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We congratulate members of the Class of 2021 from Grosse Pointe North High School, left, and Grosse Pointe South High School as they celebrate the end of their high school careers and move forward to the next chapter of their lives. Find more commencement photos, including photos from University Liggett School's graduation, in the Schools section.

Pier Park to open Fishfly Café

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A creative solution to cover the lack of a Pier Park concessionaire by offering food trucks on the weekends has been going “phenomenally well,” according to Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis.

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Schroder appointed to Shores council

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Following former councilman Doug Kucyk’s May resignation, Shores city council has sought interested residents to hold the seat for a partial term until the November election.

Donn Schroder was

appointed by city council in a 6-0 vote, with Councilwoman Sandra Cavataio absent, as the first order of business during its meeting Tuesday, June 15.

“Thank you very much for the privilege of serving,” Schroder said.

The other candidate, John Dakmak, was appointed 6-0 to the

infrastructure committee.

A special council meeting was held June 8, to interview the two qualifying candidates. While two additional people applied, Mayor Ted Kedzierski noted, they did not qualify for the position under the city’s charter because they have not been residents

for one year or longer.

Find information on both candidates below.

John Dakmak

Dakmak is an attorney and lifelong resident of the Shores.

Having been involved with public service at the local, county and state level, his law practice also has afforded him

with strong negotiation, problem-solving and collaborative skills. His role on council would be best suited with review of ordinances, he said.

“I don’t think anyone in our community is looking for leadership that is ... overly partisan (or has anything) but the inter-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The new chamber is approximately the same size as the previous, but features upgraded security and convenience measures.

City court and council chamber complete

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The final phase of an effort span-

ning more than five years and three mayors is now complete with the City’s new court and council chambers.

Built out of the old

1920s public safety building and fire hall on Maumee, which also housed city hall until 1994, the remodel follows the construction of

the new public safety and public works facilities. The total voter-approved project finished on bud-

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Website revamp

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods residents are about to see an update coming to their city’s municipal website, gpw.org, with an anticipated live date of August, according to city administration.

“Once the new website is live, it will be ADA compliant, include responsive web design for a mobile-friendly experience and a back-end content management solution for city employees to maintain their respective departments’ sections of the

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Airbnb, VRBO? NIMBY, Pointe officials say

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Municipal officials here oppose bills in the state House and Senate that would eliminate local bans on short-term property rentals, such as houses lent 30 days or less for vacations, tourism and celebrations.

Backers of the legislation said their measures protect property rights while preserving local oversight through the enforcement of nuisance, noise and other ordinances.

Yet, managers of the two largest Grosse Pointes cite problems with short-term rentals as grounds for not having them in the first place.

The topic is so timely for Woods Manager Bruce Smith, it's making him clairvoyant.

"Hi Bruce, I'm calling about proposed legislation in Lansing dealing with ..."

"Short term rentals? We're opposed to short-term rentals in Grosse Pointe Woods," Smith said. "We recently had a short-term rental. We got all kinds of complaints from neighbors because of traffic going in and out, large groups of people at the house, people leaving trash and liquor bottles on lawns."

Park Manager Nick Sizeland had his bachelor party at a short-term rental in the resort town of South Haven. He doesn't want the experience duplicated in the hopefully quiet residential suburb he's administered since mid-2019.

"Grosse Pointe Park is different than South Haven," Sizeland said. "Ludington is a beach town. People vacation there. Grosse Pointe Park is a more urban, dense, family commu-

nity. Homes in the Park are closer to each other. Families pay for private parks. It's already busy with traffic, whereas South Haven is more open and is a vacation town."

"Local control needs to be maintained in these issues," Smith said. "Nobody was happy with the short-term rental we had. Someone rents a house for a party and all of a sudden, we have 500 people on our hands. That's not what our city is about."

The bills, introduced by Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton (SB 446), and Rep. Sarah Lightner, R-Springport (HB 4277), are identical and include:

"(A) short-term rental ... is a residential use of property and a permitted use in all residential zones. It is not subject to a special use or conditional use permit or procedure different from those required for other dwellings in the same zone. It is not a commercial use of property."

"This legislation protects private property rights by preventing short-term rentals from being zoned out of existence and also allows local governments to effectively regulate these properties," Nesbitt said. "Tourism is important to Michigan and short-term rentals provide visitors the opportunity to experience our beautiful state."

"Local municipalities can still regulate short-term rentals under regulatory options and nuisance ordinances," Lightner said, giving examples. "There's noise, advertising, traffic, number of occupants, inspections. Also, any additional taxes go back to the local government for lodging tax."

The property rights narrative is misleading,

according to Jennifer Rigerink, legislative associate with the Michigan Municipal League advocating for communities about economic development and land use issues.

"All property owners have property rights," Rigerink said. "Those bills set a precedent of taking one interest and giving it super powers to not have to follow local regulations. A residential dwelling is a residence; someone lives there. A residential dwelling being used for a vacation rental business is for someone vacationing there. The intensity of the use is much different than someone who lays their head there every night."

