked for STDs. Next, because you know your husband hasn't been truthful, do more "snooping." Learn everything you can about your family finances (if you don't already know) -- the debts and assets, credit card expenses, bank account numbers, etc.

Once you have that information and there will be no surprises, tell your husband you checked his phone AND WHY YOU FELT THE NEED TO DO IT.

Do not allow him to make you feel guilty. Ask him what he is getting from escorts that he isn't getting from you, and if the only

answer he can come up with is "variety," talk to a lawyer because your exclusive marital relationship is history.

DEAR ABBY: Our son "Leo," 24, has bipolar/schizoaffective disorder. He is single, lives 2,000 miles from us and is homeless. He refuses treatment.

I see him about every three months when I go and find him. His relationship with his dad, my husband, is not good. My husband has made many approaches to Leo, but our son rejects him.

My husband told me that when he dies, I should not say anything to Leo, and he wants me to agree on that. I

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

agreed, but I think that is too hard. Do you think my husband is right on that request? -- PROBLEM FAMILY IN PUERTO RICO

DEAR PROBLEM FAMILY: Yes, I do. Your husband is being realistic, having made repeated approaches to Leo and being rejected. When he's gone, your son won't miss him, so please respect your husband's wishes if it will bring him peace of mind.

DEAR ABBY: I hosted a dinner party at my home and invited three longtime friends. They

had been drinking before they came over and showed up drunk. My husband and I were highly offended and told them to leave. I'm extremely upset about this because I found it very disrespectful. How should I resolve the issue? -- INCONSIDERATE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MIDWEST: You and your husband were certainly within your rights to react as you did. Cross your fingers that your friends were able to return safely to their homes in the condition they were in.

How you should

resolve the issue depends upon whether this is the only time it happened. If they aren't habitual problem drinkers and it was a one-time thing, be forgiving when they call to apologize. However, if you don't hear from them, there will be nothing to resolve..

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Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from “Pat in Avon, Ind.,” about the caged dog next door.

My neighbor’s dog is tied on a short leash, day and night, to a shack in the corner of their backyard. He barks incessantly, and it really gets to me. That poor creature is ignored, except when the owners hit him for no reason. Like Pat in Avon, I approached my neighbors about this cruel and inhumane treatment and was told to shut up and mind my own business.

You advised Pat to call the humane society. Well,

Ann, I called the ASPCA and was told that as long as the dog is provided with food, water and shelter and receives medical attention when needed, they can do nothing.

Something must be done to change the law so these defenseless animals can be helped. What do you suggest? -- Dog Lover in New York.

Dear Dog Lover: The only way a law can be changed is to let your state senators and congressmen know you want them to do something about a law that is clearly

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unjust. Urge your friends and neighbors to join you in this crusade. I wish you luck.

Dear Ann Landers: I have had this essay for years and thought you might print it so your readers could enjoy it. -- Westminster, Md.

Dear Westminster:

Thanks for sending it my way. The dog lovers in my reading audience will appreciate it.

“What Dogs Do for Us”

Catch Frisbees.

Keep a night alone from being truly lonely.

Get us outside on beautiful fall days, rainy days and snowy winter days.

Listen to our singing.

Treat us like celebrities when we come home.

Warm up our beds on cold nights.

Make our hearts more vigorous.

Alert us to the arrival of the mail.

Help us live a little longer.

Make us smile.

Agree with everything

we say.

Warm our knees with their chins.

Provide a use for old tennis balls.

Signal when a thunderstorm is coming.

Pull sleds.

Help lower our blood pressure.

Test how fast we can run.

Keep the squirrels from overtaking our yards.

Teach us the meaning of unconditional love.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing this as I face months of growing out a miserable haircut. I want all barbers everywhere to become aware of what is universally the major complaint against members of their profession. It is taking off too much hair.

I spent 20 years in the Navy where we were required to get regulation short haircuts.

Now that I am retired, I should be able to enjoy the freedom of longer hair, but it seems I am doomed to be denied this pleasure.

A barber can always take off more hair if the customer feels it’s still too long, but he cannot put hair back on. The fact that hair does eventually grow back is small consolation when you look as if you’ve been scalped.

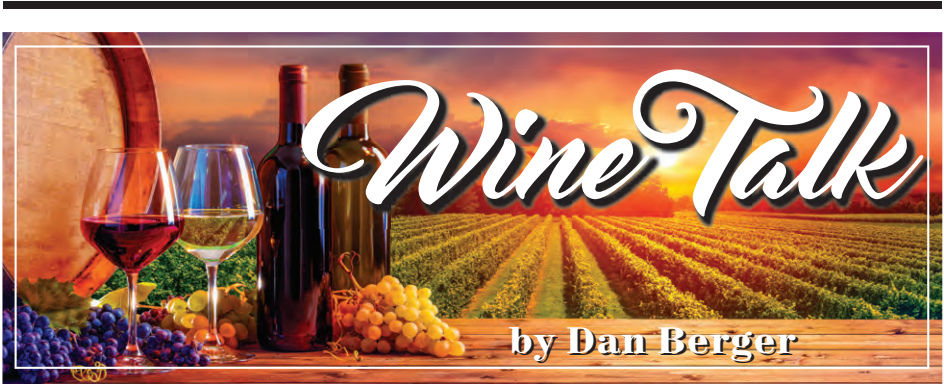
I know this is a minor problem compared to others you get, Ann, but right now, I’m so darned mad, I decided the best way to let off steam and maybe educate those scissor-happy nitwits was to write to you and pray that my letter makes the paper. Sign me -- Shorn in San Diego.

Dear Shorn: I’m sure your letter will not be taped to any barbershop mirrors around the world, but rest assured, your barber, as well as thousands of other barbers, will see it and ask, “Could this be me?”

Those who cut women’s hair should also pay attention. There is no wrath equal to that of a woman shorn.

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Sauvignon Blanc whereness

Wine geeks use the French term “terroir,” a hard-to-translate term that relates to how grape varieties are impacted by the regions in which they’re grown.

In theory, it means that chardonnays display unique characteristics that emanate directly from the grape variety as well as from their growing regions.

But in practice, what a winemaker does at the winery can often cover up regional singularity. We also know that vineyard decisions can also alter, if not eliminate, regional features.

The best examples of regionality are seen in white wines that aren’t aged in oak barrels, which could impart elements that confuse what the grapes deliver.

Riesling, chenin blanc, sauvignon blanc and several other whites are examples of how the “whereness” of a wine may be discovered.

That said, herbs mark the aroma of a well-made sauvignon blanc, which is more evident in cooler climates than warmer climates, and in recent years, the distinctive elements have been intentionally compromised by “taming” (or eliminating) sauv blanc’s natural inclinations toward that faint herbaceous aroma.

A key point here: The cheaper the wine, the less likely it will be distinctive enough to be identified. The best examples of distinctive SB character are wines that sell for about \$12 a bottle and more. Most sold at \$5 to \$7 are bland to the point of being boring.

Some of the best examples of slight herbaceousness come from wines of the eastern Loire Valley of France, where the grape does brilliantly.

For those seeking the strongest example of herbal characteristics, which include pea shoots, traces of cilan-

tro, gooseberry and fresh green pepper, the best examples come from New Zealand, which has a consistently cool and windy climate in most of its wine-growing areas. When these wines are very young, such as those from the 2020 harvest, the aromas may also display subtle citrusy and floral notes.

The herbal charms of sauvignon blanc first gained acceptance here in the late 1990s when the first SBs arrived from New Zealand. These wines helped many Americans to understand a variety a lot more than simply thinking it was just another white wine. And that helped regions such as the Dry Creek Valley of Sonoma County, which is cool enough to produce classically structured and aromatically interesting sauvignon blancs on an almost-annual basis.

The Napa Valley also has a perfect climate for

places like Chile, including cooler areas like the Casablanca Valley, which has recently produced some exceptional SBs.

New Zealand has expanded production since 2000, and today, many brands coming into this country are exceptionally flavored and charmingly compatible with food. The best display aromas of passion fruit, gooseberry, lime and even a trace of kiwi! Because of their typically higher acidity, New Zealand versions occasionally have actual residual sugar to offset the tartness of the acidity.

