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Neighbors consider 389 St. Clair proposal too dense

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A combination of townhouse-style condos and apartments is planned for the school administration building at 389 St. Clair.

Residents living within 300 feet of the project came away from an early May Zoom meeting with the developer with concerns the plan may be too dense for the area.

However, the devel-

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The Michigan Color Guard performed at a past Memorial Day ceremony at The War Memorial.

In memory, with honor

From 1941-45, World War II affected every aspect of life in Grosse Pointe. The Neighborhood Club became a community support center, sending soldiers off to war and providing USO activities. Grosse Pointers assumed demanding positions in wartime industries, government and military.

Women like Alice M. Scheaffler, who was elected to the Board of Education from 1942-54, filled a wider range of jobs than ever before. At the 1950 dedication of Alger House as the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, a

plaque commemorated 120 casualties from among Grosse Pointe's 3,600 men and women who served in the conflict.

A look back

The spacious Italian Renaissance-style home built in 1910 for Russell A. Alger, Jr. and his family was designed by architect Charles A. Platt of New York. Ellen Biddle Shipman was the landscape architect; the house and gardens were designed together as a unit with particular attention to the use of various ground levels to the best

'Freedom Is Not Free'

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it,
and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud,
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

— Kelly Strong

Jarrell sets plans

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Director of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell officially began his position with the Park Wednesday, May 19.

The start date comes after an almost four-month interim period where Park public safety was led by interim director Lt. Jim Bostock.

Out of college Jarrell was a Marine and then a member of the Southfield Police Department, where he served as a patrol officer, traffic officer, D.A.R.E. officer, evidence technician, sergeant, lieutenant and deputy chief. Most recently he hails from Prescott Valley, Ariz., where he served the community as chief of police.

During his time in Prescott Valley, Jarrell implemented many practices he intends to bring to the Park. He places a large



Director of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell

emphasis on ongoing training and open communication between the community and the public safety force.

"We tend to focus a lot of our training on hands-on stuff like firearms, defensive tactics, Taser, all of those kinds of things," Jarrell said. "Those things are important because they're one of the high liability areas, but it's something that we do a fraction

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fisher Road between Charlevoix and Mack is among the areas in need of improvements.

Third time the charm? Pointes apply for Fisher Road grant

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY AND FARMS — It's been three years since the state began funding the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program, which is a competitive grant program for resurfacing roads in small communities. For the third year in a row, the City and Farms will submit a joint application for work on Fisher Road between Mack and Kercheval.

To make the application more attractive than in previous years, when the cities offered to split the funds for 50 percent

of the work, they now will commit to a 60 percent match between the City and Farms. The Michigan Department of Transportation would cover 40 percent, if accepted.

This "is still a better deal than getting nothing," Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said, adding the two Pointes typically split the cost of the entire stretch of Fisher for maintenance and repair activities.

Under the grant proposal, the City and Farms each would pay \$243,660 toward the work, with MDOT covering \$812,200. These esti-

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Video celebration for Memorial Day

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission opted for the second year to cancel its annual Memorial Day observance. Instead of hosting the event, nor-

mally held at the Veterans' Memorial Parkway Circle of Honor outside of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, the city posted a 54-minute video from Memorial Day 1997, its 15th annual observance to honor those who served.

The video features the late Robert E. Novitke —

who was a member of the U.S. Marine Corp, fought in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart — as the keynote speaker.


"Today is a day for reflection, to honor, to give thanks and most of all to remember all of those who have been

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Pushback on advancing drop box deadline

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — One hour into a 7 1/2-hour drive home from a state Senate elections committee hearing in Lansing to his family’s fourth-generation dairy farm in the western Upper Peninsula, Republican Sen. Ed McBroom had time to reflect on the warning, “No good deed goes unpunished.”

His proposed legislation to make Election Day easier for election workers by shutting down absentee ballot drop boxes a day before polls close generated nearly total opposition at the hearing, Wednesday, May 5.

Hits came from the left: “Far from helping clerks, it would likely make their offices even busier on election day,” testified Aghogho Edevbie, state director of All Voting is Local Michigan.

The right: “Nothing should be done to limit an elector’s access to remit their ballot prior to that deadline,” added Herasanna Richards, legislative associate for the Michigan Municipal League.

And middle: “We should be increasing voter participation by making voting more convenient, not less,” said Christina Schlitt, president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “Absentee voters ballot drop boxes should be available through election day.”

“I’m taking into account a lot of feedback that perhaps this is an unnecessary solution,” McBroom said during the drive.

McBroom is a veteran lawmaker. He served three terms in the Michigan House prior to winning one of the UP’s

two Senate seats in 2018. Experience tells him that legislation as introduced rarely survives without revision.

“Propositions 2 and 3 were major, major overhauls of the election (process),” McBroom said, referring to legislative redistricting and voting amendments to the state Constitution in 2018. “To have follow-up legislation because of unforeseen ripple effects is a natural part of any legislative process.”

The sorest point in his Senate Bill 286, initially, was requiring absentee voter drop boxes be off limits starting 5 p.m. election eve; voters still in possession of a ballot after 5 p.m. would have had to deliver it to the clerk’s office.

McBroom thought he was jumpstarting the ballot-counting process by having voters take absentee ballots into clerks’ offices rather than making clerks and staff service boxes.

“All I was intending to do was allow clerks to get started on (absentee ballots) sooner,” McBroom said.

During the hearing, McBroom offered a substitute bill, which was adopted, moving the drop box deadline from 5 p.m. election eve to 5 p.m. the day of the election, three hours before polls close, not 27 hours as first proposed.

“I’m just trying to provide for the clerks’ office not to have dozens of people working all night long,” McBroom said.

He based the legislation on discoveries made while chairing the Senate’s investigation into the 2020 election. Late-night jam-ups of absentee ballots delivered to the TCF Center in Detroit were traced to drop boxes. McBroom’s

investigation found no tampering or corruption anywhere, just bottlenecks and inefficiencies all over.

“In 2020, we had a massive expansion of absentee voting,” McBroom said. “It was obviously a huge burden on that city. I simply was proposing one solution. On Election Day, a person who has the energy to deposit a ballot into one of these boxes could almost as easily walk into a clerk office and hand it to somebody in person, eliminating the need for somebody to go out late at night to collect tens of thousands of these ballots and start the (counting) process so late at night.”

Bill Zaagman, a lobbyist for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, doesn’t think the substitute measure will lessen his client’s concerns with the legislation.

“The last place we want people on Election Day is in the clerk’s office delivering ballots that could be collected in a box outside,” Zaagman said.

“Especially during a pandemic,” said Lisa Hathaway, Grosse Pointe Woods clerk and former 10-year board member of the association. “You’d need a one-way flow of traffic, causing lines for voters to wait to hand over ballots.”

“It’s voter convenience any way you look at it,” Zaagman said.

“From a clerk’s perspective,” Hathaway said, “the earlier the votes

come in, the better, the most time for processing. But that’s not my goal as a clerk. My goal is to make it as easy as possible for people to vote in the fashion they choose, whether it’s absentee or in person.”

Clerks didn’t seek the legislation, according to Zaagman. Hathaway agreed.

“Clerks often aren’t asked our opinion during elections or what the actual procedures are,” Hathaway said. “A lot of times there are assumptions that aren’t accurate as far as procedures are concerned by people who don’t understand election law or the administration of elections.”

“The intention is to create better efficiency on election night,” McBroom said. “Clearly, this is not a widespread problem, but it was a problem in our largest community in the state. I’m not wed to having to do it, but I’m glad we’re having a discussion about it.”

Whereas Sen. McBroom is well-intentioned, we view it as a solution in search of a problem,” Zaagman said.

Tons of ballots

As a result of the 2018 constitutional amendment giving all voters the right to cast absentee ballots, clerks throughout Michigan installed more than 1,100 secure ballot drop boxes, according to written testimony by Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, whose staff did not respond to interview

requests.

“This is one of the reasons for the record-setting number of ballots cast by voters on both sides of the aisle in November — two-thirds of which were absentee,” Benson wrote. “More of those ballots were brought to drop boxes on Election Day than any other day. To prohibit their use that day would lead to widespread voter confusion, frustration and the inadvertent disenfranchisement of voters who would reasonably think they could drop off their ballot in a drop box on Election Day.”

“Our cities throughout the state tracked that over 70 percent of ballots were returned via absentee ballot, with the highest volume of ballots returned within 24 hours of the election,” said the MML’s Richards.

Grosse Pointe Park had a record 9,000 absentee turnout, according to Clerk Jane Blahut.

“The most we had before was 3,000,” she said.

All of the Grosse Pointes have at least one drive-up drop box under video surveillance outside, and also sometimes within, their respective city halls.

“The boxes are not just for voters, they’re also for water and tax bills,” Blahut said. “We empty it every morning. Then, through Election Day, we check the box throughout the day as well as when the polls close.”

“The (Farms) has a secure drop box at city hall, 90 Kerby Road,” said

Derrick Kozicki, Farms city clerk. “In accordance with state law, the drop box is checked for returned absentee ballots until 8 p.m. on election night. The drop box was used extensively by residents during the 2020 election cycle.”

“Our drop box complies with state election law,” said Julie Arthurs, clerk of the City. “It has been under surveillance since September of last year. I prefer for the legislation to get a little further before commenting.”

The Shores has one drop box in front of city hall.

“We go out three or four times a day emptying that box,” said Tom Krokczyk, Shores administrator.

Two boxes are located on the horseshoe drive in front of Woods municipal headquarters on Mack.

“One box has been there longer than I’ve been with the city; that’s 27 years,” Hathaway said. “The other was installed before the November election. Just prior to the election, I asked for trees to be trimmed and the (video) camera moved so it would surveil comings and goings of those boxes.”

It was done.

“The purpose of those boxes is for voters to drop off their ballots at whatever time is convenient for them,” Hathaway said. “Clerks have had processes in place for picking ballots out of these drop boxes for longer than I’ve been working for the municipality.”

War Memorial kicks off public policy series

As part of its “Our American Values” series, The War Memorial presents curated videos and associated print material focusing on major issues of public policy facing America this summer. The online series kicked off this week with a look at voting rights.

Through March 30, legislators in 43 states — including Michigan — have introduced 361 bills that, if enacted into law, would make it significantly less convenient and more difficult to vote in future elec-

tions. Despite no evidence of widespread election fraud, most of these bills are being portrayed as efforts to protect the integrity of the vote. That characterization of the proposals is resonating with much of the American people who are convinced, also without evidence, there must have been fraud in the 2020 presidential election.

Faced with a growing likelihood that new restrictions will emerge between now and the 2022 mid-term elections, Democratic members of both houses of the U.S. Congress crafted the For the People Act. The act is aimed at precluding many, if not most, of the new state-

level restrictions. Known as H.R.1 in the House and S.1 in the Senate, the For the People Act has been called a “power grab” by Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, while Majority Leader Chuck Schumer says its purpose is to “undo some of the despicable and frankly racist changes that these Republican legislatures have made or are trying to make in the way people vote.”

It seems safe to conclude McConnell and Schumer both consider the For the People Act important. A third source, however, is needed to understand what the act says and, if adopted, will or will not allow. For that, The War Memorial turned to the nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice

at NYU Law.

Brennan Center staff have been following the legislation closely and prepared two items available on The War Memorial’s website. The first is a text-based “explainer” that separates fact from fiction about the act. The second item is a video — Brennan Center Director Michael Waldman’s testimony on the For the People Act given to the Senate Rule Committee’s Subcommittee on Campaign Finance, Voting Rights and Ethics.

“Issues Facing America in the Summer of 2021” is the fifth installment of The War Memorial’s “Our American Values” series. Links to the first four of its series installments are available at warmemorial.org/americanvalues.

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*Aug. 3 Primary

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*Aug. 3
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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Pointer is longtime chair of internal medicine at St. John

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Witnessing the compassion and commitment of a physician who provided care for his mother when he was a young child is what inspired Dr. Louis D. Saravolatz to pursue a career in the medical field.

He has been the chairman of internal medicine at Ascension St. John Hospital 25 years, in the meantime raising his three children — aspiring actor/writer Samuel, Dr. Louis II and Dr. Stephanie — in Grosse Pointe Shores. Calling his marriage his greatest accomplishment, his wife, Yvette, teaches students on the autism spectrum at Brownell Middle School.

“I told my three children as they were growing up that, being a physician, every day you will have an opportunity to learn something new, you’ll have an opportunity to help another



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. LOUIS D. SARAVOLATZ

Saravolatz has served as the chair of internal medicine at Ascension St. John Hospital for 25 years.

human being and you’ll be able to support your family and provide a

not really much more I could ask for.”

Having recently completed a four-year term as governor of the Michigan chapter of the American College of Physicians, where he oversaw providing educational experiences, reviewed research activities and served as the voice for Michigan doctors at the national level, Saravolatz was honored with the ACP’s Alvan R. Feinstein Memorial Award in late April.

The award — named for the father of clinical epidemiology and given every two years to an ACP member who has made a major contribution to patient care in clinical epidemiology — was presented to Saravolatz for his scholarly work since 1982, in the treatment of staphylococcus disease, along with other studies in the treatment of numerous pathogens.

“I was very honored that my colleagues would recognize me in

this fashion,” he said, “... and I just hope that the work that we worked on will end up continuing to help others and continue to lead other physicians to work toward that goal.”

The pandemic, he said, has shifted his current area of focus to COVID-19, as he has taken part in publishing more than 10 research papers, as well as works on vaccine trials to prevent disease, a monoclonal antibody trial to prevent people from becoming infected once they’ve been exposed and a trial to prevent blood clots.

Directing development of the Thomas Mackey Center for Infectious Disease Research at St. John, expected to be complete by September, also has kept him busy in recent months. The center will consolidate laboratory and clinical research into a single location, while providing additional space to enable

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of the time. About 3 percent of an officer’s time is actually spent putting his hands on somebody.

“What I tend to do is spend a lot of time, in addition to that kind of training, talking about de-escalation, trying to get the guys to be more of the guardian mindset instead of the warrior.”

In his introduction to city council and the community, Jarrell said his belief is “training should be ongoing and it should be relevant.”

He hopes to bring a de-escalation program to the Park, where officers will go through different scenarios and, based on how they act, the operator will branch off with different outcomes. This will give officers hands-on experience on how to deal with various situations, whether involving a homeless person or someone with a language barrier. This may help

address diversity interactions Park residents have been concerned with recently.

Jarrell believes in open communication to build trust between residents and their public safety department. To bridge the gap, he plans to host town hall meetings and develop a citizens advisory board, both practices he implemented during his time in Arizona.

The town hall meetings would potentially be held outside at one of the parks. He said a town hall likely would include himself, Bostock and potentially a few other members of the public safety department, and there would be a roaming microphone for residents to ask questions.

The citizens advisory board that was developed in Prescott Valley included 22 members from the community who represented students, teachers, media, minorities, elected officials, veterans, retirees and more.

“It offered us the opportunity to say, ‘What are

you hearing in your neighborhoods? Bring your concerns to us and then we will tell you what our response is,’” Jarrell said.

A similar board will be brought to the Park. Selected individuals likely will be chosen through an application process.

When asked what changes Jarrell planned to make immediately, he said everything looked good in the department thus far.

“It’s going to take me a while to do a review of everything, look at policies and just the way things are done,” he said. “And if at the end of that review process I see anything that I think could be done better or more efficiently, we’ll introduce some changes. I don’t foresee anything right now, except the weight room is pretty inadequate. So that’s one of my first priorities, is making sure our guys have somewhere where they can go and workout, stay healthy and fit.”

Taking responsibility

Jarrell discusses lost firearm incident

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Some heat came from a Park community Facebook group after Bryan Jarrell was hired as the new director of public safety when a resident uncovered an article regarding a firearm incident from November 2017.

According to the article, Jarrell, who was chief at the time, left his service weapon in a Prescott Valley Public Library bathroom Nov. 9. He did not report it missing until several days later; the weapon was never found.

Jarrell released a statement on Prescott Valley Police Department’s Facebook page regarding the incident.

“As chief of police, I take full responsibility for my negligent actions that resulted in the misplacing of my service weapon,” the post read. “It is an uncomfortable feeling to have lost something as important as a firearm, especially for a person who has

dedicated his life to serving and protecting the public.”

Jarrell attended a council meeting at the public library the night in question. He and his wife had season tickets for the Northern Arizona Suns basketball team, who had a game that night after the council meeting. At the close of the meeting, Jarrell went to the library’s bathroom to change out of uniform and into civilian clothes to attend the basketball game. He put his uniform in a duffle bag and inadvertently left the service weapon behind.

The following day was a holiday and Jarrell did not work the rest of the weekend. Monday morning, as he was unloading his duffle bag to get ready for work and did not find his weapon, he realized his mistake.

“I immediately told my city manager and we launched an investigation,” Jarrell said. “The police department tried to track it down; they have a very antiquated and not very well working video system in the library that was of no help. I even hired a private investigator on my own and offered a \$500 reward that I would have

paid, not the city.”

The weapon was not recovered.

Jarrell met with the city manager, who intended to issue Jarrell a letter of caution after the incident. Jarrell told him he needed to be treated justly for the incident.

“If the people in my police department felt that I was being treated any differently, or getting special treatment because of who I was,” Jarrell said, “I would lose the ability to lead them because they would lose trust and confidence in me.”

Together they decided Jarrell would be disciplined with a two-day suspension, pay to replace the gun and attend a gun safety class.

“We’ve been hearing this for a long time, but especially over the past couple years,” Jarrell said. “People in a community, all they want from their police department is honesty and to be held accountable when they do wrong, but they want people to take responsibility for their actions. And, I did.”

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options. Because so many communities have created and expanded recycling programs, the market for recyclable materials has softened. The chain effect makes the service less profitable for recycling contractors and, therefore, more expensive for communities to provide.

“There may be some recommendations that may be different than what we’re doing now,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “They may eliminate certain recyclable materials from the mix, so we’ll look at those recommendations, go back (and) go out to bid.”

Following the bidding process, administration plans to bring a proposal back to council this fall, at which time rates may be adjusted mid-year.

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Igniting trouble

Between 8 p.m. Sunday, May 16, and 7:57 a.m. Monday, May 17, an unknown suspect pulled out and tampered with the ignition in a vehicle parked in the 200 block of Rivard Boulevard. The owner believed the vehicle had been locked and did not notice anything missing.

Stolen vehicle

A red 2004 Chrysler Sebring was stolen from an ally in the 300 block of Washington Road between Sunday, May 16, and the early morning hours of Monday, May 17.

Expired plate

After a LEIN/Secretary of State check confirmed a 33-year-old St. Clair Shores man’s plate was expired, he was pulled over at Jefferson Avenue and Cadieux Road at 12:51 p.m. Thursday, May 20, and arrested for a warrant out of Clinton Township. He also was issued citations for driving while license suspended and an improper plate violation. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Tree crash

After his vehicle struck a tree near Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 12:23 p.m. Monday, May 17, a 19-year-old Detroit man was arrested for

operating under the influence and drinking as a minor.

Driving while license suspended

Following a LEIN/Secretary of State check showing his plate was expired, a 25-year-old Warren man was pulled over at Beaupre and Hillcrest roads at 11:54 p.m. Tuesday, May 18. The man then was issued a citation for driving while license suspended, while his vehicle was impounded.

No stone left unturned

A 32-year-old St. Clair man, who told officers he was homeless and looking for a place to sleep, was seen checking for valuables around tables inside a tent at a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 5:11 a.m. Wednesday, May 19. A pair of pliers was found with the man and he was arrested for breaking and entering, possession of burglary tools and larceny.

Texting and driving

After officers noticed a vehicle parked on Mack Avenue with one front wheel over the curb Thursday, May 20, the 16-year-old Detroit driver immediately admitted to having lost control of the vehicle while texting and driving. She was issued a cita-

tion for not having a license and for providing false information to an officer, because she gave two incorrect aliases.