Classic sauvignons from France’s Loire Valley (Pouilly-Fume and Sancerre) usually display traces of herbs and have more mineral aromas. These wines are usually totally dry and, as such, most likely to be dinner companions. They can be so tart that patio sipping is unlikely.

Sauvignon Blanc is one of the country’s most popular whites today and is popular in restaurants as a chardonnay alternative. One major problem is that it is so popular that much of it is planted in areas where it doesn’t yield a distinctive wine.

Wine of the Week: 2020 Allan Scott Sauvignon B l a n c , Marlborough (\$14) -- This is simply one of the finest New Zealand sauvignon blancs available today, partially because it is a little drier than many and is blessed with a

stone fruit and citrus aroma that is far more classic than that of several wines priced much higher.

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A superior side Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table



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We are so close to Memorial Day! I feel like I’ve made my way through a burning fire of a year I’m in the mood for sunburns, being lost in the woods, swimming until I’m wrinkled, skipping stones in the lake, fishing, helping the kids catch endless frogs and most importantly eating well!

When Memorial Day finally comes, along with its important significance, I want the day to taste spectacular.

This week I will give you one of the best side dishes I have in my back pocket. It’s fresh and bright and pleases most everyone.

Corn might not be its best at this time of year but adding honey solves the problem. Avocado and black beans add the meaty texture that any vegetarian craves.

Serve with tortilla chips and hot sauce for those who want to spice things up!

Next week, I promise the perfect main course to pair. Beautiful bowl courtesy of Atelier (ateliergp.com).

Corn, Avocado and Black Bean Salad
(Serves 6-8)

- 6 ears of corn
- 1 19oz can of black beans
- 3 avocados, diced
- ½ red onion, finely chopped
- 1 seeded and chopped jalapeno
- 2 tbsp chopped, fresh cilantro
- Zest of 2 limes
- Juice of 3 limes
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tsp chili powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tbsp honey

Add corn to a large pot of boiling water.

Simmer for 7 minutes and then remove to cool. Rinse the black beans well in a sieve. Add the beans, chopped onion, cilantro, jalapeno and beans to the bowl. Once cooled, cut the kernels off the cobs with a sharp knife into your favorite serving bowl. In a small bowl, make the dressing. Grate the zest of 2 limes with a microplane. Add the juice of 3 limes, chili powder, honey, salt and olive oil. Whisk to combine. I like to add the avocado at the last minute. Halve the avocado and remove the pit. Score it into cubes and remove with a spoon into the bowl. Add the dressing, toss gently and simply appreciate simple things.

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Movie Junkie Mark
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MOVIE REVIEW
“Locke”
2013 - 1hr 25min

A few years ago, D., a librarian friend of mine told me she had ordered the movie “Locke” for the library. When I asked her what it was about she told me it was about a guy talking on the phone while driving his car.



We both sort of smiled at how ludicrous the description of the movie sounded. However, after seeing this remarkable and unique film, there really wasn't a better way to sum it up. When the title popped up on Kanopy.com, I knew I had to watch it again. I've been recommending it to people for several years and I wanted to see how well it's held up. Well, this excellent little film immediately sucked me in; just like the first time I saw it. It's totally captivating, and while it's far from an action movie, it will thrill you in subtle ways. The story revolves around Ivan Locke, brilliantly played by Tom Hardy. He's just left the construction project he's overseeing, and is driving to London. Locke is the only person on camera for the entire hour and a half, but he interacts with several other characters

along the way. This could almost be a one-man-play, but it works extremely well as a film, thanks to the smart writing and especially the imaginative camerawork. As you'd expect, there are plenty of close-ups of him talking on the phone. But interlaced with these shots are a number of beautiful out of focus

scenes of traffic. They play almost like ocean waves, and add a peaceful, passing of time feel to it. There are three issues he's dealing with. He's left work early to be with a woman who's giving birth to his child. It was a one-night stand, but he feels obligated to be there. The second storyline is him telling his wife about the affair and her incredulous reaction to this news. The third scenario is him dealing with a co-worker who he's walking through the largest cement-pouring project in British construction history. Needless to say, he's got a lot on his plate. As if that wasn't enough, he's having a raging conversation with his dead father, who apparently abandoned him when he was a child. The tension builds throughout the movie, and hits a crescendo about 10 minutes before

the conclusion. When it was over I almost breathed a sigh of relief. It really drags you through the ringer. And that's what good filmmaking is all about in my book. Streaming on Kanopy.com. ★★★★★

My rating system:
★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.
★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.
★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.
★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.
★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

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Cadillac LYRIQ's development accelerated first all-electric SUV nine months ahead of schedule

DETROIT, Mich., – Powered by General Motors' Ultium Platform, the recently unveiled Cadillac LYRIQ not only signals the dawn of a new electric vehicle era for the brand – it represents a fundamental transformation of GM's global product development process. The official unveiling of Cadillac's first all-electric SUV was nine months ahead of schedule, a timeline accelerated by a process of virtual testing and validation. Boasting a combination of the latest automotive technology, premium craftsmanship and a meticulous level of intricacy throughout its design, the LYRIQ sets a new standard for the luxury EV landscape and plays a pivotal role in GM's vision of zero crashes, zero emissions and zero congestion. Its accelerated path was the result of an ongoing commitment to evolve GM's global product development processes through the innovative use of cutting-edge virtual engineering tools.



The results are augmented when the VDDV process is paired with the powerful Ultium Platform, the heart of GM's EV strategy. The modular nature of Ultium allows it to be easily adapted from one vehicle model to another, mean-

ing the learnings from one program can accelerate the development of others in the EV portfolio. "While GM has been developing great products for more than 100 years, virtual engineering has allowed us to visualize aspects of our designs that have not been previously observable with conventional vehicle testing. This is one of many inherent strengths of virtual engineering that we've capitalized on to completely reimagine how we create and develop future mobility products like the Cadillac LYRIQ," explained Mike Anderson, GM executive director of Virtual Design, Development and Validation. With the accelerated timeline, LYRIQ is expected to go into production in the first quarter of 2022. Reservations for LYRIQ will be available beginning September 2021 with initial availability starting the first half of 2022. Visit Cadillac.com for the latest LYRIQ information.

Royal Stars
Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 20, 2021: You're nurturing, warm and loving. You also have a finely developed sense of intuition. You crave security, but you are also restless and impulsive.

Your analytical mind is constantly alive! You have an interesting year ahead, because this will be a year when you will have to make an important choice. It will be more social and friendlier.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The pace of your days will accelerate in the next four weeks because you have places to go, things to do and people to see. Enjoy all this to-ing and fro-ing with others. Tonight: Get organized and boost your health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
In the next four weeks, you will think more about what you value and what you own. When it comes to your stuff, does it serve your needs or is it a burden? Sort out what you want to keep for the ride. Tonight: I's a fun-loving, flirtatious time!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
The Sun is in Gemini for the next four weeks, which is your chance to boost your energy and recharge your batteries for the months ahead. The Sun in your sign will attract people and favorable circumstances to you. Bonus! Tonight: Expect a lively discussion with a female relative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Your personal year is ending, but your new year does not begin until your birthday. Use the next four weeks to think about what you want for your new year ahead. If you define goals, it's easier to achieve them. Tonight: Enjoy a meaningful discussion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You will be more popular with friends and groups in the next four weeks. Take a moment to think about the role your friends play in your life. What kind of friend are you? Tonight: Shopping and financial matters will be your focus.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Once a year, the Sun sits at the top of your chart for four weeks, thrusting you in the limelight, which is why people notice you more. Note: This spotlight is flattering, which means others admire you. Now is the time to make your pitch! Tonight: You are confident and shining!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Feelings of escapism are strong in the next four weeks. You want to travel, which is probably not possible with COVID restrictions. Therefore, travel online and learn new things to feel excited about life. Tonight: You want to cocoon or enjoy your own solitude. Time to catch your breath.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You will have strong psychological compulsions in the next four weeks. You want to get to know yourself better, which is why everything will feel more intense. You don't want to skate along on the surface of things.

Not now. Tonight: A conversation with a friend is important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You need more sleep in the next four weeks because the Sun is symbolically as far away from your sign as it can get all year, and the Sun represents your energy. This is a great time to learn more about how you relate to others. Tonight: You are high-viz! People notice you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Roll up your sleeves, because you're keen to work in the next four weeks. You want to work smart and get results for your efforts. This same high standard will extend to your health. (You want it all!) Tonight: You have strong opinions about testy subjects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
One of the most playful, lighthearted times of the year awaits you in the next four weeks. Do anything that resembles a vacation. Enjoy fun activities with kids. The bottom line is to please yourself and have fun! Tonight: Passions are running high!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Home and family will be your focus in the next four weeks. Many of you will be more involved than usual with a parent. You will learn something from quiet introspection as memories of the past surface. Tonight: Enjoy a heart-to-heart talk with someone.

BORN TODAY
Actor Matt Czuchry (1977), actress Jessica Raine (1982), actor Timothy Olyphant (1968).

Contract Bridge

THE VALIANT DIE BUT ONCE

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ 7 2
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ Q 8 4

WEST

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♥ K J 8 5 4 3
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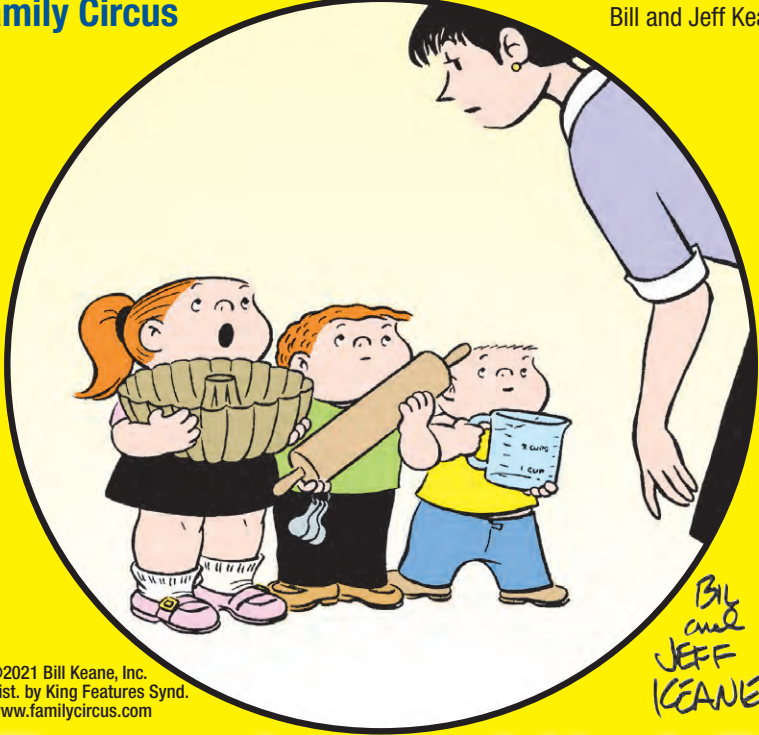
This deal occurred in a team-of-four match, but what happened at the two tables could just as easily have taken place in a rubber-bridge game. At one table, the bidding went as shown. East won the heart lead with the ace and returned a heart, and the defense quickly ran off six heart tricks — down two despite North-South's combined 31 high-card points.

It is hard to blame South for the sad outcome. Looking at only his 13 cards, his three-notrump rebid was surely the most attractive choice. Three notrump would be the winning bid in the overwhelming majority of hands. Had North held, say, the jack of hearts instead of the K-J of diamonds and queen of spades — a much weaker hand — nine tricks would have been certain. Or if the opponents' hearts had been divided differently, the notrump game would easily have been made. It may be argued that South should have bid three clubs instead of three notrump, and five clubs might then have been reached. The trouble with this contention is that three clubs is merely invitational, and a laydown game might be missed if North passed. At the other table, the bidding started exactly the same way. But the North player at this table obviously valued his hand much more highly than the first North, because he raised South's three notrump directly to six notrump. The six-notrump bid paid off very handsomely. West thought it was too dangerous to lead a heart from the K-J against such strong bidding, so he opted for the "safe" lead of the ten of spades. South then had no trouble collecting all the tricks to bring his team a net gain of 1,670 points on the deal.

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Garfield

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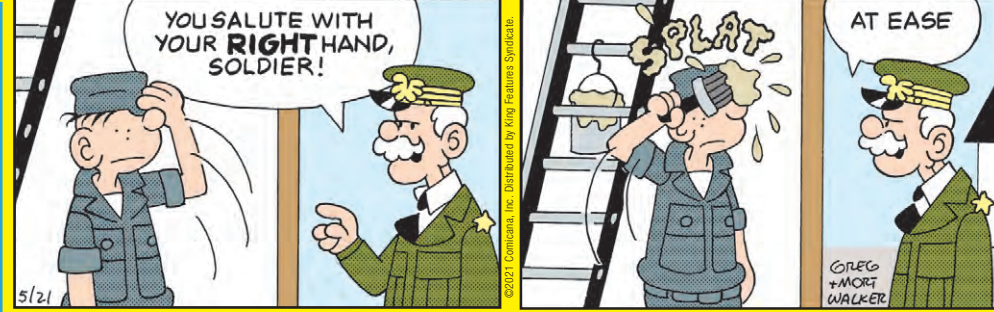
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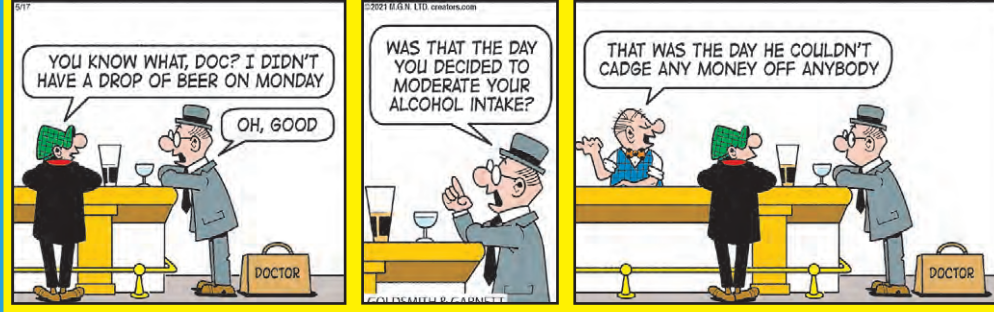
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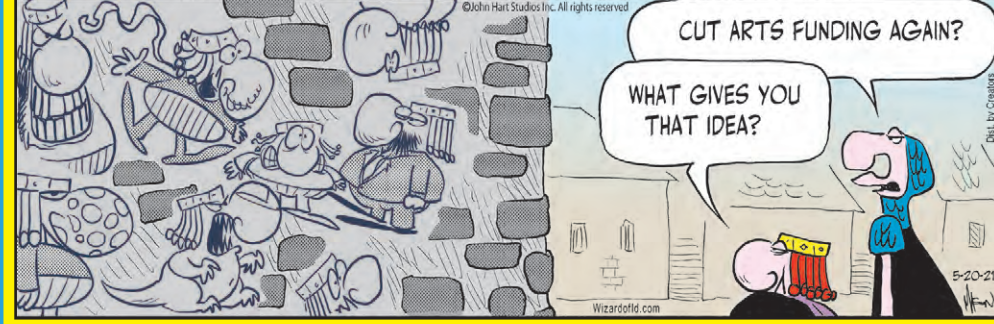
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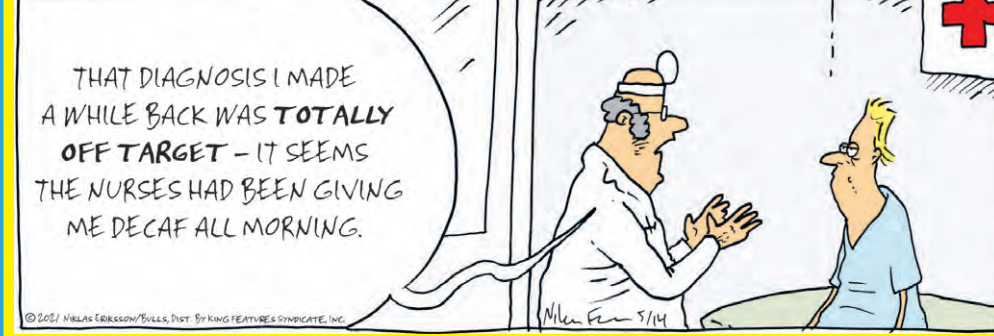
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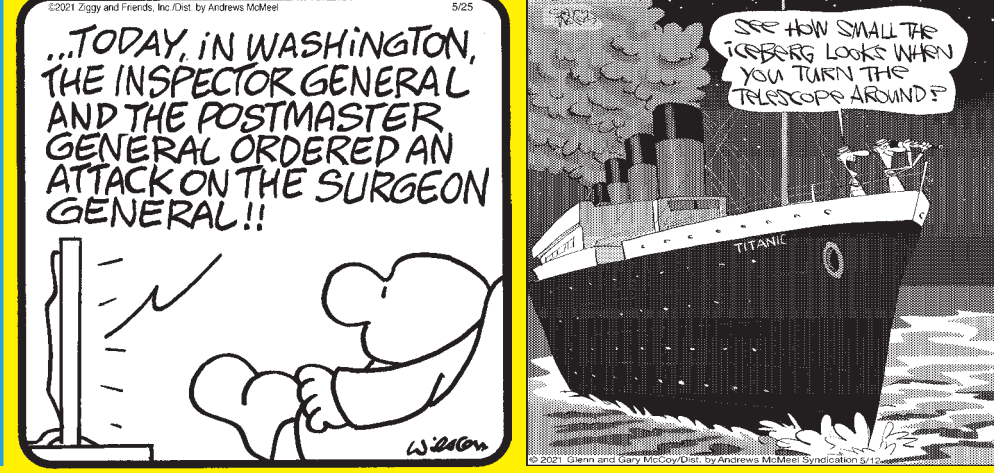