Dirt bike debacle

When officers attempted to pull over four dirt bikes traveling near 50 mph westbound on Lakeshore and weaving in and out of traffic at 6:29 p.m. Friday, May 21, two of the riders attempted to flee. They were identified as 14- and 18-year-old Detroit boys once they were successfully pulled over; neither of their dirt bikes was registered. Both were brought into the station for fleeing and eluding officers, although the 14-year-old was released to his parents. A 22-year-old Warren man who was part of the group was pulled over immediately and issued a citation for not having a license or registration.

Caffeine-dependent fraudster

A 52-year-old Farms man discovered he was the victim of identity theft through his email account being compromised and allowing access to his military exchange account, when an unknown suspect purchased a \$2,099 espresso machine under his name and address.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Thief with taste

Between Thursday,

May 6, and Thursday, May 13, an unknown suspect stole a blue gazing ball lawn ornament from a property in the 90 block of Edgewood Drive.

Recovered vehicle

While responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle stopped on Lakeshore Road at 2:13 a.m. Saturday, May 15, officers arrested the 29-year-old Troy driver for driving with a suspended license and multiple warrants. The vehicle later was confirmed stolen from a rental agency.

No insurance

After being pulled over for a defective brake light at Lakeshore and Vernier roads at 1:12 p.m. Monday, May 17, a 26-year-old Detroit man was arrested for not having insurance, as well as cited for driving with a suspended license and defective equipment.

Illegal U-turn

A 30-year-old Detroit man was pulled over after making an illegal U-turn at Vernier and Lakeshore roads at 12:56 a.m. Wednesday, May 19. The man then was arrested for driving with a suspended license and his vehicle was impounded.

Just doing their job

Officers were dispatched to Osius Park at 1:53 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, after it was reported a person in a van was stealing deck planking from the parking lot. It turned out the van

was occupied by Department of Public works staff.

Drunk with 12 warrants

Responding to a possible drunken driver report on eastbound Lakeshore Road at 2:57 p.m. Sunday, May 23, officers pulled behind the vehicle only for it to rapidly accelerate to 60 mph. When the cruiser’s lights were activated, the 30-year-old Detroit man pulled over and was arrested for having open intoxicants, driving with a suspended license and not having insurance. He also had 12 active warrants with surrounding agencies. A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol level was .6 percent.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Intoxicated speeding

A 29-year-old Detroit man was stopped for driving 54 mph in a 30 mph zone at Mack and Balfour at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday, May 19.

The man was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

False fire

A call was received at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, stating there was a fire at a business on Mack. The business was not on fire. It is believed the 25-year-old Detroit man put in the call because he was unhappy with the bill for his bike repair.

Stolen car

A 2001 Dodge Caravan was stolen overnight Thursday, May 20, from the front of a house in the 1100 block of Grayton. The car was locked and parked in the street. It was found later at Bonita and Wayburn in Detroit. The driver-side door handle was damaged and the ignition was punched. The suspect is still unknown.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

No crime to report. Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

CHARM:

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mates are based on resurfacing 3.5 inches with curb capping and no driveway apron replacement.

While the City’s portion of Fisher Road currently is scheduled to be tackled in six years, if the grants are accepted, Dame said, the road work would be scheduled for 2022.

City of Grosse Pointe administration has noted if the grant is awarded, current planned road projects for 2022 would not be displaced, as the City would use funds other than road improvement funds, such as the capital projects fund.

“Obviously, the advantage of this is not only instead of having to pay half the cost of road repavement splitting with Grosse Pointe City, the cost would be significantly subsidized by this grant,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside



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Should the grant be awarded, road work would be scheduled for 2022.

said, “(but also it would) ultimately get it on our repaving schedule in a more expedient manner.” The Pointes expect to receive word mid-July on whether the grant has been approved.

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OUR VIEW

‘Sacrifice is empty without remembrance’

A second Memorial Day is coming to pass with big gaps in the community: no gathering at the Circle of Honor in Grosse Pointe Woods, no commemoration along Lake St. Clair on the lawn of The War Memorial. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted many annual traditions since March 2020, but there’s a special tinge of sadness in the loss of ceremonies that honor those who gave their utmost for their country. With two locales in the Grosse Pointes that have long marked the date, residents here may be especially attuned to the essence of Memorial Day.

This year, Grosse Pointe Woods is making the recording of its 1997 ceremony available on its website, gpwmi.us. It serves as a fitting way to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in war and as a tribute to the city’s recently departed mayor, Robert Novitke. Mayor Novitke — and, yes, he was already mayor in 1997 — gave a touching speech about sacrifice and memory. “Sacrifice is empty without remembrance,” he noted.

Mayor Novitke served in Vietnam as part of a four-year tour of duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. He recollected arriving in Vietnam as part of a 209-man unit and departing as one of the 38 remaining. It’s a tough reminder of the casualties war inflicts and that in combat, as the mayor pointed out, the hero doesn’t always win. The heroes, he said, may pay with their lives or with their physical or mental well-being.

The War Memorial, a site born in the yearning to remember those who didn’t return from war, also is forging its usual ceremonies again this year. Yet the institution’s mission can still be attended to online, by reading through the names of local residents who gave their lives for their country, starting with the World War II honor roll and continuing through the Korean and Vietnam wars and Desert Storm.

Also available: a video of the last gathering, in 2019. (Go to warmemorial.org and then, from the Patriotic menu, select About Patriotism at the War Memorial.)

The War Memorial started with the intention of honoring World War II service. Those very few remaining vets are well into their 90s now. Veterans who served in Korea and even Vietnam are in their retirement years. Yet, along with those lost in more recent conflicts in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq, the gaps they have left matter.

Their families still remember a lost child or parent, sibling or cousin. The absences in the community may seem invisible, but are there nonetheless — someone is missing who would have been a steadfast volunteer, a community leader, a valued employee.

In thwarting Memorial Day events, the pandemic has now taken a two-year toll on the ability to bear witness to the importance of those memories and absences. The recording of the 1997 ceremony in the Woods, for example, is a reminder that these events also give the Pointes their close-knit, hometown feel: There are local bands and musicians, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, residents holding a field of flags. The music of America and the words of patriotism are woven throughout.

This weekend will leave the hope — perhaps even the presumption — that next year will bring the return of large gatherings. Whether at the Circle of Honor or The War Memorial lawn, proper commemorations matter on Memorial Day.

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Construction of the gazebo at Pier Park is underway and expected to be complete by July 4.

OUR VIEW

The heart of our parks

The heat is on. Although it isn’t steady, the combination of hot weather and the coming three-day weekend surely will lure more and more Grosse Pointers to their parks and their boats.

And they’ll find improvements waiting for them — some of them actually made possible because of decreased activity during periods when Michiganders had to hunker down because of spikes in COVID-19 rates.

Rules for gatherings and masks are changing fast in Michigan and the parks surely will adapt. As vaccination rates increase and people become more confident outside without their masks, the parks are likely to become the magnets they’ve been throughout summers past — with some added sparkle.

Here’s just some of the welcome park activity, in various stages of construction:

— New gazebo at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. The old gazebo had to be demolished in mid-October when it was discovered the foundation and supports were failing. The new and improved version is a bit bigger and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a focal point of activities in the park, the new gazebo surely will charm park-goers.

— The addition of pickleball courts at Osius Park in Grosse Pointe Shores. This fast-growing sport is played with paddles and a whiffle-like ball over a net, combining features of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Courts are similar to those used for badminton; the net is a tennis type. Other park improvements include some walkway connectors and amenities scattered throughout the site.

— New vehicle bridge at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods. The Woods was able to replace its old

wooden bridge over the marina with a concrete span; it includes a walking path along one side. This is clearly a vast improvement for vehicle traffic. A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony took place April 17.

— Creation of a dog park at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park. Much discussed and then authorized in 2019, the dog park has been a while in coming. With its completion, the Park is joining three of the other Pointes in making a distinct place for canine recreation.

Local park-goers also take advantage of their municipal marinas, most of which have waiting lists, even for kayak spots. Osius Park improvements included some concrete work that will benefit kayakers; Grosse Pointe Woods approved more kayak slips.

At least two of the nearby yacht clubs also have made substantive improvements, in this case to their buildings, during the long months when no one could congregate indoors.

Crescent Sail Yacht Club has a new member lounge upstairs, replacing living quarters that were no longer needed. The changes include a chairlift to the upstairs, which now provides shelves for trophies and other display items. The main level got fresh paint and a refreshed entryway and stairway.

Bayview Yacht Club undertook a huge project, demolishing more than 85 percent of its original building and rebuilding. The foundation dated back more than 80 years and was replaced. In the midst of the makeover, the club retained key interior elements, such as its original mahogany bar and sandstone fireplace.

All in all, there’s a fresh look almost everywhere as residents again flock to lakeside activities. It’s what makes summer so great in the Grosse Pointes.

LETTERS

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

Let common sense prevail

To the Editor:

Michigan has an ethnic intimidation law. It requires another crime to be committed at the time of intimidation and it is a felony.

At the tail end of the last Park City Council meeting, Council Member Darcy McConnell, with the backing of several other council members, proposed a Grosse Pointe Park hate crime ordinance that will NOT require another criminal act. Instead, a statement such as speech, or displaying a flag, becomes a stand-alone crime. This would be true even though the offensive statement/flag is protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Questioning, also, whether this ordinance

could be used as a “weapon” against public safety officers as they carry out their duty to stop and arrest criminal suspects?

I was glad to see Mayor Robert Denner and City Attorney Howlett quickly jump in to educate everyone on the legal ramifications of such an ordinance. Grosse Pointe Park would be the first and ONLY municipality in the entire state of Michigan and, as such, would bear the legal costs of developing such an ordinance. It would have inevitable major First Amendment challenges and taxpayers would bear those court costs, as well. For over 100 years, the ACLU has actively protected free speech. The matter should rightly be addressed on a state or federal level, if so needed.

Our council needs to

address LOCAL issues, including public safety services, public works, our deteriorating marina, parks and rec, and so on.

Yet, even after all that, surprisingly, this proposal has been accepted for review by Lauri Read, chair of the Ordinance Review Committee.

Hopefully, common sense will prevail and the city will not commit to significant legal expenses such as this ordinance. The pandemic economic downturn has necessitated our city to draw on its reserve fund to balance the 2021-2022 budget as it is.

KAROLE STEEN
Grosse Pointe Park

Make the right decision

To the GP School Board:

After the 2016 election, South Principal Moussa Hamka made a speech to his students about the importance of unity and diversity, and respecting one another despite our differences.

Over the last several weeks, we now know this same man feels it is appropriate to compare roughly half of the nation’s citizens and, more importantly, many of the citizens of Grosse Pointe who he is supposed to serve, to Nazis. Even if he feels that way, how foolish does one

have to be to voice it publicly and what does that say about one’s thought process, maturity and decision making skills? Neither Moussa nor the administration appear to be able to keep their stories straight regarding what supposedly happened, alternately fumbling around between an accidental “like,” he was hacked and other falsehoods designed to deflect responsibility for the choice he made and the ideas he holds.

The man has been nothing but a polarizing distraction and an embarrassment during his tenure to date. Is this truly the person you feel is best positioned to continue to serve and guide the education of our children, or is this about politics, covering up for one of your own and not being willing to take a hard look at yourselves and admit he was the wrong choice for a role of this import from the outset?

If any of you have a shred of personal or professional integrity and believe in actually focusing on what is best for our students versus yourselves, you will make the right decision and relieve Principal Hamka of his duties effective immediately.

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The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Whitney McDonald

Have a happy Memorial Day!



Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer and I am officially ready for sunny days, summer nights

and weekends in northern Michigan. My family has an annual Memorial Day tradition of spending the long weekend at my parents' cottage, prepping the lake house for the summer that lays ahead. The feeling of opening up the cottage after the long, cold winter months never gets old. My parents bought the lake house in 1999, and every summer weekend

since has been spent at the lake. My mom calls it her "happy place." It's a place to spend time with the family, unwind and disconnect. The spotty cell service also helps with that. Before we can enjoy the lake, there is plenty of work to be done. The weekend is spent cleaning the interior of the cottage, putting the dock in the water and doing the much-needed

spring cleanup on the beach and yard. My favorite part of the weekend is meeting up at the end of each day for family dinner, patio conversation and pausing to look at the completed day's work. As we sit on the patio enjoying a restful night and each other's company, the American flag that waves above the back door makes us pause and reminds us all of the true meaning

of Memorial Day. It is a day to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year I am making it my goal to not let the weekend go by without giving Memorial Day the recognition it deserves. My family and I will be participating in the National Moment of Remembrance Act, which encourages all Americans to pause

wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time for a moment of silence on Memorial Day. I hope the long weekend gives Grosse Pointers a chance to recharge and spend time with your own families, following your own traditions, but I also encourage each of you to take a moment to pause and honor the day. I wish you all a happy and safe Memorial Day.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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75 years ago this week **DOG PROBLEM BRINGS YELPS:** The City's perennial "dog problem" was dragged out into the open a-yelping at the council meeting. Walter G. Fetter had many strong observations on the problem. According to Mr. Fetter's

narrative, he had been chased, bitten, kept awake nights and utterly shell-shocked by the untutored canines that infest the purlieus of Grosse Pointe City. **CONFUSION REIGNS IN MOVE TO CHANGE STREET NAME:** The move started some weeks ago to change the name of Lakeview, to Farm Lane, became somewhat confused at a meeting of

the Farms board of trustees. Stephen J. Ernst, circulator of the original petition requesting the change, collected 29 signatures representing 22 addresses. Much to his surprise, a second petition had been submitted to council by Herman Dondero, this one bearing 49 signatures, but representing only 17 addresses — and only three property owners.

The second petition asked that the name not be changed. Most confusing? Eight of the same addresses were represented on both petitions. *Obituaries: Porter McMaster*

1971

50 years ago this week **CLUB SEEKS PERMIT**

FOR TENNIS HOUSE: Public hearings concerning the construction of a swimming pool and a tennis house in Grosse Pointe Woods are scheduled. Grosse Pointe Hunt Club asked city council to consider a variance in the established ordinance which will allow the construction of four indoor tennis courts on the club property. **LIBRARY FRIENDS**

TURN 25: The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library turned out in force May 19, to observe their 25th anniversary as the largest and strongest Friends of the Library in the nation. *Obituaries: Arnold F. Malow, R. John Hardstaff, Galdino Ballerini, Hal Horace Smith Jr., Helen D. Callahan, James Osler, See HISTORY, page 8A*

FROM THE PUBLISHER

When does a tweet become news?

That is the question we have asked ourselves and many readers are asking us. It gets complicated. Of course, tweets as news became the norm under President Donald J. Trump. Many of us in the media asked at the time, Why don't we just ignore the tweets and only discuss "official" pronouncements made in press conferences, public documents and press releases? The answer, of course, is that anything uttered or written by the President of the United States is news, even if it is on social media. The same is true of public officials at all levels. A principal at a top Michigan high school is in a powerful leadership position. What she or he says or writes or posts or tweets not only speaks to the character of the principal, but also of the high school and district. When we received the now-viral image of Grosse Pointe South Principal Moussa Hamka, we like many Grosse Pointers were shocked and dubious at the same time. No principal would like a tweet comparing one political party's politicians to Nazis. Surely this is a prank, a fake. Quite frankly, I was at a loss as to what to do with the image. The answer came when we learned that the superintendent, responding May 5 to a resident who sent him the image, said he had investigated the

matter and determined the image was "photoshopped. You need to look carefully." We also received a statement from the Grosse Pointe Public School System stating, "Mr. Hamka has 'unequivocally denied liking the image.'" We also were told the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety was looking into whether the image was photoshopped. Since "official" action had been taken in the matter, we printed a short news story inside May 13, complete with Superintendent Gary Niehaus's assertion the image was photoshopped, Mr. Hamka's "unequivocal" denial and that the matter was being investigated by Farms detectives. Questions arose immediately. We and others more qualified did "look carefully" at the image. We could see no obvious signs of it being photoshopped and, further, when asked, the Farms's lead detective said he had never seen the image. (We understand the detectives have now seen the image and agree it was most likely photoshopped, but there is no ongoing investigation.) Since the original story appeared, we have received screenshots of many students having reported seeing the liked image by Mr. Hamka. More importantly, we were put in contact with a South graduate who was a real-time witness not only to Mr. Hamka saying he must have liked the tweet by mistake, but also screen images of him unliking the image and purg-

ing any evidence of it from his Twitter feed. True, the student admits to not being a fan of the South principal, and if all we had was her narrative, we would be dubious. But we also have the screenshots and the comments of other students having seen the liked tweet, so we deemed the student's evidence credible. Had Mr. Hamka fessed up, acknowledged the liked tweet and said it must have been a mistake in scrolling through the feed during Spring Break and apologizing for any distress he may have caused to the students, parents and district, then this matter likely would have blown over. But he did not. He doubled down on his denials and was enabled by the superintendent's quick assertion the image was photoshopped, a determination he was not qualified to make. Some have accused us of publishing the tweet story in order to "get rid of Moussa." We do not know where that allegation comes from and we find it insulting. Most say the accidental tweet is just not that big a deal to devote so much "ink" to it. We disagree. This incident evinces the character of a public official.

LETTERS:

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The fact it hasn't happened to date speaks volumes about your leadership, credibility and the apparent disdain you hold for many here in Grosse Pointe. **DAVID K. WALLACE**
City of Grosse Pointe
Editor's Note: As of press time, Mr. Wallace said he had yet to receive a response from the school board.

Thank you

To the Editor:
The Grosse Pointe News and a neighbor's Letter to the Editor signaled through last week's edition that now is the time to talk about opening parks and streets. I agree; it's time. Ken Sanborn's letter quoted a piece I penned five years ago and now invite everyone to read at secondwavemedia.com/metromode/features/voices-graig-donnelly.aspx While I do call out exclusivity and racism in Grosse Pointe, primarily the piece is an economic

argument for the advantages of a more regional approach across all of the Pointes and beyond. I believe that planning for our future with our neighbors is how we become better in the 21st century. It's hardly a radical notion and ideas like mine are catching on. The current collaboration between three of the Pointes and our neighbors in Detroit through

the Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan shows how some elected representatives in the Grosse Pointes are successfully working toward regionalism already. I am proud to consistently call for the elimination of the residents-only requirements at waterfront parks in all of the Pointes. I stand by my support for

removing the many barriers at the border between Grosse Pointe Park and the city of Detroit. I also know that a growing number of Grosse Pointers feel as I do, but our culture tells them it's dangerous to speak up. I say it's more dangerous not to speak up. **GRAIG DONNELLY**
Grosse Pointe Park

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City taxes decrease, water and sewer rates rise

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City of Grosse Pointe fiscal year 2021-22 tax rate, budget, water and sewer rates, and fee changes were approved 5-0 during the city council meeting Monday, May 17, with councilmen John Stempfle and Terence Thomas absent.

Following are the coming rates.

Tax rate & budget

Come July 1, taxes for City residents will decrease by .2915 mills, to become a total of 17.1801 mills. These rates are split into 11.1914 mills for city operations, 1.9473 for debt retirement, 2.3630 for road improvements and 1.6784 for solid waste.

With an increase of \$176,937 over the current year, the City’s general fund budget is set at \$6.4 million for 2021-22.

Highlights of the budgeted expenditures include accounting for increased operational costs of the city’s new facili-

ties, meeting the commitment for additional contribution to Main Street Grosse Pointe, allocating \$536,000 for retiree healthcare costs and \$130,602 for retiree pension contribution, providing for a full-time public safety director and restoring part-time seasonal maintenance employees.

“The sum total is that the services in public works should see some improvement because of the added staffing levels for seasonal workers,” City Manager Pete Dame said, “but we are doing it with, for the second year in a row, essentially no increase in property taxes for people who have lived here who have not just moved in. Which is kind of remarkable that we lowered the tax rate, the property values went up (and) we are accomplishing all these added costs still within a budget that basically is zero sum, so it’s a good news budget in that respect, although it was difficult to put together.”