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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- Old-fashioned screen?
- Magma, after it erupts
- Like a single singer
- "Too many cooks spoil the broth," e.g.
- Receptive substance
- Lacking subtance
- Deck for telling the future
- 2D version of a children's game?
- DIY move rental
- Diplomat such as Linda Thomas-Greenfield, briefly
- Breakfast on a South Florida island?
- Ultimate function
- Quantity
- Univ. near Albany
- "What's up, ?" (Bugs Bunny)
- Greek goddess of victory
- Untainted by
- Barbers' gathering?
- Steamy spots
- Consume literature
- Knock loudly
- Nickname for Theodore

DOWN

- Butter portion
- Accessibility law, briefly
- Golfer's benchmark
- Sense of self
- Not stay away
- Diet-friendly, on a food label
- Best possible grade
- scallopi
- Line-forming insect
- Endure
- "Dang it!"
- "In this way"
- How freelancers typically work

ACROSS

- Garlicky shrimp dish
- Countries that fight with each other?
- Booty that pirates store near their booties?
- Unused, as a bedroom
- Theater awards
- How some people visit the vet?
- Game with settlers
- Ones or elevens, in blackjack
- Golden Fleece ship
- Large venue
- Mascara target
- Put away
- Underprivi- leged

DOWN

- Alter, theoretically for the better

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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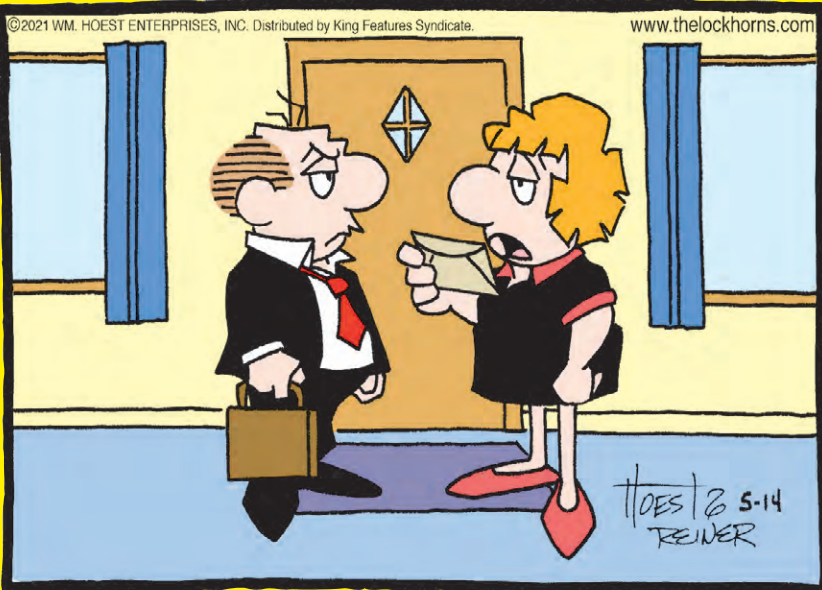
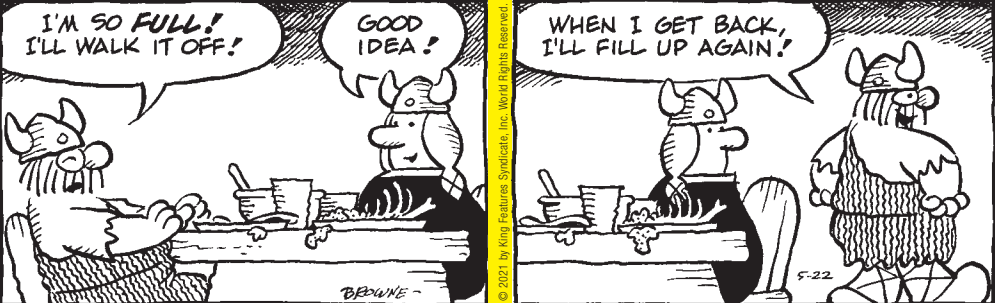