Purchases set for the year under the capital projects fund

include police vehicles, a refuse truck and a contribution to the road fund for street projects.

Water & sewer rates

Residents will see their water bills increase by 6.1 percent as of July 1. This equates to an increase of \$11.88 per billing for the average City homeowner.

The new rate aims to provide the additional revenues needed in the water and sewer fund to cover anticipated water service and sewage disposal charge increases, while providing funding for the system’s capital outlay requirements.

“Every year, after we compose the water and sewer budget, then we plug those numbers into our user card system and that helps us to establish what rates need to be charged to meet our budget obligations,” Finance Director Kim Kleinow explained.

By category, readiness to serve charges are increasing by 8.64 percent, debt service charges are decreasing 6.57

percent, industrial damage charges are increasing by 2.27 percent and water/sewer charges are increasing by 7.83 percent.

The City plans to spend \$1,262,000 this fiscal year to repair sewers, change lead water services and purchase a water pick-up truck, a tap machine and a sewer jetter to replace one from 1988.

Fee changes

Following a review of the current fees the City charges for services, registrations, permits and regulations, a few areas will be experiencing price increases.

A 3 percent increase for marina well rentals for the next boating season is in anticipation of upcoming capital projects that will be undertaken once water levels recede.

Parking permit window tags will increase from \$18 to \$25 to address the actual cost of the tags increasing. Permit holders also have other options than the window tags

with the recent parking structure equipment upgrades.

Additionally, various increases in building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical re-inspection fees are attributed to the multiple re-inspections, along with the time and costs associated with multiple visits.

The 2021-22 fees budget also fits into projects and certifications the City currently is working toward. Increased description within the budget on zoning fees adheres to the Michigan Main Street guidelines, while site plan and sign permit fees for businesses are a requirement of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

“Adopting those in the annual fee schedule and delimiting each one of them is one of the requirements,” Dame said, “and then we will post just that section in the business development part of our website, so it’s very clear what the fees are and then we’ll have another box checked off on that list.”

Park celebrates Arbor Day with poster contest

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission continued its tradition of celebrating Arbor Day with its Arbor Week Poster Contest.

Arbor Day, celebrated annually April 10, was founded by J. Sterling Morton, a Michigan native. Beautification Commission member Pat Deck explained in a press release that Morton was a newspaper editor in Nebraska when he came up with the idea to celebrate Arbor Day.

“He proposed a tree-planting holiday for the benefit of the public on April 10, 1872,” Deck said, “and noted that: ‘Other holidays repose upon the past, Arbor Day proposes for the future.’”

This year’s Arbor Week Poster Contest marked the 38th anniversary of the event in the Park.

“While the pandemic has posed a number of obstacles to conducting the contest; the commission has found a way to keep the tradition going,” Deck said. “Last year while we were in the middle of contest preparations, schools closed. We reassessed and adapted to new restrictions.

“In the early stages of the pandemic, there were fears and uncertainties about how the virus spread, so students who participated in the contest were encouraged to put their posters on the front door or window of their homes,” Deck said. “Instead of being judged by the Beautification Commission, the posters were judged by the homeroom teacher, which meant each homeroom had a winner.”

The commission honored six winners for the 2020 competition: McKenzie Andrews from Neal Gross’s class at

Maire, Matteo Canavari from Dana Moir’s class at Maire, Savvas Zingas from Gail Howey’s class at Trombly, Cole Parlangel from Trish Gout’s class at Defer, Pablo San Miguel from Jane Nugent’s class at Defer and Helena Trudel from Tina Nader’s class at St. Clare.

A sense of normalcy returned for the 2021 competition as posters were displayed at city hall and Park businesses. Posters were judged by the beautification commission and a winner and runners-up were announced.

The winner of the 2021 competition was Anthony Mannino, a student of Moir’s at Maire. His poster was titled, “Why You Should Plant a Tree!” and featured a large tree with leaves that had the benefits of trees listed on them.

Runner-up Sonia Whittaker, also a student



Matteo Canavari



Anthony Mannino

of Moir’s, made a three-dimensional poster that read, “Help Trees, Trees Help You,” and featured a large red heart that contained drawings relating to tree stories and benefits, and read, “Plant a Tree. It all starts with

Lawrence, a student of Nugent’s at Defer, presented a poster with a large red heart that contained drawings relating to tree stories and benefits, and read, “Plant a Tree. It all starts with

you!” Ninety students participated in the 2021 contest. Winners from 2020 and 2021 were recognized at the Park’s city council meeting Monday, May 10.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM CLASSROOM CEILING FAN REPLACEMENT MONTEITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for the replacement of classroom ceiling fans at Monteith Elementary School. The work generally consists of:

- Removal of select suspended ceiling tiles as required to perform the electrical work
- Installation of electrical wiring and controls
- Installation of ceiling fans

Specifications and bid forms will be available to Contractors beginning **Wednesday, May 19, 2021** by contacting the office of the Architect, Ehresman Architects, via email at architects@ehresmanarchitects.com. Ehresman Architects will issue the requesting company(s) electronic (.pdf) files of the Contract Documents including drawings and specifications. The cost of document reproduction will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

Bid documents will also be available for examination (no purchase) at the following locations:

- Ehresman Architects
- Grosse Pointe Public School System
- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
- McGraw-Hill Dodge
- Construction Market Data (CMD)
- Construction Data Company (CDC)

A **pre-bid** meeting will not be conducted for this project. It is the contractor’s responsibility to review the job site, conditions, etc. prior to submitting their bid. Contact the Building Engineer, Mr. John Stahl @ 313-432-4505, to arrange a visit to review the project conditions.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (local time)** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The School Board will not consider, accept, or open a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission in this advertisement for bid.

The bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District. The Board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

The bids shall also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Iran Economic Sanctions Certification. The Board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized certification.

Grosse Pointe Public School System’s Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Bid Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Marc Chamberlin, Senior Architect / Partner of Ehresman Architects at 248-244-9710 (ext. 105).

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The Grosse Pointe Public School System
Dr. Christopher Lee, Secretary

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Peter Vincent Mac Lean Sr., M. Celeste McKinnon, Lillian H. Wiek, Helene V. La Fond, Anna B. Moran, Paul R. Baldwin, Robert W. Tripp, Walter P. Jatkoe

1996

25 years ago this week DISTRICT MOVES TOWARD NEW STRATEGIC PLAN:

People who often are not on the same side of the fence gathered earlier this month to chart a five-year course for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. A team of 28 — school board members, school administrators, teachers and community members — sat down and discussed the district’s strengths and weaknesses and developed a set of goals to be implemented from 1996 through 2000.

CITY DELAYS DECISION ON TOWER: Grosse Pointe residents may have themselves to blame, but it doesn’t

mean they necessarily want a 104-foot-tall telephone tower built near their homes. Because Grosse Pointers are “high end users” of mobile telephones and beepers, and because Ameritech’s radio frequency technicians have noticed a number of calls that either “dropped off” or could not be connected, auxiliary towers are needed in the area.

Obituaries: Marion Foster Isbey, John Hammond Hock, John J. Jennings Jr., William Albert Bickel, Gwendolyn Gussow, Jean F. Blohm, Doris Mauritho Lattin, Alphonse John Antony Kirsch, Bernadette L. VanAntwerp, Patricia J. King, Mary Elizabeth (Froelich) Hobson, Margery W. Bamford, Helen Bower Lester, Gertrude O’Neill Young

2011

10 years ago this week TOP 2 OUT AT SOUTH: Violations of a district technology policy led to the May 21 resignations of Grosse

Pointe South Principal D. Allan Driver and Assistant Principal Brandon Slone. Officials confirmed a third district employee may be in violation of the policy. **A s s i s t a n t Superintendent** Tom Harwood was contacted by an outside source that indicated a district employee was receiving inappropriate emails from Driver.

ULS FILES FOR EXPANSION WORK: University Liggett School could break ground for a 19,000-square-foot construction project on its main campus on Cook Road as early as July, pending approval from Grosse Pointe Woods City Council. According to papers filed with the city, ULS plans to move its middle school to the Cook Road campus from its current location on Briarcliff Road in the Woods.

Obituaries: Robert H. Adams, Elizabeth Fuller Mandel Coddington, Donald James Parsons Sr., Jack L. Patterson, Mary Janette Thomas, Helen W. Tourney

9 buildings test positive for legionella bacteria

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

After school buildings were closed for extended periods of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grosse Pointe Public School System added testing for legionella bacteria to the lead and copper testing that has been routinely done since the Flint lead disaster. “Like many school districts across the state, after the Flint crisis GPPSS wanted to be proactive in protecting its students and staff,” Superintendent Gary Niehaus stated. “Our district was among the first to begin voluntary water testing and has continued to do so.

This year, due to the prolonged building closures, we added legionella to the lead and copper samplings we have been conducting in order to keep students and staff safe.” Nine of the 14 buildings tested positive, including: ♦ Brownell Middle School: Second-floor bottle-filling station ♦ Kerby Elementary: Faculty lounge sink, first-floor bottle-filling station ♦ Maire Elementary: First-floor kitchen sink, second-floor bottle-filling station ♦ Mason Elementary: First-floor kitchen sink, second-floor bottle-filling station ♦ Monteith Elementary:

First-floor bottle-filling station ♦ Grosse Pointe North High School: Faculty lounge sink, second-floor bottle-filling station, third-floor bottle-filling station ♦ Richard Elementary: First-floor bottle-filling station ♦ Grosse Pointe South High School: First-floor bottle-filling station, second-floor faculty lounge sink ♦ Trombly Early Childhood: First-floor kitchen sink, second-floor faculty lounge The remaining school buildings did not show signs of the legionella bacteria. Lead and copper testing were good. Remedial actions have already been started. These

include turning off and disconnecting every fountain that tested above an action level. Principals, staff, families, city managers and local health care professionals have been informed. All affected kitchen sink fixtures have been cleaned, disinfected and filters were replaced. Staff was told to flush all sinks for two minutes before using water for consumption or cooking. Additional remediation will include cleaning and disinfection, including filter replacement for all the remaining affected sinks. Hyperchlorination of all affected water lines will be

done. Follow-up testing will be conducted. The district will continue to sample water and continue the flushing policy with written protocols to verify the locations and schedule. Families with additional concerns can contact their family doctor. Or they can contact the closest Wayne County Health Department clinic that conducts lead testing by appointment by calling Healthy Communities Hamtramck or calling Wayne County Environmental Health at (734) 727-2216. Water testing results are on the district’s website or follow this link: bit.ly/3yC0lhL

Analysis: Virtual high school not viable

Virtual school will be offered for Young Fives through middle school for the 2021-22 school year. However, an analysis recommended against offering virtual high school next year. It’s not viable to offer a fully loaded high school curriculum such as is found in face-to-face education. The reason is there were only 380 students

in virtual high school during the 2020-21 school year, compared to a much larger number of students in face-to-face education. Registration will be from May 26 through June 7. A final decision on exactly which grades will be offered will depend on the number of students signed up for each grade, with the decision made on a

grade-by-grade basis. COVID-19 is still expected to be the main reason why parents would sign their children up for virtual education. This is expected to be especially true at the elementary level, since vaccines are not yet available for students of that age.

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

GPFPE effort honors late Woods councilman

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced a special endowment-building fundraising effort in honor of the late George McMullen, a notable Grosse Pointe community leader and supporter of many nonprofit organizations. The effort was kicked off with an anonymous \$5,000 donation in McMullen’s memory to the GPFPE Endowment Fund. “The GPFPE is honored to be among those organizations George chose to support during his lifetime. George was always present at our annual fundraiser, served on the event committee and was often an enthusiastic bidder at the evening’s auction,” said Bob Bury, GPFPE board president. “The donors, who prefer to remain unnamed, knew that George valued education and Grosse Pointe’s public schools and was committed to ensuring the continued excellence of our schools and community in perpetuity. A contribution to the GPFPE Endowment Fund was the perfect fit.” The donor hopes their lead gift will encourage others to join them in honoring McMullen’s memory with a gift to the GPFPE Endowment Fund, which will support the Grosse Pointe Public School System well into the future. The GPFPE currently has an endowment of \$360,000, held at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, which professionally manages the funds of thousands of organizations. The GPFPE endowment is an integral part of the organization’s larger multi-pronged fundraising approach and overall comprehensive

annual development effort. Alex McCann, McMullen’s sister, was thrilled to learn that gifts from the community in her brother’s memory were helping grow the GPFPE’s endowment. In accordance with McMullen’s wishes, McCann directed an additional \$2,500 to the endowment fund in his memory. With a third gift from another donor, the amount raised for the endowment to date in McMullen’s memory has grown to more than \$8,000. The GPFPE plans to honor McMullen at its upcoming annual benefit June 3, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The event’s auction, which he always enjoyed, will be dedicated to his memory. “George was so committed to Grosse Pointe’s public schools,” said former Grosse Pointe Board of Education President Judy Gafa. “In my 12 years serving on the board, George rarely missed a meeting and was always supportive of our work. I miss him terribly and know he would be extremely honored by this effort. I’m thankful for these initial donors and happy to add my own donation to this effort in George’s memory.” The GPFPE is an independent, not-for-profit organization with the mission of funding educational opportunities for the students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Since 2007, the GPFPE has provided close to \$3.5 million in funding to the GPPSS, supporting a diverse roster of programs and projects at every school and grade level across the district. For more information, visit gpfpe.org.



DRONE PHOTO BY JACK RYAN/SKYVIEW AERIAL PRODUCTIONS

The Board of Education approved selling 389 St. Clair — once a school building, later an administration building — in November 2018.

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oper said he’s likely to make changes, given the feedback from owners. The Board of Education approved selling the building — once a school building, later an administration building — in November 2018. Since that time the board has picked up an offer to purchase the building for \$1 million from the Curtis Building Co. The school board will consider a change in that offer in June. The City of Grosse Pointe requires developers to meet with neighbors and discuss their proposal before submitting a plan to the city for approval, said Peter Dame, city manager. “The City recognizes

the importance of public input in all aspects of land use decisions,” Dame said in an email. Curtis plans initially included townhome-style condos on the Notre Dame side of the property. On the St. Clair side, the developer planned to turn the building into up to 20 apartments, said Mark Menuck of Curtis Building. “A majority of the residents on the 100 block of St. Clair and Notre Dame don’t like the current ideas,” said Alain Squindo, who lives next door to the building on St. Clair. “I personally would like to see townhomes or multiple new houses. Or at most condos with fewer apartments.” “The concept of 20-ish rented apartments on a

street that’s always busy with limited parking ... that’s too much,” Squindo said. Menuck said after the Zoom meeting his plans likely will be adjusted. “I wanted to meet with the residents first to see what comments they have,” Menuck said. “I will probably reduce the number of units on the St. Clair side and I will probably have to consider some sort of screening on the properties adjacent to it. And I’m looking at some traffic flow patterns and lighting. “I’ll make some changes based on their comments and make a submittal (to the city) soon,” he added. Construction will not start until late 2021, or more likely early 2022, Menuck said.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PLAN

The City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan will hold a public hearing on proposed improvements to the City’s water distribution system for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The City will be applying for a low interest Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan for FY 2022.

The purpose of the proposed project is to design and replace water main, water meters, and existing lead water service lines. Hydrants and valves located along the length of the water mains would also be replaced. Dead-end water mains would be looped as feasible. The water meters installed in residents’ homes are also nearing the end of their useful life and require replacement. Additionally, a large percentage of the City’s residential water services are made of lead. The projects would increase the reliability of City’s water system by decreasing water main breaks, protect public health by replacing lead service lines, and maintain compliance with EGLE’s revised Lead and Copper Rule.

The projects would take place over 5 years from 2022 through 2026. Construction-related impacts during water main replacements would include temporary lane closures, noise, and dust generation. Short term water service disruptions would also occur. The City is proposing to fund the project with money collected from user charges. The estimated cost to users for the proposed projects would be a total increase of up to \$66.00 per bimonthly billing cycle over the next 5 years. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$27,700,000.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

DATE:	Monday, June 28, 2021
TIME:	7:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Zoom Meeting Public Call-In Number: 1 301 715 8592 US Toll-Free Meeting ID: 874 0505 6781 Passcode: 293127

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed projects are available for review beginning on Friday, May 28, 2021 on the City of Grosse Pointe Parks website. Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Monday, June 28th, 2021 at 12:00pm and will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments can be submitted via email to clerk@grossepointepark.org or mailed to:

Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk
15115 East Jefferson Avenue
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

GPN: 5/27/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the Central Library, 10 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Copies of the recommended budget are on file with the Library Director at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe, Michigan for inspection during regular library hours, as well as the two branches. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the library district of the Grosse Pointe Public Library shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan.

George Lapastora
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Grosse Pointe Public Library

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North teacher on Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

That was Grosse Pointe High School North’s Vocal Music Director Benjamin Henri last week on the television quiz show “Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions.”

He’s also the coach of North’s Quiz Bowl team, where students are preparing to compete in the national championship during Memorial Day weekend.

Henri had fallen behind in the Tournament of Champions game, but managed to snag one of the coveted Daily Double questions, which allows players to bet some or all of their winnings to make a leap in their score.

“I was getting out-buzzed on questions I knew,” Henri said.

He knew this Daily Double likely was his only chance to catch up, so he bet all of his winnings. If he answered the question right, he was back in the game. If he missed the question, he was pretty much out of it. He missed.

“If I hadn’t gone for everything on the Daily Double, I still wouldn’t have had a chance,” Henri said. “It wasn’t in the cards.”

But don’t feel sorry for Henri. He won his spot on the Tournament of Champions — and



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North teacher Ben Henri, left, and legendary Jeopardy! host, the late Alex Trebek, during Henri’s appearance on the show last year.

\$100,000 in prize money — by winning the Teachers Tournament, which aired last May and June.

His Teachers Tournament appearance didn’t start out well either. He was \$600 in the red before things started turning around.

“In the end it was a runaway tournament,” Henri said.

And the teacher in him pointed out the lesson in that.

“It’s not a mistake that matters,” Henri said. “It’s the recovery. A lot of people make mistakes and they don’t try. As any teacher will tell you, you don’t learn anything if you don’t try anything new.”

He was asked what it’s like to appear on Jeopardy! and gave two answers: pre-COVID-19 and post-COVID-19.

Pre-COVID-19, contestants received a lot of backstage instruction.

“They want you high energy, to be aggressive, to get as much money as you can,” Henri said. “You get to warm up on the stage, practice using the buzzers.”

“You don’t see Alex until he comes on the stage.”

Post-COVID-19, contestants end up prepping on the Wheel of Fortune stage because the “Jeopardy!” green room isn’t large enough for proper social distancing.

“You sit in the audience

socially distanced, there’s Vanna’s board, they’re all under tarps,” Henri said. “The wheel had a sign on it that starts: ‘Under no circumstances ...’”

In either case, the show is well structured, Henri said, with contestant coordinators, producers, make-up and plenty of others who make sure the show runs smoothly and all the contestants have to do is answer questions.

“For a ‘Jeopardy!’ contestant, it’s an opportunity of a lifetime. For the people with the show, it’s Tuesday,” Henri said.

Henri is a lifelong trivia fan. It started with Trivial Pursuit for Kids.

“I probably memorized a bunch of senseless

facts,” Henri said. “That’s how I would fall asleep as a kid.”

He joined quiz bowl in high school in Ohio. But when he went to the University of Michigan, he shied away from college quiz bowl.

“I tried to do quiz bowl there, but they were all way smarter than me,” he said.

After graduating, he began playing trivia online almost every day.

“Music, for most people, is a hobby. When it’s your vocation, you start looking for new hobbies,” Henri said.

Becoming a “Jeopardy!” contestant was a project that required quite a bit of dedication on Henri’s part.

It starts with an online test, which is now available at any time, Henri said.

“Take it as often as you can,” Henri said. “I took the online test 10 times before I got on the show.”

When he didn’t get in, he’d start the process all over again.

The test has 50 questions and if you answer 35 of them correctly, you are thrown into a big “bingo hopper” of potential people for an in-person interview. Henri was invited for interviews three times, twice in Detroit and once in Chicago.

The interviews consist of another test, a mock-

up game with two other contestants and a minute-long interview on camera.

If you do well in the interview, you are thrown in to a contestant pool of 900 to 1,000 other potential contestants, which means you have about a one in three chance of being one of the approximately 400 people appearing on the show each year.

Win or lose, it’s been an experience he’s still enjoying.

“I’m in group chats with the teachers these days and also with the Tournament of Champions contestants,” he said.

The players get together to play virtual trivia and text.

And he also had what he considers a privilege: to meet the show’s late longtime moderator Alex Trebek.

He’s got one secret to share with those who watch the show. Contestants never interrupt the moderator, because they can’t buzz in until the host finishes reading the question.

“There are two little strips of lights that come on. The lights unlock the buzzers,” Henri said. “If you buzz in early, you’re locked out for a fraction of a second. That’s all the time in the world to have someone buzz in ahead of you.”

North quiz bowl team to compete at nationals

With its strong finish at Thursday-Evening Academic Matches With Oodles of Rewarded Knowledge, the quiz bowl team from Grosse Pointe North High School proved itself worthy to play on a national stage. Saturday, May 29, the team will represent North in a 224-team national competition: National Academic Quiz Tournaments’ High School National Championship Tournament.

This will be the 22nd edition of the HSNCT. The 2020 championships did not occur due to the

COVID-19 outbreak. All of this year’s NAQT championship tournaments will be held online through videoconferences.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is

likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Participation in quiz bowl both reinforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

Grosse Pointe North has attended the High School National Championship Tournament 11 times before. Most recently, in 2019, they finished 4-6.

North may face familiar foes at the tournament, as Detroit Country Day, Farmington Hills Mercy and Troy also will attend.

The team includes

some nationals experience: Stephen Barstys played the 2019 High School National Championship Tournament in Atlanta.

Barstys captains the team, which also includes Noah Dean, Liam Harris and Alex Hetzler. The team will be coached by Ben Henri.

Tournament results will be updated throughout the two days of competition at naqt.com/go/stats/11802 so supporters can follow along.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

David Fries, past governor of Michigan District of Optimist International; Julie Lawrence, English teacher, Pierce; student contest winners, Audrey MacGillis, Omar Siddiqui, Tahera Almugabgab and Blake Bishop; Sarah Duffield, English teacher, Pierce; and Deborah Renshaw, president, Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe.

Optimist Club hosts oratory contest

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe recently hosted its ninth annual oratorical contest for students. This year, the contest took place virtually.

Optimist Club International chose the topic, “Healing the World with Optimism,” which participants were allowed to interpret as they wanted. Contestants were judged on content, delivery, eye contact and staying within the 5-minute time allotment.

Medals were awarded May 12, to Audrey MacGillis, Omar Siddiqui, Tahera

Almugabgab and Blake Bishop during a presentation ceremony at Pierce Middle School.

“Along with a medal designating their place in the contest, each participant received a \$50 gift card,” said Deborah Renshaw, president of the Lakeshore Optimist Club.

Typically, the first-place winner advances to the district contest; however, after a mix up concerning the date of the district contest, the club was unable to submit its winner’s application.

The oratorical contest is one of three Optimist

scholarship contests for students to earn money to pursue opportunities in higher education. The other two are its Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and its essay contest.

“We are hoping to be able to return to holding the contest live at The War Memorial next year,” Renshaw said, “as well as resume our regularly scheduled meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, October to May, at The War Memorial at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.”

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM DISTRICT-WIDE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS INDEFINITE SCOPE / INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONCRETE PAVING REPLACEMENT

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for Concrete Paving Replacement through the district at multiple locations as part of an Indefinite Scope / Indefinite Quantity program. The work generally consists of:

- Removal of existing damaged concrete paving.
- Providing new concrete paving as described.
- Providing grinding of concrete edges.
- Providing concrete raising and leveling.

Specifications and bid forms will be available to Trade Contractors beginning **Wednesday, May 19, 2021** by contacting Ehresman Architects via email. Their email address is architects@ehresmanarchitects.com. Ehresman Architects will issue the requesting companies electronic (.pdf) files of the Contract Documents. The cost of document reproduction will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

A **pre-bid** meeting will not be conducted for this project. It is the contractor’s responsibility to review the job sites prior to submitting their bid.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. local time** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

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Longtime coach hangs up his whistle

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For 67 years, Al Moebus has been guiding young athletes to peak performances in the areas of football, track and field, baseball and swimming.

Of those years, he’s coached more than five decades at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Now, with the close of South’s track and field season, Moebus is stepping off the field and into retirement.

“I guess after all that time, it’s been a good run,” the City of Grosse Pointe resident said. “I’m ready to do something else.”

A lifelong athlete, Moebus played football, ran track and swam while attending Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Ohio. He continued to develop his athletic prowess on the football and swimming teams at Bowling Green State University.

Moebus has fond memories of his time at Bowling Green, from which he earned an undergraduate degree in education, with a minor in biology, and a master’s degree in administration.

As a freshman, Moebus was asked by the football coach if he would help teach sailing and swimming. Though an avid swimmer, he had no idea how to sail. After getting his sea legs, Moebus was a natural and taught swimming and sailing four seasons in Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

Moebus, who was in the Air Force Reserves, also recently retired as sailing master at White Birch Lodge in northern Michigan. He was asked to instruct by resort owner Cliff Conrad, with whom he became friends



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHARON MOEBUS

Al Moebus at his last regional track meet May 21, during which his pole vaulter, Jack Michaud, placed first and qualified for next month’s state meet.

while student teaching in Maumee, Ohio.

“He taught sailing there for 60 years,” said Sharon Moebus, his wife of nearly 40 years. “We just retired from there last year. ... That’s where we met; he was my sailing instructor.”

Moebus participated in ROTC while at Bowling Green and also spent a season on the gridiron coached by one of the greats.

“Bo Schembechler was my coach at Bowling Green for one year,” he said, adding he’s had a few recognizable names on teams he’s coached as well, including Jack Harbaugh, father of University of Michigan head football coach Jim Harbaugh.

Eventually, Moebus left Ohio to take a job coaching football on the west side of Michigan. When Grosse Pointe High School split into Grosse Pointe North and Grosse



Al and Sharon Moebus and their Havanese, McKay.

in Grosse Pointe and beyond.

“In Ohio, we had a good run with football and baseball — winners all throughout, championships,” he said, noting success during his single season coaching football in Howard City, Mich. “Before I got there, they never had a winning season. We won all our games, except we had one loss and one tie.”

After Howard City, Moebus made his way to South, to assist head football coach Russ Hepner, whose son, Chad, currently coaches football at South.

Moebus credits his success to the coaches who helped mold him in his youth.

“That’s how I learned to do these things right,” he said.

However, he added, he’s also learned a lot from the great coaches with whom he’s worked.

“One coach I look up to, he and I coached track since 1977, is Steve Zaranek,” Moebus said. “He’s a good man. I learned a lot from him

about coaching. He’s a wonderful man I look up to.”

Zaranek, in turn, said he greatly admires his friend of many decades.

“Al has been and continues to be one of the most respected teachers and coaches in South’s history,” Zaranek said. “His commitment to the kids in our community is unsurpassed. Al has been and always will be a mentor to me and so many others. The reasons are simple: Al gives from the heart and genuinely loves teaching. He points every kid in the proper direction and redirects, when necessary, with kindness and compassion. Al has always been firm and fair and our student-athletes understand that approach and respect that approach.”

“Al’s loss to our community — and school — will be felt, but at the same time I am excited for Al and Sharon as they move on with a new family adventure,” he added. “Godspeed, Al. Grosse

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Coalition presents ‘Nature is Medicine’ series

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In the United States today, six in 10 American adults have a chronic disease. Treatment of people with chronic conditions accounts for 75 percent of the \$3.3 trillion spent annually on health care. Chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, stroke, obesity and arthritis influence work, family and overall quality of life.

To help reduce the risk of chronic disease and improve health and well-being, the Healthy

Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods coalition presents “Nature is Medicine,” an education and gardening program in collaboration with Detroit Abloom.

“Nature is a gift provided by our universe to heal us,” said Dr. Asha Shajahan, medical director of community health with Beaumont Grosse Pointe. “It’s an essential



part of health that has been with us since the beginning of time. Every society around the globe

engages with nature, frankly, because it’s good for our mental, physical and spiritual well-being. Research shows that eco-therapy can improve mood, reduce stress, strengthen physical health and help with building new neuro-connections in the brain. Just spending time in nature has

proven to improve anxiety, depression and loneliness. As a physician, it’s a prescription I highly recommend and it’s free.”

Nature is Medicine is geared toward adults ages 60 and older who have one or more chronic illness, such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, stroke, obesity, high blood pressure or arthritis. They’ll meet one hour, starting Friday, June 4, for eight weeks. Each week includes an educational component, followed by a gardening segment.

Topics include nutri-

tion, protection and balance, composting bad habits and more.

“Gardening is a popular leisure-time activity,” said Suzy Berschback, coalition coordinator. “Getting outdoors is therapeutic in the most basic sense, but the ability to go outside takes on added significance for those who have lost much of what they were once able to do. Being in the outside environment expands residents’ opportunity to use all their remaining senses and physical abilities.”

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Ford House opens new Visitor Center

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts a private opening of its new buildings for members last weekend and now invites the public to tour the facility during open house hours, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sunday, May 30.

Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Open house guests will be among the first to see the new visitor center and administration building. Guests also are welcome to tour the grounds and gardens, as well as partake in activities to celebrate the expansion.

Open house admission

includes three new exhibitions:

- ◆ “The Ford Family Story,” which provides new insight into one of Detroit’s and America’s iconic families.
- ◆ “Driven by Design” teaches about Edsel Ford’s impact on auto design and features his 1939 Lincoln Continental prototype and two of his Speedsters.
- ◆ “The Future of Movement” presents the next wave of ingenuity and mobility-forward design from the College for Creative Studies.

The new restaurant will be open. Reservations are recommended and are avail-

able online. Guests also may shop in an expanded store for unique items that reflect the Ford House story, its design and its enduring aesthetic.

Masks and social distancing are required inside all of our buildings.

Admission is \$5 for adults, free for members and ages 5 and younger. Capacities are limited and tickets are timed. Advance purchase is recommended.

Entry to the estate and the restaurant requires an open house ticket.

For tickets or more information, visit fordhouse.org.

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Gardening has the possibility of offering health benefits from physical activity.”

Each session is structured with a series of questions and answers to encourage active dialog and social engagement, Berschback said. Each session closes with participants being asked for their thoughts and feedback.

“For example, in session four, we will focus on composting bad habits,” she added. “Mental-emotional health and physical health affect each other. People with physical health problems often experience anxiety or depression that affects their recovery and overall well-being. Mental health factors can increase the risk of developing physical problems such as diabetes, heart disease, weight gain or weight loss, gastrointestinal problems, reductions in immune system efficiency blood biochemical imbalances.

“Why is mental-emotional health important? Our minds are not separate entities from the rest of us,” she continued. “When we are distressed, our physical health is also affected negatively and our spirits decline. Many physical conditions are actually rooted in a state of mind or in a history of stress that has never been balanced.

“Protecting my roses from disease and nurturing them made me think about how to care for myself and what I need to thrive. I knew I needed to lighten my load this past year and show some extra kindness to myself. I made a point of seeking out time with my strongest supporters. When I am pruning, I am thinking about letting go of what no longer helps me grow. It might mean letting go of people that are negative around me or behaviors that are not helping me become stronger. What are some things that are causing you stress that you can change for the better? What do you need to let go of?”

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Hence, it is important to take care of the body, mind and spirit.”

Berschback used the analogy of garden weeds to stress her point.

“At Detroit Abloom, weeds, which don’t belong in certain gardens, are pulled out and composted, turning them into something essential – a range of nutrients to grow flowers and food,” she said. “In the same way, as we progress in our lives, we want to remove things that stand in our path forward, just like you would pull out a weed by its roots.

“Over time you might reinterpret the underlying significance of that bad habit and understand that if it weren’t for that past bad habit,

you would not have taken the steps you needed to take to be where you are now. Composted bad habits and bad association, like potent thistle and lambs-quarters, can yield powerful results. Best to replace a bad habit with a better habit, or better yet, a high spiritual value or principle.”

The first session of “Nature is Medicine” takes place 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, June 4, at Detroit Abloom, 248 Manistique, Detroit. Cost is \$30 and includes food, drinks and supplies.

Learn more at healthygphw.org or detroitabloom.com.

To register, visit detroitabloom.com/nature-is-medicine.

WEDDING



Käthe Erichsen and Ramez Hajj Hassan

Erichsen — Hajj Hassan

Käthe Erichsen and Ramez Hajj Hassan were married April 17, 2021, in Key West, Fla. A reception at The Hemingway Home followed with an enchanted evening lit by the Key West lighthouse and a perfect splash of stars under a crescent moon.

The bride is the daughter of Trish and Jörg Erichsen of Grosse Pointe Farms. Her sister, Heidi Erichsen, served as maid of honor.

The groom is the son of Suhayl and Joumana Hajj Hassan of Beirut, Lebanon. His brother, Tarek Hajj Hassan, was best man.

The bride is a German

instructor at Wayne State University. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2014, then received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and German Studies from Wayne State University. Her junior year, she studied German language and history at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich. She went on to a graduate teaching position at Wayne State, teaching German while working on her Master of Arts degree in German Studies.

In 2019, she studied at the International University in Moscow on a State Department scholarship. She received her Master of

Arts degree in German Studies from Wayne State earlier this month. She will begin work on her Ph.D. in German this fall at Johns Hopkins University.

The groom is a senior program manager for Ryder Systems, Inc. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing at the Lebanese American University in Beirut, then attended Wayne State, where he earned a Master in Business Administration degree with a double concentration in global supply chain management and marketing. He also is a writer and photographer.

The couple will make their home in Columbia, Md.

ENGAGEMENT

Krueger—Savage

Laura and Mark Krueger of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Lauren Krueger, to Connor Long Savage, the son of Janis and Hank Savage of Chevy Chase, Md.

Miss Krueger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations from the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. She is a corporate events manager at the RGA in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Savage earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from the College of Charleston. He is an MBA candidate at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

A November 2021 wedding is planned in Charleston, where the couple met while attending the College of Charleston.



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Cottage adds 3D imaging to its mammography unit

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Patients who receive mammograms at Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage soon will have an alternative screening option.

Cottage recently announced the addition of digital breast tomosynthesis to its repertoire. DBT is a breast imaging technology that creates 3D pictures of the breast tissue using X-rays.

“3D mammography is an improved imaging modality that helps us catch breast cancer at an earlier, smaller size ... when breast cancer is most treatable,” said Samantha Tunnecliffe, breast imaging supervisor with Henry Ford Cancer Institute. “It uses low-dose X-ray and a computer system to reconstruct images of the breast.”

Tunnecliffe said the technology helps eliminate false positive diagnoses, as well as allows radiologists “to see into the breast, layer by layer.”

“We are so excited here at Cottage to be able to



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Carmen Czajka, registered technologist, registered mammography, adjusts a 3D mammogram unit (machine) at Henry Ford’s cancer pavilion in Detroit.

offer this to our eastside patients,” added Rachel Porte, radiology supervisor at Cottage. “A lot of patients have asked for it and wanted it. ... It’s a great thing to have here.”

Porte noted DBT mammograms, though originally recommended for people with dense breasts, also are advantageous for people with fatty breasts.

“Anybody can benefit from 3D,” Tunnecliffe said. “Forty to 50 percent of the population has dense breasts. (DBT) is also recommended for first-time patients. ... It gives us more information and the more information we have, the better for that patient. Also patients with prior history or a strong family history of breast cancer (should get 3D).”

“This test reduces the amount of callback, because we see more information,” Porte added. “That’s why it’s great for first-time exams. We don’t have anything to compare it with, so we see better and understand what’s going on in the breast.”

Previously, Cottage was limited to 2D mammography, which still is available and “a perfectly acceptable standard of care,” Tunnecliffe said.

“It’s not inferior. ... Anybody can benefit from a 3D exam, but 2D is not less quality.”

Added Porte, “Some patients still prefer 2D and that’s 100 percent OK. It’s still a great tool to detect breast cancer.”

Though the mammography machines and behind-the-scenes work are different, the patient experience essentially is the same; both types of mammography are done via compression exam.

“(3D) is a screening mammogram, so no script is needed at the hospital or medical group locations,” Tunnecliffe said. “You just need the name of a physician. If you don’t have a physician, we will assign one.”

Tunnecliffe said insurances accepted at Henry Ford Health System cover DBT mammography; however, if a patient has coverage questions, they should check with their insurance carrier, Porte added.

Annual screening mammograms are recommended for women beginning at age 40, “unless there’s a reason to get screened earlier, like a strong family history,” Tunnecliffe noted. “We still recommend an annual screening mammogram, which is what’s recommended by the American College of Radiology and Society of Breast Imaging guidelines.”

Scheduling at Cottage may be done via its MyChart system, which also is where results are posted once they’ve been read.

Porte and Tunnecliffe offered one more piece of advice:

“Don’t delay screenings because there’s fear from COVID,” Tunnecliffe said. “We are safe, we are clean. We’ve been seeing more aggressive breast cancer because people have delayed their screenings.”

“We’ll do the best we can to get everyone in when they want to get in,” she added.

Scheduling opens June 3.

Cottage is located at 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, visit henryford.com or call (313) 640-1000.

Wellness event planned

Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods invites the community to explore the art of wellness at 248 Manistique, in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood of Detroit, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26. This free event includes art, music and dancing. Families are welcome.

The healing arts are creative practices that promote healing, wellness, coping and personal change. Traditional healing arts include music, art, dance, movement, poetry, writing and drama therapies. These approaches combine artistic expression with psychological awareness.

In addition to the traditional healing arts, there



ing of closeness and understanding with another being. Cooking or gardening can stimulate the senses, relax the mind and bring a deep sense of satisfaction.

All these approaches have been shown to have a positive impact on improving health, coping with illness, supporting caregivers and enhancing healthcare environments.

Featured in the garden June 26 will be:

- ◆ Dr. Asha Shajahan, dance medicine demonstrations
- ◆ Dr. Leslie Rabaut, artist in residence in the garden
- ◆ Dr. Lakshmi Saleem, the art of Kolam
- ◆ Nina Goebel, art

therapy

- ◆ Maria Elliot, sun prints, Art Rocks, garden art
- ◆ Sue Majewski, mosaic art
- ◆ Nancy Weigandt, the art of flower arranging
- ◆ Tom Milano, the art of vegetarian cooking
- ◆ Jody Pear, the art of creating a healing environment
- ◆ Elizabeth Atkins, the power of journaling
- ◆ Oasis Well-Being, movement and meditation, and energy therapy

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Margot Kim donates to Dean Stackpoole’s fundraiser for the Michigan Humane Society. Friends stopped by to donate and people walking by were surprised by the concert and contributed as well.

Notes from the sidewalk

Seven-year-old Dean Stackpoole has a piano in his house, but he wanted a keyboard so he could play outside. He made the request for his March birthday and his wish came true. Stackpoole recently played his keyboard for a couple hours in the afternoon, at the corner of Bishop and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, before Little League practice. His goal was to raise money for the Michigan Humane Society, for which he was able to raise just shy of \$50. He hopes to play again to raise more money for the rescue.

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Pointe had a guiding light in you and your impact will carry on in the many thousands of lives you touched.”