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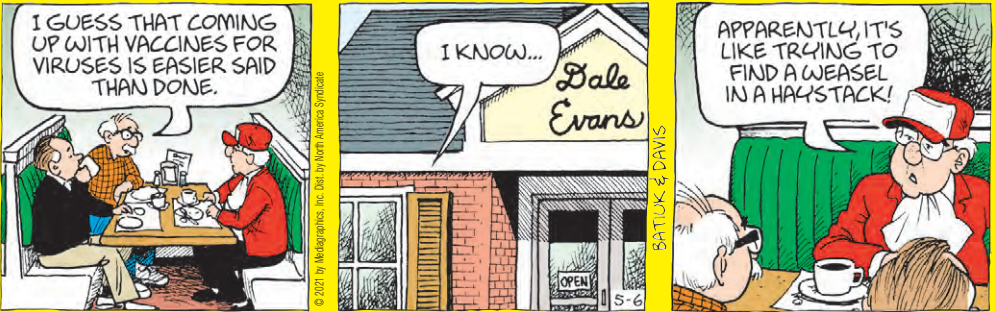
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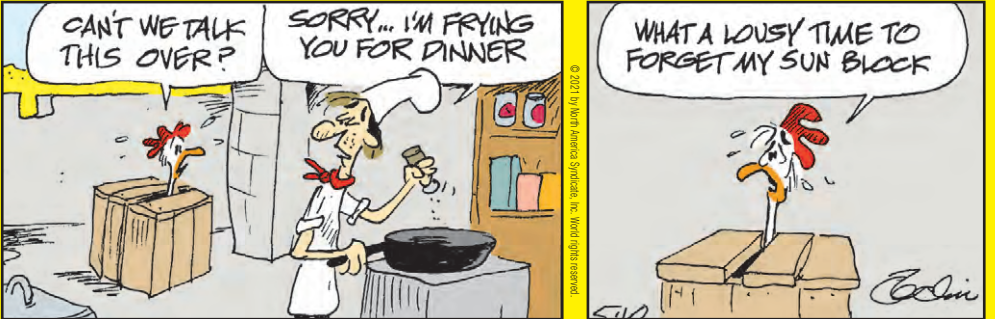
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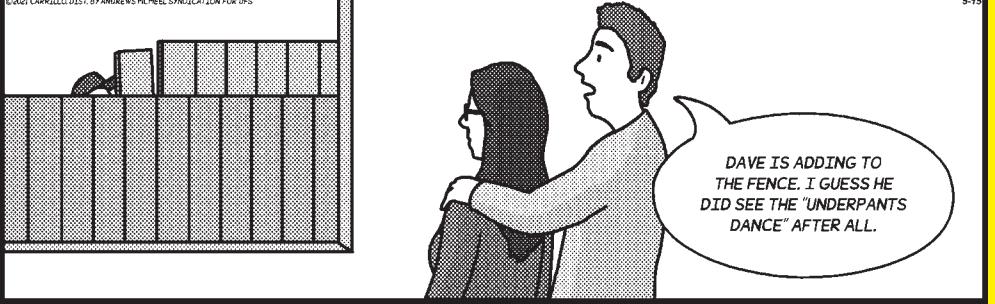
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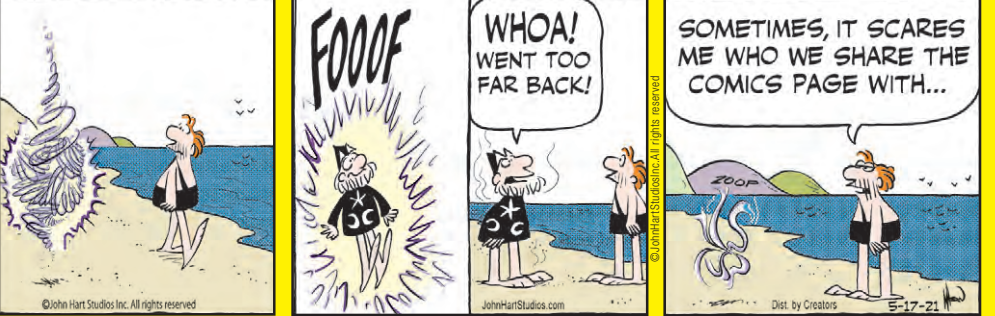
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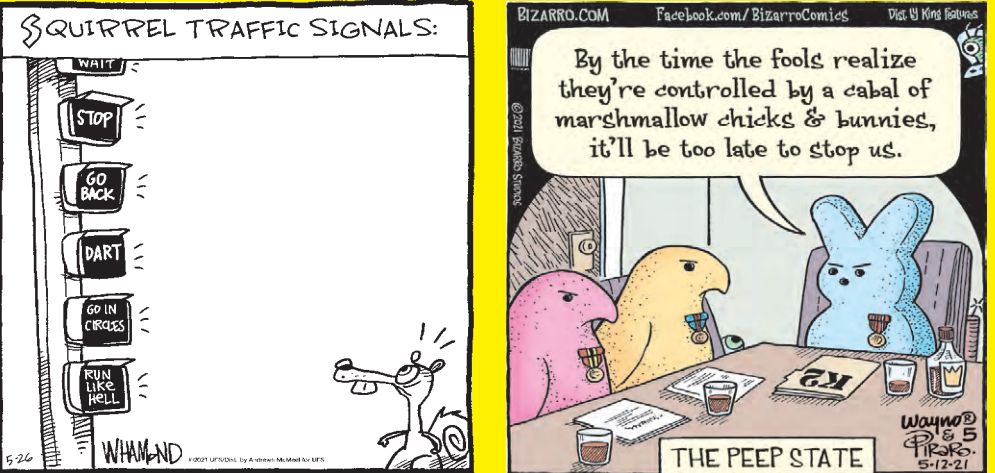


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The University Liggett Knights girls lacrosse team won the Catholic High School League Cardinal Division Championship with a win over Divine Child.

Liggett girls lacrosse wins Catholic League Championship

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The University Liggett School girls varsity lacrosse team celebrated an exciting 12-5 victory over Divine Child Friday, May 14, earning the Knights the title of the 2021 Cardinal Division Catholic League Champions.

Liggett took it to their opponent from the beginning of the game, immediately gaining control of the ball.

“We typically start a bit slow and take 10

minutes or so to find our rhythm,” Liggett head coach Jennifer Larson said. “Today, we came out ready to play and didn’t really need time to settle in at all.”

The first half ended with Liggett at a 6-3 lead. Heading into the second half, the Knights continued to play a fast, physical game but remained patient with the ball, allowing Divine Child little time to set up scoring chances.

“As the game progressed, our energy level remained high and we continued to make

big plays at both ends of the field,” Larson said.

Midfield senior Delaney Garvey had one of the best games of her career, scoring six goals and earning one assist.

“In addition to goals and assists, she caused several turnovers in the midfield and on the defensive end for us,” Larson said. “Junior Tory Roth was outstanding in goal. She made some saves today that I’ve never seen her make before; they were truly great.”

Liggett goals were scored by Garvey (6), Ella Karolak (2), Ava Jacob (2), Abi Cone and Chloe McFarlane. Assists were earned by Karolak (2) and Garvey. Roth made nine saves.

“I think this win gave us the confidence we needed going into the rest of the season,” Larson said. “We knew Divine Child was a strong team, so a win like this reminds us that we are capable of competing with anyone.”

Moving forward, Liggett plans to build off of the momentum

they gained from their Catholic League Championship and use this confidence heading into playoffs.

Larson believes her team has become more well-rounded throughout the field, which took some time for the girls to learn, being a younger team.

“Our defense has definitely been our biggest area of improvement throughout the season,” she said. “In our first games, defensive communication and positioning were probably our biggest weak-

nesses, but now they are our strengths.”

This has been a big year for Liggett having earned three Catholic League championships in field hockey, ice hockey and now lacrosse.

“The girls had been talking about the Catholic League tournament all week and were really excited for the game today,” Larson said. “For many of them, this is their third league championship win this season, which is a great accomplishment for these girls.”



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North’s Brett Arseneau launched a two-run home run over the fence in the first game of a doubleheader against Berkley.

Norsemen sweep Berkley in doubleheader

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North baseball team came into Saturday looking to rebound from losing two of three games to Ford II last week. The Norsemen hosted senior day against a struggling Berkley Bears squad for a doubleheader and were able to pick up two big wins 11-2 and 12-1.

The Norsemen jumped out to an early lead in the first victory. Drew Hill brought in the game’s first run and was followed by an RBI single from Nic Good to bring North up 2-0 after just one inning. North never looked back from there, scoring three more in the second. A two-run home run in inning three by

Brett Arseneau brought the Norsemen’s lead to seven runs.

North would see another big fly in the fourth, with Good launching a three-run shot to centerfield. Good finished game one of the doubleheader with four RBI, while Hill finished with three and Arseneau with two.

Jake Tedesco got the start on the bump for North in game one. He would strike out seven batters in four hitless and scoreless innings. Bryan Carney allowed two runs on four hits in a little over two innings of relief.

The second game of the day was another big win for North, this time 12-1. Danny Vogler had a two-run blast in the third inning and Ian Marshall

hit a ball over the fence in leftfield for a three-run home run in the fifth.

Marshall’s three RBI led North in the second game, while Vogler finished with two from his deep shot. Louis Randazzo, Good, Matt Mourad, Arseneau, Michael Zontini and Ethan LaCroix added an RBI each to the score sheet.

Vogler also received the start on the mound for North in the second game. He allowed just one run on four hits with three Ks in three innings.

Up next, the Norsemen hit the road for games against L’Anse Creuse North Thursday and Grand Blanc Friday. North then returns home to host De La Salle Saturday.

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Kurt Barr had another impressive performance on the mound for Liggett with a complete game shutout.

Knights advance to CHSL finals with narrow win

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett Knights baseball team brought its 21-game win streak into Comerica Park Monday looking to extend its run with a win on the big league field. Facing off against Royal Oak Shrine Catholic in the CHSL semifinals, Liggett was able to outlast Shrine in a tight, low-scoring battle and advance to the finals with a 1-0 victory.

“I think they were nervous, to be honest, and I think they were kind of pressing at the plate,” Liggett coach Dan Cimini said following the win. “It’s great to get them out here. Who gets to have this opportunity? Not many people. So I thought Kurt Barr pitched

amazing today and really kept us in the game, but we left a lot of runners on base.”

Barr pitched a complete game for Liggett, getting the win allowing no runs and just two hits with nine strikeouts in seven innings. Pitching and defense had to be nearly perfect for Liggett Monday as hits were few and far between. The Knights and Shrine combined for just five hits in the entire contest. Ryan Jones had one hit for Liggett while Barr had two.

The only run of the game came in the bottom of the second inning. Liggett was able to load the bases and the lone run was scored after Jarren Purify was hit by a pitch, allowing Jones to walk to home plate.

Cimini knows solid defensive and pitching performances were enough to get the job done Monday and earn a 22nd consecutive victory, but wants to see his team build on it with a consistent offense.

“Pitching and defense is the core of our program — it always has been — and we’re continuing to get better at the point,” Cimini said. “Once the bats come around, it’s going to be scary.”

The Knights now advance to the CHSL finals, which take place Thursday at Jimmy John’s Field in Utica. Liggett will face either Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard or Marine City Cardinal Mooney in the championship.

South girls lacrosse earns wins in crosstown rivalries

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity lacrosse team cleaned up both of their crosstown rivalry games, first meeting University Liggett School for a 9-5 victory May 6, and the following week, celebrating senior night with a 15-1 win over Grosse Pointe North.

“The rivalry games are always fun and the fact that we got to play one for senior night made it really special,” said South head coach Alycsa Valentine.

Valentine is excited about how the girls are performing and continuing to improve each game. Their matchup versus Liggett was a fast, competitive game with numerous shots on goal from both teams. Sophomore goalie Ava Oskui played strong for her team, making 22 saves on 27 shots.

“In our game versus Liggett last week, Ava had an incredible 81 percent save percentage to attribute to the 9-5 win,” Valentine said. “A 30 to 40 percent save percentage is great in girls lacrosse, so the 81 percent performance was phenomenal to witness and was a key part of the team securing the victory.”

Abby Keane led the team with four goals and an assist. Mary Fannon and Lily Petz each had a goal and an assist. Emily Fox, Alston Smith and Meg Kelly also scored one goal each.

The South vs. North game Thursday, May 13, also was an exciting victory for the Blue Devils to celebrate their senior night.

“Our team played really well overall,” Valentine said. “Our team defense played great in front of Ava and she had another stellar performance in

goal, stopping six out of seven shots.”

According to Valentine, the team was missing two seniors, Hope Whitney and Mary Fannon, to injuries, but the girls were prepared to step it up by any means necessary to fill their spots.

“The remaining six seniors, Shannon Lynch, Kate Ennis, Katherine Bsharah, Emma Riley, Alston Smith and Adrienne Byarski, all played their hearts out, each having one of their best games of the season.”

Keane led the team with six goals and two assists and Smith had a hat trick. Byarski earned two goals and one assist. Mia Crapporatta, Phoebe Bedsworth, Lynch and Petz all contributed a goal to round out the scoring. Additional assists were earned by Lily Yezbeck (2), Anna Trempus and Lilli Walton.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett’s Olivia Thomas finished with a hat trick in the Knights’ loss to North.

North tops Liggett in high-scoring matchup

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When the Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School girls soccer teams met for a crosstown showdown Friday, both teams came ready to score. Offense was no issue for either side, but a late push by the Norsemen gave them the victory over the Knights 6-4.

The scoring began in the 18th minute when North’s Ryleigh Ward was able to put one in the back of the net to give the Norsemen the early lead. However, the Knights were not fazed after going down early and just minutes later, Liggett’s Olivia Thomas scored her first of the day to tie things back up.

The flow of the game felt very back and forth for the most part, with neither side seeming to

have a strong advantage in momentum over the other for long. North’s Meadow Venet broke the 1-1 tie in the 35th minute and allowed the Norsemen to take a 2-1 lead into halftime.

The final 40 minutes is where the scoring frenzy really began. In the 59th minute, it was Thomas again for the Knights, knotting the game up at 2-2. Shortly after in the 60th minute, North’s Molly Bennet put one past Liggett keeper Christina Howard to put the Norsemen on top once again.

With North back in the lead, they were not in control long thanks to Thomas, who completed her hat trick on the afternoon for the Knights with another goal in the 63rd minute to bring things even at 3-3. In another quick attack, North regained

the lead as Venet scored her second of the game in the 66th minute.

Trailing 4-3 with just five minutes left, Liggett’s Brooke Summers scored on a great pass from Thomas to once again even the score. The momentum seemed to be on the Knights’ side after a late-game equalizer.

However, in the 76th minute, Venet was able to complete her hat trick for the Norsemen and put them in front for good. Venet ended up with one more tally in the 77th minute to bring her total to four goals on the day and bring the game to a final score of 6-4.

The win was North’s fifth of the season as they prepare for a rematch against Grosse Pointe South Wednesday. Next up for Liggett, they’ll host Oakland Christian Monday afternoon.

South, North golfers meet twice in one week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys golf teams found themselves in competition against one another twice in the past week. With one matchup finishing closer than the other, the Blue Devils ended up on top of the Norsemen in both showdowns.

The two teams met Friday for a three-team match that included Romeo as well. The Bulldogs finished ahead of both Grosse Pointe teams with a low score of 160. South ended up just three strokes behind Romeo with a team score of 163, with

North finishing third with 174.

Sophomore Corbin Ifkovits was the low scorer Friday for the Blue Devils, shooting a 39. Brennan Sullivan, a freshman, finished 40 while senior Antonio Cavaliere shot 41. With South being a mostly young team, the Blue Devils believe they can never stop learning to improve their game.

“The boys are working hard and making progress, which is great because we have a very young team this year,” said South coach Rob McIntyre. “I like to tell the boys that we win or we learn, we never lose.”

The Blue Devils and Norsemen met once

again Monday for a head-to-head showdown at the Country Club of Detroit. South once again finished ahead of North, this time by a wider margin of plus-8 to plus-33.

Thomas Ciconte had the low round for the Blue Devils, shooting 37. Sullivan finished at 38 and Ifkovits at 39.

North’s Niko Karoutsos had the low round of the day for both teams with an impressive 36. Sophomore Sam Latiff shot 46, as did junior James Streberger.

The two teams will meet again at the MAC Red Division meet Friday at Forest Akers West golf course in East Lansing.

North, South softball squads collect big wins

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

On Thursday, Grosse Pointe North hosted a doubleheader against L'Anse Creuse North. The Norsemen honored seniors Dylan Cardinale, Eliza Ellery, Emily McCloskey and Amelia Nowicki and made Senior Day even better by picking up two wins.

Natalie Babcock provided a big spark to North's offense with a home run and a triple in North's first win, which finished 6-0. Katelyn Barr and Jessica Alway each added a pair of hits. Barr also tossed a complete-game shutout on the mound for the Norsemen in game one.

Game two was another win for the Norsemen, this time 13-9. The four seniors, Cardinale, Ellery, McCloskey and Nowicki, combined for

five RBI in the victory, highlighted by a home run from Cardinale. Sophia Borowski came up in the clutch for North with a three-run double to help North seal the win, with McCloskey earning the "W" on the mound.

Over the weekend, North's team competed in the 2021 Bulldog Strike Out Cancer Invitational in Romeo. North's team raised \$1,830, contributing to a total of more than \$5,400 raised over the weekend, all donated to the Rainbow Connection.

North hosts Stevenson Thursday then takes the road for a doubleheader at Lake Shore Monday.

Grosse Pointe South hosted the Berkley Bears Friday looking to rebound from a close 11-10 loss to Port Huron Northern the day before. The Blue Devils and Bears found



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North softball took part in the Bulldog Strike Out Cancer Invitational in Romeo to raise money for the Rainbow Connection.

themselves tied 7-7 after seven innings. Berkley scratched across five runs to take a 12-7 lead in the top of the eighth, but an incredible comeback helped South edge out a 13-12 win.

The Blue Devils had to make one comeback to get the game to go into an extra inning. Down 7-2 in the bottom of the seventh with two outs, South's first

comeback rally was sparked by a two-run home run from Ellie Budziak.