Moebus, who last week coached his fifth pole vaulter to the state finals, said he’s enjoyed hearing about the success stories of former student-athletes who’ve gone on to succeed in sports and academia.

“I loved working with kids who really wanted to play the game, who listened to what I would teach them, who did really well,” Moebus said, noting the exceptional feeling he gets when former students “come back and talk to us and thank us for helping them through their time.”

Moebus said he’ll miss the kids the most.

“I hope they go on to do what they like to do and do it well,” he said.

“We cannot walk down the street — our street or The Village or The Hill — without someone saying, ‘Coach Moebus!’” Sharon



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON MOEBUS

Al Moebus is retiring after 67 years of coaching.

Moebus said. “Either he coached them or their son or their grandson. He’s one of the best-known names. He’s very beloved.

“Right now, we can’t do things like we used to,” she added. “But the kids come over, the coaches come over, and ask, ‘What can we do to help?’

It’s such a blessing. He has been so kind all his life and it’s coming back in full force.”

The Moebuses plan to enjoy summer in Grosse Pointe, then move this fall to Tennessee, to be near their daughter.

Between the two of them, they have six children — one daughter and

five sons — as well as 14 grandchildren. They also just learned they’re expecting their 10th great-grandchild.

“This is our last great adventure,” Sharon Moebus said. “Al was reluctant at first. He didn’t want to move. He loves Grosse Pointe, he loves the kids, he loves when they visit.”

Moebus still teaches a weekly Bible study for senior men at Grace Community Church.

He also enjoys riding his bicycle — his preferred mode of transportation, no matter the time of year or weather conditions.

“He still rides his bicycle to school every day,” Sharon Moebus said. “He did that even before we lived this close to the school. He still rides his bike to track.”

And while staying fit may be key to his success, his wife shared a second strategy.

“His secret to success is a bowl of ice cream every night,” she said. “He believes in moderation in all things, except ice cream.”

Funniest Father

“DAD JOKES”

Contest

Do your dad jokes (or your dad’s jokes) make everyone groan? Or do they crack up the whole crew? Here’s your chance to find out who is the funniest papa in the Pointes!

The top dad wins a \$25 gift certificate to THE BRICKS AND the honor of being the Funniest Father in Grosse Pointe, as chosen by GPN staffers.

Selected submissions will appear in the June 10 edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

Submit Dad’s name, city and his best dad joke by June 4, 2021 at 5pm to:

Grosse Pointe News

media@grossepointenews.com

Please put “Dad Joke” in the subject line

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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.

Richard E. Rewalt Catherine Theresa Bertolini

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Richard “Dick” E. Rewalt, of Traverse City, died Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at home, surrounded by four generations of his family. Born March 6, 1933, the oldest child of Mercedes and LaVerne Rewalt, he was 88.

Dick was raised in Detroit and attended St. Joseph High School and the University of Detroit. He attended night school at Detroit College of Law, from which he earned his law degree in 1969. A CPA, he worked 40 years at Godfrey Hammel Danneels & Co. PC, in St. Clair Shores.

Dick was a longtime co-owner of Yogi Bear Jellystone Park in Traverse City. He was known as “Ranger Smith” to listeners of WJR radio in Detroit. Each Friday, he discussed the weekend weather and upcoming events in northern Michigan. Dick and his wife, Hedy, moved to Traverse City full time in 2001. He always wondered why people traveled the globe when the world’s most beautiful beach was East Bay in Traverse City.

Dick is survived by his true love of 68 years, Hedy. He was the loving and supportive father of their five children, Sandi Rewalt (Gary Galopin), Scott Rewalt (Pam), Steve Rewalt (Mary Kaye), Shari Rewalt (Ed Aziz) and Staci Rewalt-Kolasa (Steve Kolasa); and big brother to Joan Sackett of Florida and the late Don Rewalt. He also is survived by 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dick’s obituary may be viewed and online condolences sent to the family at reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings St., Traverse City, MI 49686.

Catherine Bertolini (nee Lyford), known to family and friends by her middle name, Theresa, died Monday, May 17, 2021. She was born June 3, 1933, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Theresa was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Raymond George Bertolini. She is survived by her children, Mark (Mari), John (Karen), Peter (Brooke), Angela (Gaylord), Nina (Dom) and Phillip (Kathleen); and loving niece, Cindy Palmer-Hughes (Mike). She was the proud grandmother of Eric, Lauren, Rachel, Nicole, Joseph, Kelly, Caitlin, Jessica, Nick, Allison, Bradley and Steven; and great-grandmother of Michael, Natalie, Kayley and Madeline.

A retired registered nurse, Theresa advocated for nursing home reform and the care of Michigan’s elderly population during her career. She was a mentor to many during her nursing career and affectionately known as “Mrs. B.”

Theresa raised her family in St. Clair Shores and was known as “the nurse of Doremus Street.” She also enjoyed her northern Michigan property — especially during skiing season.

Theresa was a dedicated parishioner at St. Lucy Catholic Church.

Community-oriented and proud of her historic St. Clair Shores home on Lake St. Clair, she was a member and past president of The Questers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the study, conservation and preservation of historical objects. She also was a member of the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission and integral in its fundraising activities for preservation of the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse

Museum.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pettipointe Questers Chapter #243, 612 Moorland Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission, 22500 11 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Edward Andrew Eissa

Edward Andrew Eissa, 99, passed away Saturday, May 22, 2021.

He was the devoted husband of the late Connie Eissa; son of Paul and Jenny Eissa; father to Randall B. Eissa and father-in-law to Carolyn Eissa; grandfather of Lilia and Annmaria Schmidt; brother to the late Amelia Kimaid (Paul) and Pauline Kanan (Oscar); uncle to Robert Kimaid (Sharon), Betty Romeo (Barry), Ronald Kimaid (Sharon), Janet Sabodos (Jim), Joseph Kanan, Thomas Christman (Janet), the late Jim Christman and his wife, Karen; and great-uncle to James and Jodi Christman, Erika and Michael Christman, Michelle Gould, Mark Sabados (Lauren), Michael Kimaid (Josie), John Kimaid (Bethann), Melissa Richardson (Adam), Karen Lender (Jerry), Alan Mabarak (LouAnn) and Lynn Freeman (Richard).

Edward owned and operated Randall Men’s Wear, a clothing store, with his wife Connie more than 40 years. He was calm and easy to talk to; many people liked to confide in him. He would frequent a small diner across from the men’s store called Elmo’s. He often would talk with the Patrons One Group, Detroit motorcycle group, from which he got his nickname, “Uncle Ed.”

After he closed the



Richard E. Rewalt



Edward A. Eissa



Wallace G. Harper

men’s store, he often helped out Connie and her family at their store, The Linan Gift Shop. But what he liked best of all was working at Century 21 Villa — his son and daughter-in-law’s real estate company. Many of the employees soon learned of his kind and loving nature; they often would whisper their problems in his ear.

After he got out of work, he enjoyed going to the casino with his cousins, the late Ray Mabarak and his wife, Delores. He also enjoyed Sunday dinner at his sister Pauline and Oscar’s home, where there was always a poker game or pinochle hand dealt.

Edward was a kind, protective and loving husband and father who will be missed very much by all, his family said.

Visitation takes place from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A prayer service takes place at 5 p.m. at the funeral home, with visitation to continue afterward.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org.

Wallace G. Harper

Wallace G. Harper, born May 23, 1939, died Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Born in Detroit to S. Wallace and Jessie Munn Harper (nee Campbell), Wally lived in Detroit until junior high school, then lived in the Grosse Pointes the rest of his life. He was a 1957 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, now called Grosse Pointe South. In high school he was a letterman in many sports, his favorites being football and baseball.

After high school he apprenticed as a pattern maker in the family business, Majestic Pattern Company in Detroit. He became owner and CEO and retired at age 70 after 52 years in the business. In 1996, Wally was honored and named to “Who’s Who Among Outstanding Business Executives.”

When not working, Wally loved playing sports and watching local teams. No matter how they played, he was loyal to the Tigers, Lions, Red Wings, Pistons and Michigan Wolverines. One of them always was on television in his home. He was an avid golfer and a bowler who carried a 199 average. A member of Burning Tree Golf and Country Club since 1980, it was his favorite place to be with his wife, Suzie, and many friends. Wally loved playing in the men’s association and tournaments. His favorite was the Men’s Invitational, which he won several times. Wally had three holes-in-one



Walter E. Tobeler

at Burning Tree.

For years the Harper family was involved in offshore boating out of St. Clair Shores and around the country. Wally raced with his father and brother, Ron, on their family fast boats: Lil’ Smidgen and Smidgen Too. Wally also raced on the Maverick and Ship On It with friends. Being on the water, whether racing, fishing or for pleasure, was a favorite pastime.

Wally and Suzie loved to travel. They’ve taken 40 cruises and journeyed throughout Europe, the States and the Caribbean. They particularly loved Italy, going there many times, and New York City, where they took in frequent Broadway shows.

Another “hobby” of Wally’s was going to the casinos. He was particularly proud of his seven Black Jack trophies, which he won on cruise ships. Together he and Suzie loved going to MGM to play slots, where Wally was consistently lucky.

Wally also was enamored of new cars, from his 1957 Corvette to his latest Cadillac. He immediately had it pinstriped to include his initials and added personalized license plates.

Beginning with the news of being approved for their first mortgage in 1979, they happened to be dining at National Coney Island restaurant. Ever since, Wally insisted on celebrating at National for every personal victory, for himself or family.

Wally was a doting, loving husband of Suzanne “Suzie” for 42 years; loving brother to Ronald (Carol) Harper and Donna Laukhuf (the late Carl); dear father of Catherine O’Meara and Craig Harper; loving grandfather to Grace O’Meara, Eaven O’Meara and Corbett O’Meara; dear brother-in-law to Joanne Boesiger (the late Robert) and Diane Thoits (Michael); and loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Wally will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Visitation takes place from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, May 28, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



Annamay Godin

Walter E. Tobeler

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Walter E. Tobeler, of Troy, passed away Saturday, May 15, 2021. Born July 2, 1936, in Detroit, to Oril and Carl, he was 84.

Walter was the beloved husband of the late Marilyn; loving father of Mark, Kathy (Daniel) and Julie (Michael); dearest grandfather of Matthew, Kaitlyn, Luke, Amanda, Daniel, Jacob and Sarah; and dear brother of Marce, Fred (Patty) and Lynda (Matt).

He was a graduate of Wilbur Wright High School and Technical School and worked as a tool maker.

An avid boater and fisherman, Walter enjoyed traveling the Great Lakes. He also enjoyed model trains and spending time with family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crosspointe Christian Church, yourc3.org; or Gleaners Community Food Bank, gcfb.org.

Annamay Godin

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Annamay Godin (nee Hinz), 100, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born Feb. 28, 1921, in Detroit, to John and Ida (nee Schaefer) Hinz, both now deceased.

She was the loving wife of Clifford, who passed away in 1986; dear mother of Allen (Suze), Janette, Kenneth (Peggy), Dennis (the late Patty), Clifford (Kimberly), the late James and the late infant Joseph Michael; cherished grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 22. She also was predeceased by her grandson, Daniel Fischer.

A funeral Mass for Annamay takes place at noon Thursday, May 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Nativity of our Lord, 5900 McClellan, Detroit, MI 48213.

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MARIE TERESE TOBIN

Marie Terese Tobin (nee Kerwin) age 98, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021 surrounded by her loving family at her home in Stoney Point, Ontario, Canada. Marie Terese was the Beloved Wife of the late Joseph William Tobin. Loving Mother of His Eminence Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Molly (John) Brusstar, Margo Tobin (Ron Coleman), Kathy (Dave) Vandelinder, Jim (Joan) Tobin, Ann Tobin (Joe Levigne), Pat (Tom) Steinhauer, Tom (Cathy) Tobin, Gerarda Tobin (Brian Joseph), John (Janine) Tobin, Therese Tobin, Dan (Maria) Tobin, Sara (Matthew) Broderick. Loving Grandmother of Rachel (Keval), Ellen, Meghan (Gary), Paul (Elaine), Clare (Nick), James Jr. (Lindsay), Erin (Adam), Matthew (Lauren), Joseph (Courtney), Brigid, Maura, Thomas, Maggie, Lizzy, Jack, Katie, Ryan (Stacey), Stephanie (Chad), Christopher, Kevin (Liz), Hannah, Jillian, Maeve, Nora, Matthew, John, Liam and Madeline. Dear Great-Grandmother of Sloane, James III, Teagan, Aidan, Emerson, Owen, Finley, Bella, Sophie, Sister of the late Mary Winfred Kerwin and Margaret Kerwin. Visitation Wednesday, 2-9pm at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Funeral Mass, Thursday 10am at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 1721 Junction Avenue, Detroit, MI 48209. Live stream available at www.facebook.com/MostHolyRedeemer. In keeping with Mrs. Tobin’s lifelong devotion to her Catholic faith, in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Most Holy Redeemer Grade School, 1711 Junction Avenue, Detroit, MI 48209 www.greatschools.org., The Redemptorists / Denver Province, 1633 North Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614 www.redemptoristsdenver.org., Visitation Parish, 5407 Comber Sideroad, Comber, ON, N0P 1J0 Canada www.visitationcomber.ca., St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 www.thecapuchins.org., IHM Sisters, 610 W. Elm, Monroe, MI 48162 www.ihmsisters.org., Pope Francis Center, 438 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226, www.popefrancisccenter.org. Due to the Covid Pandemic shut down in Canada, a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at Visitation Parish. Share a memory at: www.verheyden.org



OBITS:

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Mike Purdy

Beloved son, husband and father, Raymond Michael Purdy, 37, passed away Thursday, May 20, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19. A hospital worker his entire career, Mike contracted the virus in November 2020. He battled fiercely through six months of hospitalization, but lost his fight and passed peacefully surrounded by his family. His devotion to his 4-year-old daughter, Samantha, and his wife, Dr. Judy Purdy DVM (nee Turnbull) was an inspiration to all who knew him.

He graduated from Lansing Community College and Ferris State University after graduating from Haslett High School. Mike’s love of science and computer technology drew him to the medical field and laboratory work, beginning at Sparrow Hospital while he was still in college and continuing in Detroit. While finishing college, he met his soulmate, Judy, who was studying veterinary medicine at Michigan State University. They were married at the Detroit Zoo in 2011, and settled in Grosse Pointe Woods with their dog, Waffles. They welcomed their daughter, Samantha, in 2016. She became the joy of Mike’s life; a more doting father never existed.

Mike was known for his casual Hawaiian shirts and khakis. He enjoyed playing online and roleplaying games with his close group of friends, unabashedly loved watching Disney movies with his daughter and was a diehard Detroit Lions fan. His love of Michigan State sports was unbending. He was full of joy and



Mike Purdy

kindness and this untimely death leaves a great sadness in his passing.

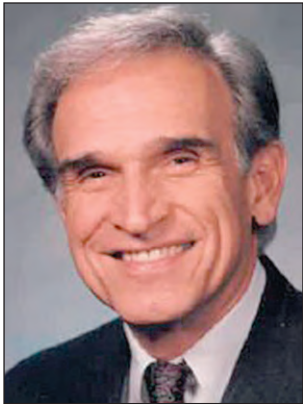
He is sorely missed by his father, Raymond A. Purdy Esq. and mother, Dr. Margaret Purdy M.D.; brother, Christopher Purdy (Corey); grandmother, Gloriana Purdy; the many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces of his extended family; and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, LaVere A. Purdy.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Zoological Society in memory of Raymond Michael Purdy.

George Petroff Jr.

George Petroff Jr., of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Friday, May 21, 2021, at age 83. A family man who was blessed to have his loving wife, Geraldine, always at his side, he was known for his keen intellect, sense of humor and genuine interest in those around him. His smile shone bright amid life’s joys and he especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cherishing moments big and small with them.

He was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Baltimore, Md., to George and Dorothy Petroff. His family moved to Detroit when he was a young child and he graduated from Denby High School. He attended



George Petroff

Wayne State University before enlisting in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1960, and served until his honorable discharge in 1966. He married Geraldine Bruss on May 12, 1962, and they raised their family on the east side of Detroit before moving to Grosse Pointe Woods. From a job in the mailroom, he worked his way up in the advertising industry. He retired as an account vice president after a 35-year career at the Ross Roy agency in Detroit and later worked with advertising firm Adistra Corp. in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Geraldine; daughters, Nancy Fenske (Richard) and Christy Petroff (David Runk); grandchildren, Kathryn Schanne (Joel), Liam Riddle, Allison Riddle (Jan Drugge), Samuel Riddle and Alexander, Christopher, Anna and Sara Runk; and great-granddaughters Eloise, Mabel and Willa Schanne. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Christoff (Carl) of Massillon, Ohio.

Visitation took place May 25, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass was May 26, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, osvhub.com/sjascsfunds.



Martha Petrie Bolognini

Martha Adams Haggarty Petrie Bolognini

Martha Adams Haggarty Petrie Bolognini of Montgomery, Ohio, passed away Friday, May 14, 2021, at Bethesda North Hospital after a brief illness.

Martha was born May 24, 1932, in Ann Arbor, to George and Mary Kirk Haggarty. She graduated from The Convent of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe and subsequently from Wellesley College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1954.

In 1954 Martha married John Alexander Petrie, who at eight years her senior was “the oldest man [she’d] ever met.” John promptly relocated her to Cleveland, Ohio – the midpoint between her family in Detroit and his on Long Island – where they began their life and family together. In 1978 they moved to Cincinnati for John’s business. Having built one happy, engaged and connected life in Cleveland, Martha proceeded to do it all over again in Cincinnati. She opened her home and heart, joined many groups, signed up for all manner of activities, worked in the community, honed her prowess at both tennis and golf, practiced and taught her rug-making craft and ensured that her children would always have a home when they returned

or passed through.

John Petrie passed away in 2005, and in 2007 she married Louis N. Bolognini, “Louie” to one and all. They spent 12 happy years traveling the country to see their children, enjoying many outings and social events in Cincinnati and spending several winters in Arizona. Louie preceded her in death May 27, 2019.

Martha was well known for having no pending file, a proclivity that would prompt her to ask her children each New Year’s Day what their plans were for summer vacation, or better yet, summer employment. She applied a singular focus to a series of intellectual and artistic pursuits in her lifetime, becoming a Life Master in Bridge in 1998, and learning Spanish as a grandmother. She loved music and theater and was a longtime subscriber to many performing arts venues in both her Ohio hometowns, and she savored annual trips to Manhattan with John for Broadway productions. She was a “take no prisoners” tennis player and enjoyed rounds of golf into her 80s. Martha loved a party – she was the family go-to for entertainment ideas, icebreaker games, even signature desserts – and she opened her home to host friends her entire adult life.

Martha’s artistry for handiwork was unmatched. At various times she immersed herself in knitting, needlepoint, American rug hooking, embroidery and quilting. At home, Martha was not interested at all in television and could be found in an adjacent room with a book. Her later years were supported in no small degree by a steady stream of Amazon deliveries which, to her amazement, arrived “before [she’d] hung up the

phone.”

Martha truly enjoyed life. She was a loving and trusted confidante and counselor to her friends and family and when called upon, communicated her thoughts with a rapier wit that is the stuff of legend. In her last years she was resolved to live independently and with dignity, something she accomplished quite well until the very end, despite the uniquely trying circumstances of the past year.

Martha is survived by daughters, Margaret Maggard (Bill) and Carol Kinney (Jim); sons, Drew (Diana), Steve (Marguerite) and Jack (Ginny); brother, George (Susan); and Louie’s sons, Lou Junior (Kris) and Mike (Bev). She also leaves 11 grandchildren: Ollie and Henry Maggard; Ian, Cameron and Owen Kinney; Will, Liza, John and Grace Petrie; and Kirk and Selma Petrie. In her role as “Mamoonk,” she delighted in fostering an active, communicative and love-filled relationship with each. She also is survived by many nieces and nephews who have settled around the United States.