South brought home three more runs in the seventh to tie the game. Down by five runs once again in the bottom of the eighth, an RBI single from Peyton Greiser began the Blue Devils' second comeback. An RBI single from Ellie Smith brought in the run to pull South within

one at 12-11. Livingston followed with a hit to bring in two runs and walk it off for the Blue Devils.

"The team motto for 2021, selected by the team, is 'Fight 'Til The End,'" South coach Bill Fleming said. "They have worked hard, put in extra time and effort, fought back from injuries and illness to be true to their motto. In 25-plus years of coach-

ing high school sports, it's the most impressive comeback I have ever been a part of."

The comeback helped South improve to 14-8 on the season, while North's 7-7 record has them currently second in the MAC Red. Up next for the Blue Devils is a road game against Algonac Friday before hosting Sterling Heights and Avondale Saturday.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Cameron Braithwaite had two RBI in the win over New Haven.

Blue Devils win two of three in GPS Invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils baseball team hosted New Haven, St. Clair and Notre Dame Prep on Saturday for the Grosse Pointe South Invitational. Despite being unable to capture the invitational title, the Blue Devils were able to add two more wins to their record.

South's first game Saturday saw them earn a 7-1 victory over St. Clair. Wells Graham led the offense for the Blue Devils in the morning contest, going two for two at the plate with three RBI. Liam Kaiser, Cliff Grabowski and Jacob Harries all added RBI as well. Blue Devils starter Robbie Leonard tossed a complete game,

allowing just one run on three hits with four strikeouts in six innings of work.

The Blue Devils' second game of the day ended up as a blowout win over New Haven, defeating the Rockets handily 17-0. Quentin Dennis was the leader in this game for South at the plate with four RBI brought in by a grand slam in the fourth inning. Cameron Braithwaite, Josh Kahn, Holden Novak and Bennett Smihal each had multi-RBI games also.

Jonathan Drake started on the mound for South in the win over New Haven. The junior tossed a no-hitter in a game that lasted just four innings, walking one batter and striking out nine in the shutout.

The day was capped

off by a contest between South and Notre Dame Prep to decide who would take home the GPS Invitational title. After two big victories to start the day, the Blue Devils were unable to take three in a row, falling to Notre Dame Prep 5-3.

Harris went two for three at the plate with two RBI in the loss. Graham would bring home South's other run. Chase Mazey started on the mound, allowing five runs on four hits in 4 innings. Harris and Chase Campbell would pitch shutout relief innings.

South hosts Dakota Thursday before hosting Rochester Adams, Mount Pleasant and Portage Northern for another Saturday invitational.

South coaches to host summer hoops camps

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South boys and girls basketball programs are teaming up this summer to host two Hoops United basketball camps. Hoops United is a joint effort between the boys and girls programs at South to give young players the opportunity to work with high school players and coaches to improve their game.

The camps begin June 24 with the two-day Hoops United Skills Camp. The skills camp is aimed at helping young players develop a solid foundation of basketball

fundamentals. Passing, dribbling, defense and shooting will all be in focus over two days where boys and girls can work on improving and growing their basketball skill set.

The second two-day camp beginning June 28 will be the Hoops United Shooting Camp. Both the boys and girls Blue Devils teams pride themselves on shooting the basketball and players will be able to work on every component of their shot. Players and coaches will focus on base, form, finish, stationary and live shooting.

Directors for the camps include the boys and girls

varsity basketball coaches at South. Kevin Richards, head coach of the Blue Devils girls team, was named 2013 AP Class-A Coach of the Year. Boys coach Stephen Benard was the 2020-21 MAC Red Coach of the Year.

Both camps are two days and run from 9 a.m. to noon. Camps are open to boys and girls grades four through nine and cost is \$99 per player per camp. The camps will be hosted at the Grosse Pointe South High School main gym or The Grosse Pointe Academy. To learn more or to register, visit gpsbasketball.com.



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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Alex George had four goals for Liggett in Saturday’s CHSL championship game.

Liggett falls to undefeated Shrine Catholic in CHSL title game

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It was a battle of the Knights Saturday afternoon when the University Liggett School boys lacrosse team faced off against Royal Oak Shrine Catholic for the CHSL championship. With both schools looking to capture their first-ever Catholic League lacrosse titles, an undefeated Shrine team was too powerful for Liggett, who fell 15-7.

Shrine took control early on, with two goals by Conor Benson giving

them a 2-0 lead within the game’s first minute. Shrine would go up 5-0 before Alex George was finally able to put Liggett on the board, but after the first quarter, Liggett still found itself behind 6-1.

“This is a game of momentum and they got a big momentum swing and when you get that momentum and score a lot of goals, that can be difficult to overcome,” Liggett coach Mike Costanzo said. “We were playing a little tentatively early on and just needed to get the momentum going our way.”

Liggett did come out looking to rebound in the second quarter and reduced Shrine’s lead to just three goals after scores by George and Justin Nazarko. However, Shrine took back the momentum. One more goal from George before the half made it 9-4 Shrine after the first 24 minutes.

Liggett added another goal from George along with tallies from Campbell Marchal and Doug Wood in the second half. The Knights were not able to recover from the early deficit. Shrine ended up victorious, claiming its

first CHSL lacrosse title.

“It felt good to get here. They’ve never been here. ... Shrine’s a very tough team we just played and I think we were confident going in,” Costanzo said. “Playing in this setting and this stadium in the championship was good for us, but we just didn’t match up today.”

Liggett now turns its attention to MHSAA state playoffs, where the Knights face crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe South in the first round of Division 2 regional tournament play Thursday at South.


Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (17-9)
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	Berkley (@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	12-5 L
4/22	@ St Clair	5-1 W
4/24	Grand Blanc	15-4 W
4/26	L'Anse Creuse	5-2 W
4/28	@ L'Anse Creuse	11-0 W
4/29	L'Anse Creuse	PPD
5/1	Dakota (DH)	5-2 L, 8-2 L
5/3	@ Anchor Bay	PPD
5/5	Anchor Bay	7-5 W
5/6	@ Anchor Bay	5-3 L
5/8	Grosse Pointe South (DH)	11-0 W, 4-2 W
5/10	Henry Ford	10-9 L
5/12	@ Henry Ford	8-3 W
5/13	Henry Ford	8-1 L
5/15	Berkley (DH)	11-2 W, 12-1 W
5/17	@ L'Anse Creuse North	6-0 W
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 (12-9)
Date	Opponent	Result
4/3	Detroit Edison (DH)	11-1 L, 13-1 L
4/22	@ Stevenson	12-1 W
4/23	Henry Ford II (DH)	8-6 W, 12-5 L
4/24	@ Stevenson	PPD
4/26	Romeo	12-6 W
4/28	@ Romeo	3-1 L
4/30	Romeo	3-1 L
5/1	Lake Shore (@Comerica)	4-3 W
5/4	@ Eisenhower	8-5 W
5/5	Eisenhower	4-2 W
5/6	@ Eisenhower	7-6 L
5/8	@ Grosse Pointe North (DH)	11-0 L, 4-2 L
5/10	@ Chippewa Valley	14-4 W
5/12	Chippewa Valley	9-2 W
5/13	@ Chippewa Valley	14-4 W
5/15	St. Clair (GPS Invitational)	7-1 W
5/15	New Haven (GPS Invitational)	17-0 W
5/15	Notre Dame Prep (GPS Invitational)	5-3 L
5/17	Dakota	8-5 W
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 (22-2)
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)	3-1 W, 4-2 W
4/24	Lutheran Northern (DH)	8-0 W, 3-0 W
4/27	Bishop Foley (DH)	16-1 W, 10-0 W
4/30	Portage Northern (DH)	11-0 W, 15-2 W
5/4	Riverview Gabriel Richard (DH)	8-0 W, 6-1 W
5/6	@ Country Day	PPD
5/7	Plymouth Christian (DH)	10-0 W
5/11	@ Lutheran North (DH)	7-0 W, 2-1 W
5/14	@ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (DH)	PPD
5/17	Shrine (CHSL Semifinals)	1-0 W
5/20	CHSL Finals (Jimmy John's Field)	
5/24	De LaSalle	
5/28	Grosse Pointe South	
5/29	Orchard Lake St Mary	
5/29	Detroit Western	