In lieu of a funeral service, her family will hold a celebration of life for Martha at a future date.

Donations in Martha’s honor may be made to Crayons to Computers, 1350 Tennessee Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-1014 or crayons2computers.org/. Both Martha and John were passionate volunteers for Crayons, an organization that supports area teachers with supplies that promote classroom learning as well as enrichment and incentive items that inspire student engagement.

Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Homes in Cincinnati is handling all arrangements, most of which were worked out by Martha herself beforehand — naturally.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ Homeschool Spring Walk, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 27. This tour of the grounds teaches participants how to identify differ-

ent plants and flowers. Cost is \$2.

◆ The Art of the Cocktail, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27. Explore the art of the cocktail with expert mixologists from Detroit City Distillery. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members.

◆ Story Time: “Summer Song,” 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, through Tuesday, June 15. After hearing the story, guests may explore the grounds. The event is free, but advanced registration is required.

◆ Explorers Series, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 3, for ages 6 to 10. Birds are the topic of this program, which includes a classroom experiment and walking a portion of the property.

◆ Science Saturdays: Live Birds, 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5. All ages are welcome to see live raptors — including owls and hawks — from Leslie Science & Nature Center. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$2 for children.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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

◆ Thoughts to Action Book Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27.

◆ Family Dance Party Pop Up, 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

◆ Oliver’s Animal Adventures, all day Thursday, June 3. The lynx will be featured.

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To accommodate the Memorial Day holiday, the deadline for obituaries to be included in the June 3 edition of the Grosse Pointe News is 1 p.m. Friday, May 28.

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church
(United Church of Christ)
www.gpcong.org

Sunday 10AM services are on Zoom Meeting online and phone
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4105997963>
415-762-9988, then enter 4105997963
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11:00 am - Worship Service

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Tuesday — 8:30 a.m.
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Friday — Noon

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10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

MONDAY
7 p.m. - Worship Service
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

WEDNESDAY
10 a.m. - Bible Study

Randy S. Boelter, Pastor
Making New Disciples- Building Stronger Ones

Worship Service



Grosse Pointer brings indoor climbing to Detroit

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe resident and owner of DYNO Detroit Dino Ruggeri recognized there is a market for an indoor climbing gym in Detroit.

He has always had a passion for outdoor sports and activities. He spent five years in Colorado as a snow ski instructor and camp counselor, sharing his love for the outdoors.

Ruggeri made the move from Colorado back to his hometown of Grosse Pointe in 2016, to be closer to his family.

“I wanted to come back to Michigan; I always called Michigan home,” he said.

He was introduced to indoor rock climbing in Ann Arbor during his last semester of college.

Indoor climbing has a lot to offer, he said. It’s a great workout, a social activity, a mental challenge, “and it’s fun” he added.



DYNO Detroit is equipped with four different types of climbing: bouldering, lead climbing, top-roping and auto belays.

Ruggeri decided to bring DYNO Detroit to the city of Detroit as a way to share the sport with people who might not have had access to an indoor climbing gym.

“Being in the city of Detroit, we see a lot of folks coming in (to the gym) that have never had the opportunity to

climb,” he said.

Introducing the sport to new climbers and increasing access to the outdoor lifestyle is Ruggeri’s goal.

“The outdoors do belong to everyone,” he said. “And indoor climbing is a great gateway.”

DYNO Detroit offers different membership

levels, from automatic monthly payments to seven-visit punch cards.

The gym offers four types of climbs for beginners and advanced climbers, including bouldering, lead climbing, top-roping and auto belays.

Climbing routes are rotated every 12 weeks



COURTESY PHOTOS

The fitness center at DYNO Detroit.

through a process called route setting, which constantly brings climbers new challenges.

An upstairs fitness center includes cardio machines, strength training, dumbbells, kettlebells, a pull-up rack, squat rack and indoor turf.

Although the goal is to get people to enjoy the outdoors, the gym is the perfect place for training during Michigan winters.

DYNO Detroit opened to the public April 15, and Ruggeri said check-

ins have been increasing week over week.

Ruggeri welcomes people of all skill sets, strengths, ages and body types to give climbing a try.

DYNO Detroit is located at 3500 Orleans, Detroit. Currently, it is open by reservation only after 4 p.m. weekdays and all day during the weekend.

For more information, visit dynodetroit.com, call (313) 262-6208, email info@dynodetroit.com or visit the [Dyno Detroit Facebook page](#).

Impact100 Metro Detroit to award \$252,000 in grants

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

Impact100 Metro Detroit is celebrated its sixth Big Give event May 26, awarding more than \$250,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations.

Kelly Walsh, a Grosse Pointer and incoming president of Impact100 Metro Detroit, said this year’s event marks the biggest grant awards since its inception in 2016.

Impact100 Metro Detroit’s mission is to give high-impact grants that fuel transformation in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Walsh was introduced to Impact100 Metro Detroit when she was invited to a past Big Give event.

“It was very powerful,” Walsh shared.

Since attending her



Kelly Walsh

first event she became a member, sat on the board and is preparing to serve as president for the 2022 Big Give year.

The ‘Big Give’

Each year nonprofits are welcome to submit grant applications to Impact100 Metro Detroit in early February.

Through a selection process, members evaluate the projects based on if they highlight an unmet

need and have an innovative, permanent and measurable impact on the community.

Uniquely, each member is allotted a vote to select the winners of the grants.

One membership equals one vote.

“We take this responsibility very seriously,” Walsh said.

She also said reading through the applications educates her and other members about unmet needs throughout metro Detroit.

As difficult as it is to choose finalists, the end result is very rewarding.

“On May 26, I will feel like I made a difference,” Walsh said.

Past winners have made CNN’s Heroes list and have grown exponentially since receiving the grant.

Winning the grants brings awareness to the

nonprofits and gives them a financial kickstart, as well as resources from Impact100 Metro Detroit.

A past winner said, “The impact only started with the check.”

Finalists

This year’s Big Give event took on a hybrid format May 26. Finalists will be welcome to celebrate in person at The War Memorial and viewers, members, community members and potential members are welcome to watch the event via livestream. To register and receive the link to the livestream, go to impact100metrodetroit.org.

The 2021 finalists are Accent Pontiac, Brilliant Detroit, Developing Kingdoms in Different Stages, Freedom House and LifeBuilders.

Walsh said this is the

first year every finalist will go home with a monetary award.

The top two winners will each receive \$100,000 and the remaining \$52,000 will be split among the other three organizations.

“We’re excited to physically give out the big checks,” Walsh said.

The Big Give also will feature a local artist creating a live mural during the event and Detroit artist Rebel Nell will turn it into wearable art that will be available for purchase.

Get involved

Impact100 Metro Detroit is eager to continue its growth throughout the metro Detroit area and is always accepting new members.

Walsh shared that prior to becoming a member she was searching for a way to fulfill her desire to make an impact.

Living in Grosse Pointe and seeing how close knit the community is made her recognize the need in Detroit, which is only a mile away from her home in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Impact100 Metro Detroit was a way for her to make a difference close to home.

Walsh encourages Grosse Pointers to get involved through memberships, which are \$1,100 annually. Scholarships and flexible payment plans make it easy for anyone to participate.

Walsh said the organization hopes to grow annually with milestones, including \$350,000 in grants by 2022, and \$500,000 in grants by 2023.

Memberships and Big Give event registration may be found at impact100metrodetroit.org.

EVENTS:

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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.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Art on the Front Lawn, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 10, with Michelle Boggess-Nunley of On the Gogh Studio. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Participants will create a country-inspired blue bicycle painting with simple instructions.
- ◆ 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 through Friday. Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe residents age 60 and older or disabled may schedule a ride for shopping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

Gilda’s Club Lake House

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

- ◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, Gentle Mat Yoga.
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Women’s Gathering.
- ◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, Chair Yoga.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Marine Corps

Marine Corps Recruiting Station Cleveland will host the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon from 8 to 9:45 a.m. June 1, at Cadillac Square. The Silent Drill Platoon, based out of Washington, D.C., is known for its unique precision drill exhibition requiring the high discipline and professionalism associated with every Marine. The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon is made up of a 24-man rifle platoon wielding hand-polished, 10-and-one-half pound M1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets. Their routine

concludes with a unique rifle inspection sequence demonstrating elaborate rifle spins and tosses.

Recruiting Station Cleveland’s mission is to recruit and prepare the next generation of Marines for recruit training.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2. Sierra Donaven will give a new member presentation. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Friends of the GPPL

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library 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.

Men’s Club

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, at the ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Stu Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club, speaks.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 10, Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, 22310 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 14, Grosse Pointe Sail Club/Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, Historic Trinity Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, St. Barnabus, 24800 Plox, Eastpointe.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

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

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. Call (586) 218-6228.

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Acton steps down as Rackham Choir artistic director

Suzanne Mallare Acton, a genre-defying conductor whose exacting musical standards and knack for experimentation transformed Rackham Choir, is stepping down as the choir’s artistic director after 25 years.

Acton will continue to be music director/conductor for future performances of “Too Hot To Handel” and will remain as a mentor to young singers in Rackham’s high school vocal internship program. Joe Jackson, Rackham’s long-time accompanist, also is leaving the choir, and will continue to work with Rackham interns as well.

Rackham is among the oldest vocal music groups in metro Detroit. Founded in 1949 with high musical ambitions, the choir for a time performed regularly with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. But by the time Acton took over, the group was turning over musical directors and had lost much of its musical firepower.

In 1996, when Rackham lost its director a couple months before a scheduled performance of Handel’s “Messiah,” one of Rackham’s board members approached Acton to help out by conducting the concert. After the performance, the entire board overwhelmingly encouraged her to stay on.

Acton agreed, jumping at the opportunity to experiment with choral music outside of her work as Michigan Opera Theatre’s assistant music director/chorus master. She quickly began pushing the choir’s musical standard upward, reducing the number of annual concerts, imposing stricter auditions for singers and attracting new members to the ensemble.

“I want singers to communicate text, to really reach out to their audience, to do more than just stand there and sing,” Acton said. “Just standing and sing-

ing is a little boring. I looked for repertoire that would bring choral music to life.”

With Acton at the reins, Rackham stepped out of its comfort zone with performances such as “African Sanctus,” a multimedia performance including composer David Fanshawe’s photographs of Africa; a staged version of “The Reluctant Dragon,” a 1941 Disney film, with full-size puppets; and “Let My People Go! A Spiritual Journey Along the Underground Railroad,” which was staged with actors, dancers, soloists and drummers.

Acton’s most durable and popular innovation was “Too Hot To Handel,” a gospel-infused remix of “The Messiah” that debuted in New York City in 1993. “The Messiah” is one of the most commonly performed pieces of choral repertoire in the world and it was a staple on Rackham’s annual calendar. After conducting the classic in 2001, Acton went to dinner with one of the soloists, tenor Rod Dixon, and mentioned in passing she’d been hearing rumblings about a new jazz and gospel remix of “The Messiah.”

Dixon reached under the table, where he had the score in his bag.

“I said, ‘I just finished singing it a couple of weeks ago,’” he recalled.

Acton began planning to bring the show to Detroit and Rackham performed it the first time in March 2002, at Little Rock Baptist Church. Acton invited David DiChiera, founder of Michigan Opera Theatre, to attend one of the performances; he was so impressed by the experience he agreed to present it at the opera house in December 2002.

“Too Hot” was received exuberantly at the Detroit Opera House, especially when people in the crowd realized they could holler and clap along with the music. During the

next 20 years of performances, “Too Hot” has regularly sold out, expanding Rackham’s profile and attracting new members. In 2008, the choir received the Governor’s Award for Arts and Culture under her leadership.

Dixon, who has soloed in dozens of performances of “Too Hot,” said Acton’s broad musical sensibilities are a cornerstone of the show, calling her the “quintessential American conductor who has a universal sense of high standards in music from all corners of the world.”

By bringing jazz and gospel sounds to the opera house, Dixon said, the show honored black musical forms that form the bedrock of American music but have been long excluded by American cultural institutions.

“Suzanne could have very easily stayed behind the doors of the Michigan Opera Theatre and stayed on the European side of music,” Dixon said. “She could have done that and been just fine. But as a human being, she included us. As we evolved, she evolved.”

Acton was raised in a household of musicians and her two older brothers introduced her to jazz. Acton excelled at piano, which led her to accompany choral music since her youth. One of her early mentors, John Wustman, accompanied opera stars, including Luciano Pavarotti and Elisabeth Schwarzkopf.

Though not a singer herself, Acton emerged from her training an expert in the workings of the voice. Rackham members often remark



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Suzanne Mallare Acton conducting Too Hot To Handel, which reimagines a classic choral work through a jazz-gospel lens.

that rehearsals feel like a top-notch voice lesson.

“If I’m struggling with a piece, she can fix what’s wrong in five minutes,” said Victoria Bigelow, a soprano who has been with the choir more than two decades. “Her ability to do that in real time with a group of 80 people is incredible. I just think she makes us better at what we do.”

Dozens of promising young singers have benefited from Acton’s teaching through the Rackham intern pro-

gram, which gives high schoolers a spot in the choir and one-on-one instruction on solo repertoire.

Dominik Belavy, a baritone, interned with the choir in 2011 and 2012, before studying at the Juilliard School.

“It was the most in-depth work I’d done on language and on musicality and on style,” Belavy recalled. “I found out when I went to conservatory that my work with Suzanne mirrored professional-level

coaching.”

Acton’s mentorship didn’t end when he left for college, he said. A decade later, as he enters the early stages of his professional singing career, she still passes along job opportunities.

“Suzanne has left a lasting legacy with the choir that we’ll continue to build on for a long time,” said Emily Eichenhorn, president and managing board member for the choir. “We wish her well.”

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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Fraud prince

I broke up with a guy I was dating after discovering he'd lied about his age on the dating app we'd met on. (He's 48, not "39.") I'd told him honesty's a big deal for me. He claimed he's honest with those he cares about and at work and argued that everybody lies on dating sites. I'm not buying that. Isn't someone either honest or not?
—Skeptical!

There's that saying, "act your age," and he is -- as a guy cresting 50 who wants a girlfriend who still sometimes gets carded. Chances are you consider yourself an honest person. But you're not.

None of us is. In the words of TV's Dr. House, "Everybody lies." Social psychologist Bella DePaulo concurs. In her research on lying, she explains that people can't be "tossed into one of two moral bins, one for the people who are honest and the other for the liars." In fact, we all lie in ways we don't even recognize as lies. Do you wear control-top tights or Spanx? A push-up bra or a squish-you-down bra? How about under-eye concealer? (Note that it isn't called under-eye *revealer*: "All the better to show off my ginormous, dark, puffy eyebags!") These less-than-truthful forms of self-presentation are a lighter shade of the lie this guy told: an "instru-

mental" lie -- a lie used as an "instrument" to get others to give us "material rewards or other personal pleasures or advantages" they wouldn't if we told the truth. But consider that people who don't lie their way through life might see lies in an online dating profile as sort of Spanx-type fibbies: a way to game an unfair system, a la, "I'm so much younger than my real age, and the hot young women I want would see that -- uh, if only I could get around their searches where they cut out my age group." Getting a realistic sense of a man's true character probably takes listening and watching over time, especially when he doesn't know you're doing it.



That should help you avoid missing out on good guys who occasionally re-
rofit the truth with a little Spandex. And you'll know to ditch those who are ethically iffy -- or worse: for example, some other

48-year-old dude who has the firm body of a man half his age -- and if he keeps it in his basement freezer, no one will be the wiser.
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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Too much information

Q: I work within a group in our department where we have our own projects but all have the same job titles. We are responsible professionals, but we have a great company culture and are always friendly, considerate and helpful to each other when someone is swamped. We love our casual environment, and it's obvious to all our company is well-managed. Our manager trusts us to create our schedules and meet our deadlines to complete our work on time. This leaves us a bit of time each day to socialize with each other. One of the members in our group is young and newly married, another is getting married, and the remaining five of us are single. We all get along despite our different life-

styles. We have one major question. During our social interfacing, the newly married member has shared some of her married experiences -- and they are not positive ones. We don't like to gossip, but we have talked among ourselves about whether she knows that her husband is emotionally abusive. We don't know if we should say something to her. Because she is the youngest in the group, we think she may not know his behavior is wrong. She doesn't ask what we think about the behavior, but the fact that

she tells us says that it is on her mind. We don't want to get together as a group (even though we all agree his-behavior is abusive) and ambush her. Is it appropriate for one of us to say something privately? We also don't know



direct questions. No one likes to admit their naivete when it comes to life experiences. Everyone must learn from someone, but mentioning her husband's negative behavior seems telling. Asking your direct opinion might seem too much like admitting she made a mistake in marrying this man, which could be a hard fact to face, especially since she is newly married. On the other hand, many women are unaware of what emotional abuse feels like, especially as it usually seeps in slowly. It sounds like all of you care about her, so discussing her comments among your group sounds like concern, not gossip. Abuse is a tough topic to address, assuming none of you is a counselor or psychologist working in the field of partner abuse. If all of you decide to address it, choose the most sensitive and empathetic member of your group to speak to her privately outside the office. waiting to see what the feedback will be. Because this newly married coworker is the youngest in your group, it is more likely she is hesitant to ask

Before talking to her, read expert articles on partner abuse. Then you can introduce the topic to her by asking if she had mentioned the experiences because she questions his behavior. Then let her take the lead. If she responds defensively, politely back out of the conversation, letting her know you're open to anything she wants to discuss at any time. At least she knows you consider her comments serious enough to address the situation. You might feel awkward if she quickly dismisses her initial comments about him, but don't be surprised if she brings up the subject at a later date. All of you have to work together, so you don't want any awkwardness. Her other choice is to never mention similar incidents again to the office group.

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Boyfriend makes a grab for woman's child tax credit

DEAR ABBY: My daughter received her tax refund recently. It amounted to \$8,700. Approximately \$5,000 is for overpaying on taxes. Approximately \$3,000 is the child tax credit she receives for her two children. Her boyfriend, the father of the two boys, thinks he's entitled to some of her money. Now, I understand the child tax credit is given for financial help for the children. My daughter and I agree that the \$5,000 is hers exclusively as she is the one who paid those taxes. As far as the child tax credit is concerned, her boyfriend thinks that he should be entitled to at least half of that because he's the father. We think because she is the one paying for the year's health insurance, doctor copays, prescriptions and most of the diapers, wipes, pullups and other incident-

tals, it should all be hers. Don't get me wrong. Her boyfriend does contribute to the household and is a great guy. They split most of the bills. After five years, this is their first big disagreement. He chooses to get money during the year, so of course he gets a lower tax refund at the end of the year. FYI, she pays less for the baby supplies because she works at a well-known warehouse. He contributes when they are low by picking some up at the grocery store. What advice do you have? -- MONEY WOES IN THE EAST

DEAR MONEY WOES: Watch your daughter's "great" boyfriend closely because his stance is troubling. Because he is the father (!) doesn't mean he has a right to any portion of the child tax credit.

If he needs reimbursement for the items he picks up for his children at the grocery store, your daughter should repay him out of her salary, not by forking over half of her tax credit. That money is intended for the kids, not for any one parent. If things aren't clear enough, consider putting the tax credit money in a separate account.

DEAR ABBY: My brother "Frank" passed away last month. He didn't have any underlying medical conditions, so it was a shock. My problem is, when I was 9 and he was 14, he used to molest me while my mother was working. For years, I never told anyone, but when I was 40, I told my mom and big brother. Both of them believed me. For the past five years, I had been there for Frank and his daughter, but I was always waiting for an apology



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

from him that never came. Now it's all I dwell on. How can I move past this and try to remember the good times? -- PERPLEXED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: Your religious adviser may be able to help you with that. However, if you are not religious, it may take some sessions with a licensed mental health professional. Your niece, Frank's daughter, should be asked if her father ever did anything that made her uncomfortable because, if he did, she may need professional help.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who is really popular. We have been best friends since third grade, but when we started ninth

grade, she really changed. She started hanging out with the "cool" kids and acting weird. She told me that because I was her friend, I had the automatic right to hang out with them. I don't like to hang out with large groups of people because I'm afraid of big groups, but I still want to be friends with her. When I told her I'd think about it, she suddenly turned cold. I'm confused. I don't know what I should do. She was there for me since third grade, and I was there for her, and now she seems to be fading really fast -- six years of friendship just forgotten. Please give me some advice. -- FRIEND DRAMA IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FRIEND DRAMA: Sometimes when a person says "I'll think about it," it comes

across as a negative reply. Your friend's feelings may have been hurt because she interpreted it as a rejection. It would have been better if you had explained that you are uncomfortable in large groups and would prefer to see her one-on-one if she was willing. It may not be too late to get that message across to her. If the price of her company is that you will have to learn to be more social, you will then have to decide which is more important.

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Classic
Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: March 1 was the second anniversary of my husband's death. We were high school sweethearts in the early '40s, and he served in the Navy in World War II.

We were three months away from our 50th anniversary when he died suddenly.

Since then, I have learned to appreciate the pain others have suffered after losing a loved one, especially a spouse. I have been lucky to have

a positive attitude because the challenges are endless -- loneliness, cooking for one, dealing with everyday problems that you once shared, trying to make a life without him.

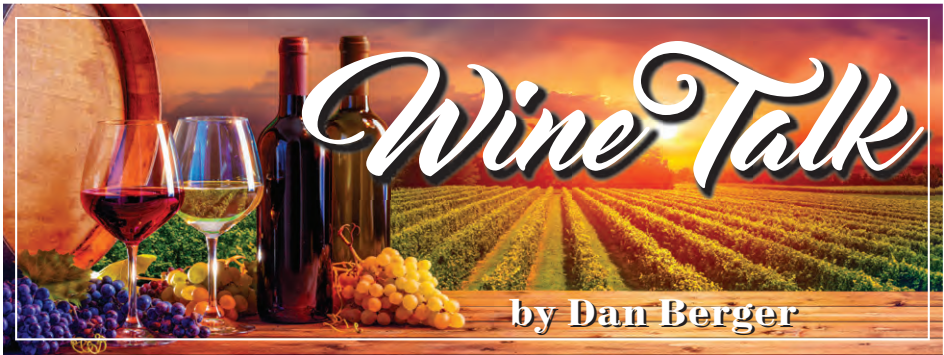
Thank God for attentive children, friends and the church. Their support is getting me through these sad months.

I hope those who know widows or widowers will invite them for dinner or tea occasionally, or just

offer friendship. In this busy world, it is easy to forget those in need. For elders who are lucky enough to still have their spouses -- please overlook their faults, and enjoy every minute you have together. -- Missing Him in Va.

Dear Missing Him: Thank you for reminding my readers of what's important. Too often we don't appreciate what we have until we lose it.

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A few words on wine

Writing about wine is an art form almost as interesting as making it -- and it's a lot less messy.

Poets love wine, but alas, what we often get is mundanity. A phrase that comes to mind: "A dinner without wine is like a day without sunshine." Or, "Life's too short to drink bad wine." Nothing pithy here.

Writings about wine date back thousands of years. Some are technical, some romantic; others speak of the revelry of harvest or wine's medicinal qualities. Still, others discuss wine regions and the character each region imparts.

Jancis Robinson's "The Oxford Companion to Wine" devotes almost four pages to wine literature. The Wayward Tendrils is a wine book-collecting club founded in 1990.

The Sonoma County Wine Library in Healdsburg, California, has arguably the best U.S. collection of literary viniana -- which, incidentally, is the title of a limited-edition book by Charles Walter Berry published in 1930.

Among the masters of wine humor were Thomas Kruse of the Gilroy, California, winery of that name, and Randall Grahm at Bonny Doon in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

I have collected a few lines that I cherish. Here are a few of my favorites.

Northern Californian and retired public relations specialist Mike Lynch, now an inveterate golfer, once co-wrote (with drawings by the brilliant artist Bob Johnson) a book titled: "A Day Without Wine Is Like a Bicycle Without a Seat."

Wine sage/author Hugh Johnson may have written more about wine than any other person. One line of his that I love, from his 1990 book, "Vintage," reads: "How can a rare bottle of

wine fetch the price of a great work of art? Can it, however perfect, smell more beautiful than a rose? 'No' must surely be the answer. But what if, deep in the flushing velvet of its petals, the rose contained the power to banish care?" Then there's the punch line to an old joke. The successful Italian winemaker for years refused to tell anyone the secret to his success. At last, the old man is on his deathbed. He summons his eldest son and whispers the secret: "Si fa anche con uva" -- "It is made also with grapes."

The Italian tradition



gives us another marvelous line, from the late Samuele Sebastiani, who had it engraved on the end of one of his famed hand-carved casks: "Un buon bicchiere pira l'altro" -- "One good glass merely makes you want another."

Some wise sayings turn up in varying forms. The late Leon Adams is reported to have said, "All wine would be red if it could," which is a variation of "If it's not red, it's not wine," or "White wine is what you drink until they open the red."

In the book "Thinking About Wine," authors John Frederick Walker and Elin McCoy quote Piero Antinori of Italy as saying, "Red wine is wine; white wine is just white wine."

Hugh Johnson once asked former Acacia

Winery winemaker Larry Brooks, "What made you think you could make wine?" Brooks' reply: "I always figured if the Three Stooges could make movies, I can make wine."

"The way to make good wine is to get good grapes and don't trip on the mat." -- Robin Day, former president of Orlando Wines in Australia.

"They gave me so much wine for lunch I had to stay for dinner." -- Dr. Maynard Amerine, the late University of California, Davis professor.

"Wine without alcohol is like the Italian language without vowels." -- Howard Goldberg, the late New York Times wine writer.

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"Time's fun when you're having flies." -- motto of Frog's Leap Winery.

Wine of the Week: 2018 J. Lohr "Arroyo Vista" Chardonnay, Arroyo Seco, Monterey (\$25) -- Hints of tropical fruit and citrus grace the complex aroma of Asian pear, oak and traces of spice from aging in oak barrels and lees contact.

It has a good acid balance, so it will pair nicely with many foods. Often seen at less than \$20, it is a great value.

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Citrus Shrimp BBQ
Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This is a light and fresh dish that pairs perfectly with a hot day and the salad I made last week. Last week's recipe was all about limes. This week has lots of lemons and orange zest. Together, you get the full citrus spectrum.

The zest from all the citrus has oils that infuse into everything you add to it. It's a quick marinade because you don't want the shrimp to cook before putting on the grill.

The green sauce and rice just makes every bite more delicious.

It's funny when people say "this is real life". Mine doesn't look quite so perfect especially when I cook and test these meals.

To my dear neighbor, a kind and talented friend, Lisa Vreede; thank you for making my ideas and food come to life. Your contribution to community photography is not unnoticed.

Congratulations on new adventures! Your thoughtful process and great vision using your camera is inspiring. I will miss our Sunday photography shoots as well as your patience with little helpers and hands that should stay back a few more feet.

Vivi won't miss Frank but the rest of us certainly will. Thanks for inspiring our brains!

Citrus Shrimp with
Green Sauce

2lbs shrimp, raw,

shelled and deveined

2 tbsp each of chopped
cilantro and parsley

Zest of 1 lemon

Zest of 1 orange

Juice of half a lemon

3 garlic cloves minced

¼ cup olive oil

1 tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

2 Naan bread

white rice, green sauce
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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“What They Had”
2018 - 1hr 41min

Dealing with aging par-
ents can be a challenging
experience. Add dementia
to the mix, and it can be
even more trying. I’ve
experienced it first hand
and I know it can take a
toll on you.

That’s the central theme
of this remarkable film.
And while it may sound
depressing, it’s really a
rewarding movie well
worth watching.



Hillary Swank and Blythe Danner.

The opening scene is of
Ruth, the talented Blythe
Danner, getting up in the
middle of the night and
wandering off into a
major blizzard. Her son
Nick (Michael Shannon),
calls his sister Bridget,
played by Hillary Swank,
and asks her to come
home to Chicago to help
him deal with their mother
and her advancing
dementia.
Bridget lives in
California and hasn’t
really been involved with
the family in years.
While Nick realizes the
need to get his mother
into a memory care facil-
ity, both his sister and
father Burt (Robert
Forster) are in total denial.
Bridget doesn’t think their
mom is that far gone and
their dad thinks he’s fully

capable of caring for her.
I can totally relate to
Nick’s frustration. Slowly,
Ruth’s erratic behavior
makes her need for help
obvious.
I’m not an expert on
dementia, but I’ve heard
that it can manifest itself
by the person turning
either delusional and
mean, or innocent and
super sweet.
Thankfully, in this film,
Ruth becomes more child-
like and delightful. Her
antics are amusing and
add an upbeat feel to the



My rating system:
★ A real stinker. A
movie that is so bad,
you’re embarrassed to
admit you’ve seen it, but
you have to rate it none-
theless.
★★ So-so. Not a total
waste of time, but you
would have been better
off reading a good book.
★★★ Pretty good. In
fact, if there weren’t any
other movies in your
queue, you might watch
it again.
★★★★ One you’d
recommend to friends.
★★★★★ So good
you’d actually go out
and buy it!

About this column:
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streaming movies, this
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From left to right, Michael Shannon, Taissa Farmiga, Hillary Swank, Blythe Danner and Robert Forster.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shop-
ping or making important
decisions from 1:15 p.m. to
10:30 p.m. EDT today
(10:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
PDT). After that, the Moon
moves from Sagittarius into
Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Thursday, May 27, 2021:
You are curious, witty
and interested in many
things. You are also
friendly and compassion-
ate. In large measure,
your success is based on
your ability to be tena-
cious and persevering.
Many of you love to col-
lect novelty items. Now
you are headed into a
completely new cycle,
which is why you can
open any door to begin a
new world.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
Holy cannelloni!
Check out the Moon
Alert (see above),
because you don’t want
to waste your money.
During this window,
it’s a poor time to shop
for anything other than
food and gas. Neverthe-
less, satisfy
your urge for adventu-
re! Tonight: Go after
what you want.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Today’s Moon Alert
(see above) takes place
in one of your Money
Houses. Therefore, be
sensible. Postpone
important decisions
and shopping (except
for food and gas). Do
your homework regard-
ing shared property
and inheritances.
Tonight: Enjoy stimula-
tion and adventure!

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
You have to go more
than halfway when deal-
ing with others today,
because today’s Moon is
opposite your sign. In
two weeks, when the
Moon is in your sign,
people will have to go

more than halfway
when dealing with you.
(See Moon Alert above.)
Tonight: Money discus-
sions will favor you.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
There’s an element of
service in your day today,
which means you have to
work for someone else.
Fortunately, you won’t
mind. Nevertheless, be
aware of the Moon Alert
(see above) and refrain
from shopping and
important decisions.
Tonight: Enjoy fun times
with others.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
It is a playful, creative
day! Great for you if you
work in the arts or you
need to use your imagi-
nation for what you do.
It’s easy for you to think
outside the box.
However, agree to noth-
ing until after the Moon
Alert is over. (See
above.) Tonight: You will
enjoy working.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You will enjoy a chance
to cocoon at home today
and relax among familiar
surroundings. You also
might have a warm talk
with a family relative.
However, because of the
Moon Alert (see above),
agree to nothing important.
Restrict spending to food.
Tonight: Children and the
arts will appeal to you.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
This is a tricky day
because of the Moon Alert
(see above). Enjoy short
trips and discussions with
others. However, this is a
poor day to agree to any-
thing important. Do not
volunteer for anything!
Restrict your spending to
food and gas. Tonight:
Entertain at home.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Be careful with your
money and your posses-

sions today, because most
of this day is a Moon Alert
(see above). Don’t shop
except for food and gas.
Don’t make important
decisions about what you
own. Coast until after the
Moon Alert is over.
Tonight: Talk to siblings,
relatives and neighbors.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today the Moon is in
your sign, which makes
you more emotional.
Since most of this day is a
Moon Alert, you feel like
you are double parked in
a parallel universe. Fear
not. Postpone important
decisions and restrict
your spending to food and
gas. Tonight: Look for
ways to make money!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
This is a loosey-goosey
day because most of this
day is a Moon Alert; fur-
thermore, the Moon is
“hiding” in your chart
today. This is why you
feel a bit vague. However,
it’s a lovely day to kick
back and relax. Restrict
your spending to food
and gas. Tonight: You
feel happy and fortunate.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You might enjoy a
heart-to-heart discussion
with a friend today.
However, don’t change
your ideas or your goals.
Just enjoy a lighthearted
discussion. See the Moon
Alert above. Don’t shop.
Tonight: Mellow eve-
ning, indeed.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Don’t volunteer for
anything if you’re talk-
ing to parents and
bosses today, which you
might be tempted to do.
Most of this day is a
Moon Alert, so keep
your head down and
your powder dry.
Restrict spending to
food and gas. Tonight:
Enjoy friends and
groups.

Contract Bridge

THREADING THE NEEDLE

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 ♦ Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of spades.

Some deals have built-in traps that
may catch the unwary. Here is one
such hand, taken from a par contest.
West leads a spade, won by dum-
my’s nine, and the question is what to
do at trick two.
If declarer plays a low diamond to
the ace, which would seem the nor-
mal thing to do, he goes down against

best defense. West drops his queen
under the ace — to fail to do so would
be fatal, since he could be forced to
win the next round — and there is
then no way declarer can establish
dummy’s diamonds without allowing
East to gain the lead with the jack for
the fatal spade return.
Of course, West must be on his toes to
jettison the queen under the ace, but he
should reason that if South has the jack
of diamonds, the queen is worthless.
However, declarer’s proper play at
trick two is to lead a heart to his king,
followed by the three of diamonds
toward dummy. If West produces the
queen, South allows him to hold the
trick, after which declarer can’t be
stopped from making at least four
notrump.
So let’s assume West plays the seven
of diamonds on South’s three. In that
case, declarer goes up with the king and
returns a low diamond from dummy,
ducking East’s nine. West is forced to
win the trick with the queen, and again
South is certain of at least 10 tricks.
The deal is an excellent illustration
of the great lengths a careful declarer
must go to in order to keep the dan-
gerous opponent — in this case, East
— out of the lead.

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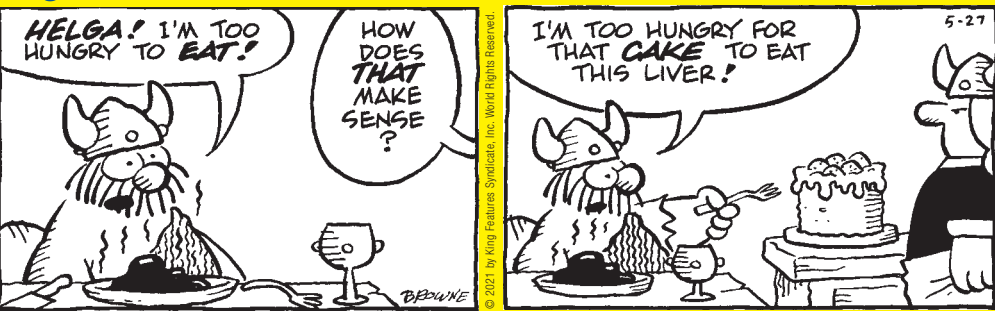
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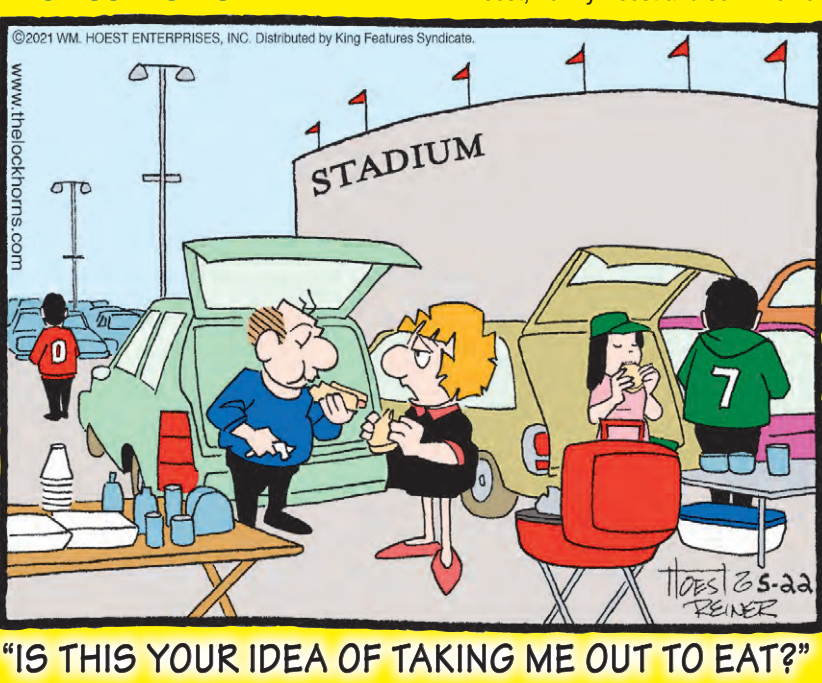
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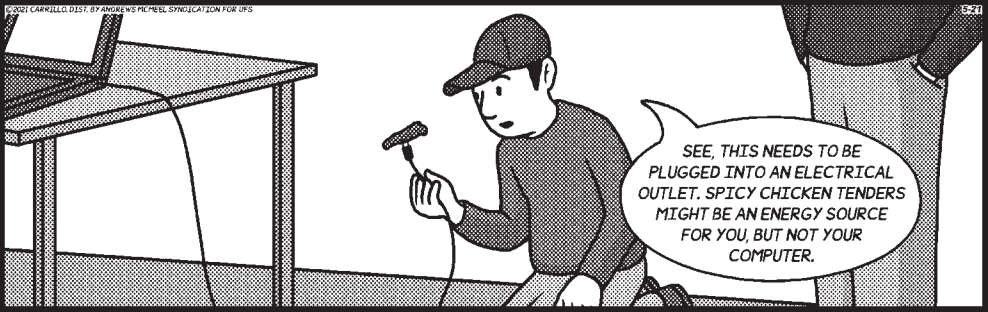
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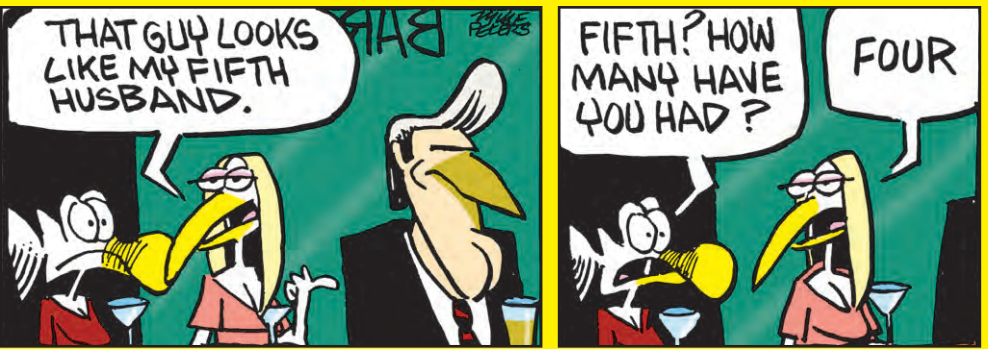
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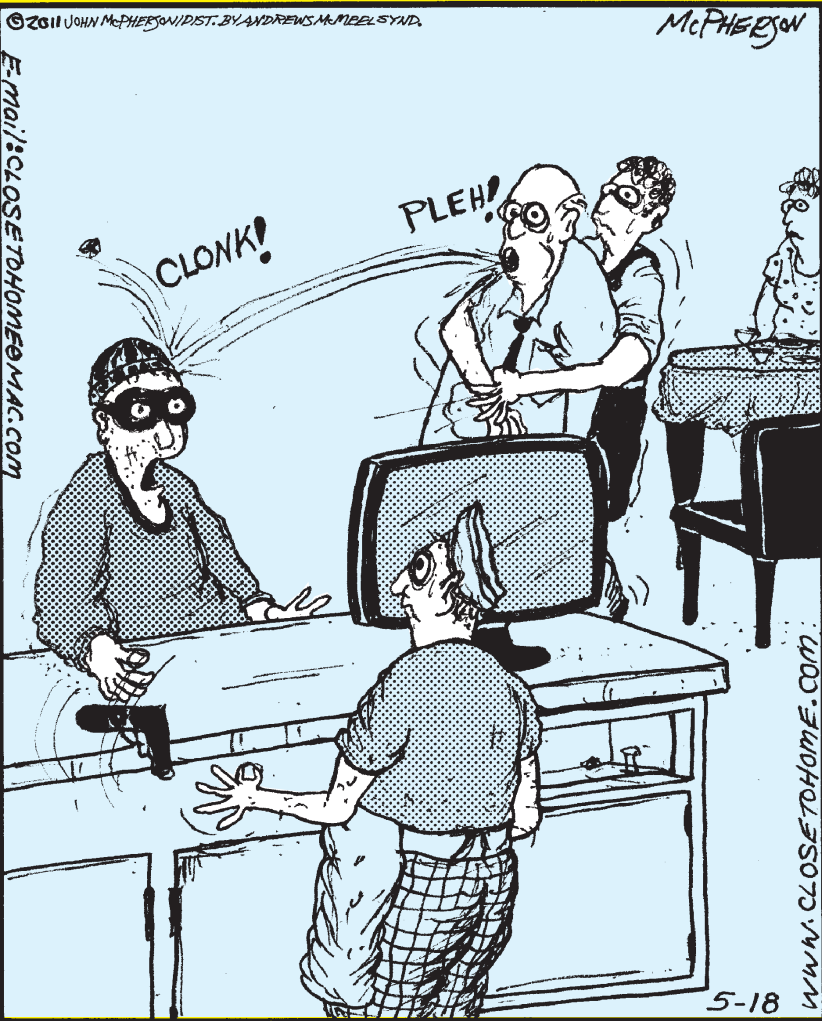
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Thinking quickly, waiter Gary Wilson thwarts a robbery while simultaneously saving a life with the Heimlich maneuver.