MAC Baseball Standings as of 5/20					
	Division			Overall	
Red Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Dakota	9	2		20	4
Romeo	10	3		17	7
Gr Pt South	8	3	1	12	9
Eisenhower	4	6	4.5	11	15
Stevenson	1	5	5.5	6	10
Chippewa Valley	0	13	10	1	14
White Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Ford II	11	22		22	4
St. Clair	10	3	1	15	8
Gr Pt North	6	5	4	17	9
Anchor Bay	6	6	4.5	11	8
L'Anse Cr North	4	8	6.5	9	12
L'Anse Creuse	0	12	10.5	12	17

Thursday, May 20	Grosse Pointe North Girls varsity softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Stevenson Boys JV baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. L'anse Creuse Girls varsity lacrosse 5:30 p.m. vs. Bloomfield Hills	Grosse Pointe South Girls and boys varsity track MHSAA regionals 2 p.m.
Grosse Pointe South GPS Girls varsity tennis regionals all day @ Elworthy and Grosse Pointe North Boys varsity baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. Dakota Boys varsity lacrosse 5:30 p.m. vs. ULS	Friday, May 21	Saturday, May 22 Grosse Pointe South Girls varsity track 9 a.m. vs. TBD Boys varsity baseball



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Virtual Meeting	Tuesday, May 11, 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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, by Mayor Louis Therios.

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

Absent: None.

Mayor Therios led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 12, 2021.

Council temporarily adjourned it's Regular Meeting and reconvened as the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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 Monday, June 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a request from 143 Lewiston to allow alterations to an existing non-conforming structure.

Board of Zoning Appeals adjourned and Council resumed it's Regular Meeting.

Council held a Public Hearing and approved the Proposed Tax Millage Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2022.

Council approved a request to approve Water and Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year Ending 2022.

Council approved a request to approve a Recycling Contract Extension and Recycling Rates for Fiscal Year Ending 2022.

Council approved a request to award the 2020 High Lift Pump Replacement project to the low bidder CSM Mechanical, LLC.

Council approved MDOT Fisher Road resurfacing grants.

Council discussed an agreement with National Coney Island but not action was taken.

Council approved the Consent Agenda.

a.

Consideration of appointments of Citizen Representatives to the General Retirement System Board.

b.

Consideration of appointments of Council Representatives to the Public Safety Retirement System Board.

c.

Consideration of the re-appointment of Mary Ellen Brayton, Mary Wells Vournakis and Andy Llewellyn to the Election Commission.

d.

Approval of payment for legal services.

e.

Consideration of a request to approve April 2021 invoices.

Council received the April 2021 Public Safety Report.

Council received the City's Quarterly Financial Report for the nine months ended March 31, 2021.

Council approved an agreement to award the Kerby Road Water Main project to the low bidder Bidigare Contractors.

Council heard public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk.

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GPS Invitational 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m.

Girls varsity softball round robin 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. @ South and Messner

Grosse Pointe North Boys varsity baseball 10 a.m. vs. De La Salle Boys JV “B” 10 a.m. vs. De La Salle @ Ghesquire

Monday, May 24

Grosse Pointe South Girls varsity softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Marine City Girls JV softball 4:30 and 6 p.m. vs. Marine City @ Messner

Grosse Pointe North Girls JV softball 4:30 vs. Lake Shore Girls varsity soccer 6 p.m. vs. Eisenhower

University Liggett School Boys varsity baseball 4 p.m. vs. De La Salle Girls varsity soccer 4:30 p.m. vs. Oakland Christian

Tuesday, May 25

Grosse Pointe South Boys JV baseball 4 and 6 p.m. vs. St. Clair

Grosse Pointe North Girls varsity softball 4:30 p.m. vs. L'Anse Creuse Boys JV “B” baseball 4:30 p.m. vs. South @ Ghesquire

Wednesday, May 26

Grosse Pointe South Boys varsity lacrosse 5 and 7 p.m. MHSAA Regionals

Grosse Pointe North Boys varsity golf 4 p.m. vs. Eisenhower @ Lochmoor

University Liggett School Girls varsity lacrosse 4:30 p.m. vs. TBD Girls varsity softball 4:30 p.m. vs. Algonac



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE GENTILE

The Women’s Novice 8+ boat. Left to right: Maddie Kitchen, Sophia Herman, Gwyn Smith, Olivia Bachert, Gwen Sutton, Ryleigh O’Donoghue, Jill Pilutti, Sam Kitchen, (not pictured) Tess Kadian.

High school rowers compete at Midwest championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

High school rowers from around the Pointes had a chance to compete with the best in the Midwest this weekend at the U.S. Rowing Midwest Junior Rowing Championships in Cincinnati. The Detroit Boat Club Crew team came out of the weekend without any national championship qualifiers, but the rowers still enjoyed plenty of success together.

“We’ve had a lot of success in the past, but on a smaller scale,” said Detroit Boat Club Crew women’s team coach Mike Gentile. “This year we had a lot of people have success. ... It was a much better team representation than we’ve had before.”

The Detroit Boat Club Crew women’s team finished sixth overall in team points. The best

performance of any Detroit boat from the weekend was the Women’s Novice 8+ silver medal team comprised of Maddie Kitchen, Sophia Herman, Gwyn Smith, Olivia Bachert, Gwen Sutton, Ryleigh O’Donoghue, Jill Pilutti, Sam Kitchen and Tess Kadian.

Without one particular group of Detroit rowers outshining the others, Gentile feels like the program is headed in the right direction by enjoying a solid overall performance.

“It means we’re doing a lot of the right things and growing the team in an effective way and getting our numbers up for both the girls rowing team and boys rowing team,” he said.

The overall success of the program over the weekend is a big plus for boosting Detroit Boat Club Crew’s reputation.

Heading into the competition this weekend, the club already was being eyed as having the potential to make some noise. Even though things may not have ended up quite how they wanted, rowers from Detroit Boat Club Crew fought hard to the end.

“We were in the conversation of being a threat to some of the top teams in the nation,” Gentile said. “We didn’t quite execute as well as we wanted to, but as a whole, we did very well and had a lot of people who were in meaningful races on the last day of racing and were one of the last teams to leave the site.”

Detroit Boat Club Crew will be hosting learn-to-row programs for adults as well as middle and high school students this summer. To learn more, visit detroitboatclubcrew.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH LOFLIN

Sam Loflin and Corbin Ruttan (catcher) chat on the mound ahead of Monday nights game against the Redwings.

Around Little League

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Woods-Shores

On Thursday, Majors action saw the A’s defeat the Dodgers 9-4. On the same night, the Nats earned a dominant victory 13-1 over the Angels.

In Minors competition Saturday, the Red Wings took down the Lugnuts 14-4. The Loons defeated the Mudhens 6-2, while the Ironbirds picked up a big win over the Knights 17-6.

The Majors also were back in action over the weekend. Saturday, the Dodgers beat the Tigers

6-3, while the A’s won over the Angels 11-1 Sunday. The Dodgers, Nats and A’s all currently sit tied atop the Majors standings with the Angels just a half game behind.

Monday, the Bulls defeated the Red Wings 13-2, with Corbin Ruttan leading the way with seven RBI and a home run.

Farms-City

The Yard Goats got a win over the Storm 8-6 Thursday. Charlie Bunch and Nico Brennan had RBI for the Storm, while Brady Lamb and Nicholas Gargasoulas brought in

runs for the Goats.

Also Thursday, the Thunder took down the Raptors 7-0. The game was a scoreless tie until the fourth inning, when Joseph Butkus had a two-RBI hit for the Thunder to break things open.

In AAA action Saturday, the Rivercats beat the Knights in a high-scoring 15-14 affair. James Van Marcke had a triple for the Knights while Brewer Puma, Jake Gilewski and Jack Nicholas all had doubles.

The Majors were in action Monday. The Red Sox beat the Astros 10-0, while the Padres won over the Cubs 11-4.

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