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High school athletes compete at track & field regionals PAGE 3D

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The University Liggett Knights defeated Marine City Cardinal Mooney on Thursday to win the CHSL Cardinal Division championship.

Service’s walk-off wins Liggett CHSL title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Baseball is a sport where simple moments can create lasting memories. Thursday morning brought one of those moments that Oliver Service and the University Liggett School Knights baseball team will remember for a long time.

Taking on Marine City Cardinal Mooney at Jimmy John’s Field for the CHSL Cardinal Division championship, the Knights and Cardinals were locked in a 1-1 tie in the bottom of the seventh inning. With two outs and a runner on second base, Liggett sophomore Service hit a hard line drive to center field, allowing Ryan Jones to turn on the wheels and make it from second base to home plate, giving the Knights a 2-1 win and their second consecutive CHSL title.

“It was better than anything I’ve ever done before,” Service said after his heroic hit. “I knew it was coming. He started me off with first-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Liggett baseball team celebrates with Oliver Service after his walk-off hit won the Knights a second consecutive CHSL Cardinal Division championship.

pitch curveballs all game, so I’m sitting on it and drive it right up the middle and knew it right when I hit it. Wheeling around first, it was the best feeling ever.”

For a good portion of

Thursday morning, it looked as if Liggett’s 22-game win streak and CHSL title hopes were in jeopardy. The Cardinals took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly and the Knights were not even

able to manage a hit at the plate until the bottom of the fourth.

The Cardinals almost took a two-run lead in the top of the sixth, but Mooney’s Anthony DiGiuseppe missed the plate when sliding into

home and was tagged out by Knights catcher Ryan Jones. Liggett was able to knot the game up at one run apiece in the bottom of the sixth with a sacrifice fly from Joey Randazzo bringing home Jarren Purify.

In the seventh, Ryan Jones reached base on a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice by brother Jack Jones, which then was followed by Service’s memorable walk-off. With a storybook ending, this matchup of highly ranked teams was an incredible battle.

“They pushed us to our brink and made us play hard and I tip my hat to them and I really tip my hat to our guys for battling and scratching and clawing,” Liggett coach Dan Cimini said. “You can’t ask for anything better. The Catholic League does a phenomenal job and I’m just honored to be able to hoist that trophy with the guys.”

This year’s CHSL Cardinal Division championship is Liggett’s second consecutive title. The tournament was not played in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the cancellation of the high school baseball season. The Knights defeated Riverview Gabriel Richard for the championship in 2019.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Steve Zaranek has been at the helm of South’s girls cross country and track and field teams for over 40 years.

South coach headed to state hall of fame

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Since the programs’ early days, Steve Zaranek has been a fixture of Grosse Pointe South High School’s girls cross country and track and field teams. After 42 years of coaching the Blue Devils, Zaranek is now being honored by the Michigan High School Coaches Association as he will be inducted into its Hall of Fame later this year.

“It helps to be able to look back and have a really good perspective on your career and a

feeling that you’ve contributed and given something back,” Zaranek said. “Over 42 years it felt so good to be able to interact with so many of these wonderful young ladies in cross country and track and be able to look back with a big smile and know we had success in the win-loss column. But the real success was understanding the importance of contribution and giving back.”

Zaranek began coaching South’s girls cross country team in 1979, and the girls track and field team in 1980. His teams have experienced

plenty of success throughout the decades, with South winning a cross country state championship in 2011, and three consecutive track and field state championships in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

South’s teams have been successful under Zaranek, but he knows he would never be able to do it all himself. Zaranek’s longtime assistant coaches, namely Leo Lamberti and Shawn McNamara, have played a key role in helping the coach impart

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Cameron Braithwaite on the mound for South against St. Clair.

Blue Devils take the crown in weekend invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils baseball team welcomed another group of three opponents to the Pointes Saturday for the GPS Invitational. Notching two wins and a tie, South was able to take home the invitational trophy, capping off the weekend with a close win in a battle of powerhouse programs.

South's first contest of the day was an 8-4 win over Rochester Adams. The Blue Devils jumped out to an early two-run lead in the first inning from an RBI single by Ryker Mazey, who then came into home plate when Jacob Harris followed up with a triple. Harris finished the first game with a pair of RBI, with Will White also bat-

ting in a couple of runs. Robbie Leonard took the ball to start Saturday's first game on the mound for South. The junior surrendered just one run on one hit with three Ks in four innings.

The second game of Saturday's tripleheader saw the Blue Devils taking on St. Clair, a team they defeated by six runs just a week earlier. South found itself in an early hole after the Saints struck early, taking a 4-0 lead after just the first inning. The Blue Devils were able to battle back enough for the second contest of the day to end in a 4-4 tie.

Quentin Dennis put South on the board with a two-run double in the third inning that shortened the Saints' early lead. The game was tied

in the fourth on an RBI single by Jordan Bruetsch.

The Blue Devils then ended the day with a showdown of Michigan's last two Division I baseball state champions. South, champions in 2018, took on 2019 state champs Portage Northern and emerged with a 6-5 win to take home the GPS Invitational trophy.

South took an early 1-0 lead as a single by Harris brought Mazey in to score in the first inning. Portage Northern then scored five unanswered runs, holding the Blue Devils scoreless until the bottom of the fifth.

The bats then came back to life for South as the Blue Devils made a comeback to regain the lead. It began with an RBI hit from Dennis,

then Liam Kaiser had a hit to reduce the deficit to one. River Kraus drew a walk with the bases loaded, bringing Dennis home to tie the game. A sacrifice groundout by Cliff Grabowski put South back in the lead for good, allowing them to pick up a hard-fought win.

Bobby Kelly got the start on the mound for South in game three. He allowed five runs on six hits through 4.2 innings. Josh Kahn, James Armstrong and Dennis all came on in relief with scoreless performances to help the Blue Devils clinch the win.

South takes on two of the top-ranked teams in the state this weekend, with games against University Liggett School Friday and Orchard Lake St. Mary Saturday.

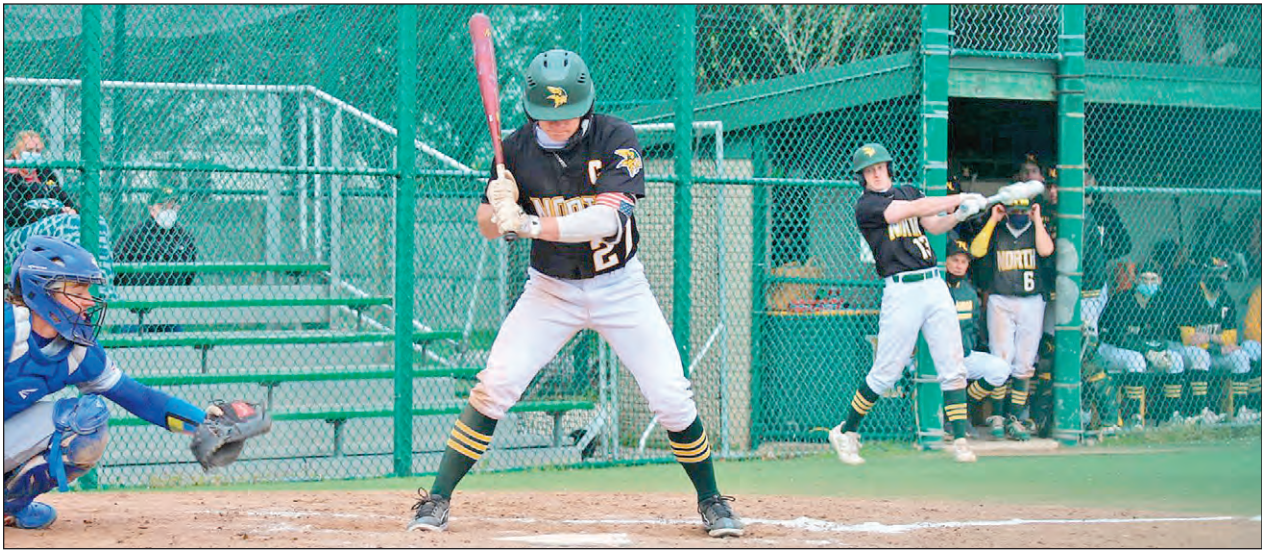


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Nic Good helped bring in the only run for the Norsemen against De La Salle.

Norsemen struggle against Grand Blanc and De La Salle

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After a pair of wins in the middle of last week against division foes L'Anse Creuse North, the Grosse Pointe North baseball team looked to be gathering some momentum heading into the final stretch of the regular season. However, the Norsemen did not have an ideal weekend, dropping a pair of games Friday and Saturday.

The Norsemen faced a tough task Friday going on the road to take on a

talented Grand Blanc team. North earned a big 15-4 win over the Bobcats in April, but Friday's contest did not yield the same results for the Norsemen, as this time they fell in a 9-5 loss.

North found itself in a sizable deficit early on, as Grand Blanc took a 6-0 lead in the first inning. The Norsemen were able to get three runs back in the third, thanks to a wild pitch and an error after a Luke Deskins ground ball. Deskins would bring in another run with an RBI

double in the seventh inning, but the comeback effort was never enough for North to climb out of the early hole.

The Norsemen returned home Saturday for a contest against a struggling De La Salle team that had lost seven in a row. However, North was unable to bounce back from Friday's loss and suffered another defeat, this time 4-1.

Once again, North found itself in an early deficit from which it had to find a way to come back. The Pilots scored

in the second and third to take a two-run lead. The Norsemen's only tally came on an RBI single from Nic Good in the bottom of the sixth to cut De La Salle's lead to just one. However, the Pilots added two more in the top of the seventh, making it even harder for North to pull off a comeback.

This week, North hosts Cranbrook Thursday before taking the road Friday to take on the state's fifth-ranked Division 2 team Croswell-Lexington.

Varsity Baseball		
Grosse Pointe North		Record (19-12)
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	9-6 L
5/19	L'Anse Creuse North	7-2 W
5/20	@ L'Anse Creuse North	12-8 W
5/21	@ Grand Blanc	9-5 L
5/22	De La Salle	4-1 L
5/25	@ Cranbrook	
5/27	Cranbrook	
5/28	@ Croswell-Lexington	
6/2	De La Salle	

Grosse Pointe South		Record (16-10-1)
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	4-2 W
5/20	Dakota	8-6 L
5/22	Rochester Adams (GPS Invitational)	8-4 W
5/22	St. Clair (GPS Invitational)	4-4 T
5/22	Portage Northern (GPS Invitational)	6-5 W
5/24	Stevenson	7-6 W
5/25	@ Brother Rice	
5/28	@ University Liggett	
5/29	Orchard Lake St. Mary	
5/29	Detroit Western	

University Liggett		Record (23-3)
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
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Red Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Dakota	10	3		22	6
Romeo	11	4		20	9
Gr Pt South	10	4	0.5	16	10
Eisenhower	6	7	4	14	16
Stevenson	2	8	6.5	7	13
Chippewa Valley	1	14	10	3	15
White Division	W	L	GB	W	L
Ford II	12	3		24	6
St. Clair	11	4	1	17	11
Gr Pt North	6	7	5	19	12
Anchor Bay	6	8	5.5	12	10
L'Anse Cr North	6	9	6	11	15
L'Anse Creuse	2	12	9.5	16	17



PHOTO COURTESY OF RENEE SHERRY

South girls hockey captain Regan Sherry signs her commitment to play for Lake Superior State. Pictured with parents Frank and Renee Sherry.

South girls hockey captain to join Lakers

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After four years of playing on the ice for the Blue Devils, Grosse Pointe South’s Regan Sherry is ready to continue her hockey career at the collegiate level. Last week, Sherry signed her letter of intent to join the women’s hockey team at Lake Superior State University next season.

Sherry is excited to continue playing hockey in college for the Lakers, but hockey was not necessarily the first thing on her mind when it came to choosing a school.

“I ultimately decided on Lake Superior State for the school first of all, because they have robotics engineering,” Sherry said. “It started off with education and then went into sports.”

The senior was a member of South’s varsity girls hockey team all four years in high school. This year, her senior season, she was a captain. Making her way from a

freshman to being a senior captain, Sherry believes she learned a lot from the leadership and example set by the captains before her.

“They never really excluded the underclassmen or the freshmen and I always looked up to them,” she said. “When I was finally a captain, it was so fun and I got to lead while also making the locker room fun.”

This past season was full of uncertainty and Sherry had to face even more challenges in a leadership role unlike anything the captains before might have seen. Having to take on those extra responsibilities as a leader made her realize her leadership skills might be even stronger than she expected.

“You have this hard-ship come after you and you’re faced to deal with it,” she said. “Just being a captain and trying to keep everyone motivated ... no matter what life throws at you, you’ve got to keep going and push through and it has really

made me a strong leader and given me some perspective.”

Lake Superior State’s women’s hockey program had its inaugural season in 2020, and competes in the American Collegiate Hockey Association. Sherry will be joining a young program, but she knows being part of a team is a process and hopes to use what she has learned from her time at South to continue her success playing in college.

“I’m going to be going in as a 17-year-old and some of these girls are going to be upwards of 22,” she said. “Starting as a freshman again might put me back to being shyer, but as the years go on, more and more of my personality will come out and I’ll hopefully be a leader again in my senior year of college.”

Sherry plans to study robotics engineering, inspired by her father, Frank, and his career working for Chrysler.



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Liggett’s Will Fox guards Ryan Warazek of South.

South tops Liggett, advances in regionals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Crosstown rivalries in the Pointes are always special games, but when two local teams meet in a playoff setting, the intensity rises even more. Two very talented lacrosse squads met Thursday with only one able to advance to the next round of MHSAA regional playoffs when Grosse Pointe South faced off against University Liggett School. The Blue Devils’ fast-paced offense has carried them to wins all season long and it was no different Thursday as South picked up a big victory over the Knights 24-11.

South got on the board early, with Henry Shields scoring in the opening minute. With goals from Aaron Vyletel, Griffin Adams, Miles Wujek and Sean Clarke, the Blue

Devils got out to a 5-0 lead before Doug Wood was able to finally put the Knights on the board.

The Blue Devils’ first five goals were scored by five different players, with seven players total getting their name on the scoresheet throughout the game for South. For Blue Devils coach Justin Macksound, seeing important contributions from more than just a couple of star players is encouraging in a big rivalry game.

“It was one of those games where everybody seemed to be contributing and it wasn’t just Miles Wujek scoring the first five or six of the game; they kind of locked him up,” Macksound said. “These kids know each other and they all grew up together. ... They all know the intricacies of each other and what this guy and that guy likes to do.”

Although Liggett trailed the entire 48 minutes, there were times when the Knights were able to string together goals to make things interesting. Down 9-2 in the second quarter, goals from Alex George, Rocco Scarfone and Campbell Marchal shortened South’s lead to just four.

“I love the way we competed all the way and I thought our compete level was high throughout and we just had some lapses that we couldn’t have,” Liggett coach Mike Costanzo said after the loss.

Scarfone led the Knights in scoring, finishing with five goals on the night. For South, Wujek had six goals while Vyletel finished with five, and Clarke and Adams each had three.

South now advances to the regional semifinals, where they face De La Salle.

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Last week marked the start of sailboat racing on Lake St. Clair. Clubs and sailors alike welcomed a chance to once again compete on the water, after a long winter of the COVID-19 pandemic

Race results

May 18

Grosse Pointe Sail Club Spring Series

PHRF A
1. Centurian
2. Fast Tango
3. Perversion

PHRF B
1. Das Boot
2. Kopp Out

JAM
1. J-Hawker
2. Whippersnapper

Cal 25
1. White Fang

May 19

Bayview Yacht Club Spring Bandaïd Series*

J-120
1. Jayhawker
2. FUNTECH Racing
3. Proof

PHRF Spinnaker 1
1. Manitou
2. Bad Habits
3. Advantage

PHRF Spinnaker 2
1. Regardless
2. Avatar
3. Contender

PHRF Non-Spinnaker
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1. Unleaded

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the traditional Wednesday night race sponsored by the Windsor Yacht Club is not available because American boats cannot sail in Canadian waters. The Bayview Yacht Club is hosting the Bandaïd Series in order to fill that void.

May 19

Lake Shore Sail Club Sunset Series

Class M
1. Morticia
2. Hardly Tri-ing

Class A
1. Phoenix
2. Harmony
3. Brandilee

Class B
1. Just Chill
2. Audacious
3. Baron

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1. Quadrophenia
2. Aurora
3. Courage

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Spinnaker 1
1. Hot Ticket
2. FUNTECH Racing
3. Epic

Spinnaker 2
1. Frunobulax
2. Defiant
3. Contender

Multihull
1. Unleaded

— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

ZARANNEK:

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his philosophies on countless athletes.

“We’re just on the same page with what we expect from our kids and we do set expectations for our kids, whether it’s a single day or the whole season,” Zaranek said, “and they’re high expectations, but we make sure they’re attainable.”

When he first began coaching at South more than 40 years ago, Zaranek was just 22 years old. Zaranek knows plenty has changed over the years, including parts of his coaching philosophy. However, since day one he has always had the goal of getting the best out of every athlete he’s had the pleasure of coaching.

“One thing that I’ve always wanted to try and do since day one ... I was focused on growing the team and I was very competitive,” Zaranek said. “Over the years I’ve maintained the growth part of it. ... The part that’s changed is, though it’s still fun to win, it’s a great element to bring out the best in kids, but the philosophy is how you handle the wins and the losses that determine the character of the coach and the athlete.”

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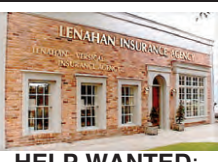
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