Rep. Tenisha Yancey, D-Harper Woods, representing Grosse Pointe Woods and Shores and Harper Woods, co-sponsored the House legislation. Yancey didn't respond to an interview request.

Neither did the Pointes' state Sen. Adam Hollier, D-Detroit. An aide to Democrat Rep. Joseph Tate, representing Grosse Pointe Farms, Park and City, responded on Tate's behalf after this story was finished.

One size, no fit

"Taking a one-size-fits-all approach to zoning is not practical and may be harmful to many communities," wrote Jimmy Saros, vice president of Saros Real Estate in the City of Grosse Pointe, in an email. "What may

make sense on Washington in Grosse Pointe City may not make sense on Prentis Street located near District Detroit. I urge the state to leave short-term rental use to the master zoning plans of local municipalities."

Lightner is surprised by Saros' opposition. "This is a Realtor's bill," Lightner said. "This just says a municipality cannot zone these out of existence."

"Short-term rentals can be a great addition to a community if implemented properly and can contribute to local economic growth," Saros wrote. "But I argue short-term rentals fall more under a commercial use, similar to a hotel, than a residential use. Therefore, short-term rentals should only be permitted in areas that have some kind of mix use or commercial zoning overlay."

The Woods doesn't allow short-term rentals, according to Smith.

"We've had an ordinance that prohibits it for years," he said.

The Park has a handful of them, so to speak, predominantly in the multi-family district, according to Sizeland.

"The only way we find them is to get calls from neighbors or residents concerned they're being rented out," Sizeland said. "We ask the homeowner to comply with our rental ordinance with a certificate of occupancy and landlord business license that verifies

the tenants and who's coming in there. We've only had two minor issues of short-term rentals causing problems with parties getting loud, but enough to the point where neighbors are starting to say, maybe our community isn't set up for short-term rentals."

Population densities in the Park and Woods are 6.5 to 8.4 times greater than in Lightner's and Nesbitt's towns of residence.

"I'm from Jackson County," Lightner said. "We have 133 lakes."

"For us, this is about traditional residential neighborhoods, not cabins on a lake that have been vacation places for decade upon decade," Rigerink said. "We need to allow locally elected officials to respond to concerns or issues and move forward with what works best in those communities."

Compromise

Lightner is willing to amend her bills with more restrictions.

She said, "Should an entity buy 50 houses in one neighborhood and rent them all out? No, that's not the intent of this bill. The intent is to allow people who own one or a few. The number is negotiable to me."

She's heard complaints about parties at short-term rentals bothering neighbors.

"This is where noise ordinances come into play," Lightner said. "It's incumbent on municipal-

ities to continue to enforce their local ordinances. Charge a deposit. If there's any violation, keep the deposit."

"We had noise complaints," Sizeland said. "We had to take care of it. A party was going on. The property owner was very apologetic and promised to check on his people renting."

"You've a right to do what you want with your property," Smith said. "That's OK as long as it doesn't affect everybody else living around you. The other thing that concerns us, if it's used as a party house, there've been instances where there's been an overabundance of people showing up and violence."

"From a local government perspective," Rigerink said, "it's frustrating to try to find a middle ground and negotiate a better policy that doesn't strip local government of reasonable regulations but also allows every property owner the opportunity to rent their property on a short-term basis when it's ancillary to the main use of the residential dwelling."

This is the second time Nesbitt introduced the legislation.

"We go round and round," Rigerink said. "Every new session we end up with this same bill again."

"Speaking of crazy stuff," Sizeland said, "I just learned of a new app for people to rent their swimming pools."

Shores launches official Facebook page

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The city's first official social media presence, the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores [Official] Facebook page, launched May 27.

Built out of a communications plan created from a citywide survey and resident interviews, the page's purpose is to get punctual information on what's happening in the city out to residents, instead of continuing to

rely solely on the monthly newsletter and city website.

"The idea and the goal for us is to have a steady drum beat of positive news and information about the city, but we also welcome comments and thoughts," said Ted Coutilish, chairman of the communications committee. "As a city, we want to get better and we want to improve in all aspects, so it's an open Facebook page. We welcome people to share their thoughts and ideas and recommendations and we want open discussions and dialogues."

Rather than being a page strictly run by the city, like many municipal

social media pages, the Shores official Facebook page is formatted to be a public group, meaning residents or any members of the public can create posts and start discussions, as well.

Guidelines for social media code of conduct are posted on the main page, which will be monitored and populated by the city with help from intern and Farms resident Alexander Kuplicki. In the worst case, repeat offenders of the conduct rules will be blocked from the page.

"The first word in social media is 'social' and we want it to be social, otherwise it's a

website," Coutilish said. "So we encourage people to share on this page and we want them to have this as a forum for gathering information, sharing information (and) discussing information of interest to the residents of the Grosse Pointe Shores."

The creation of an official city Facebook page follows contention in recent years over the ethicality of a secret Shores Facebook group — secret Facebook groups cannot be searched, meaning the only way in is via invite by a current member — not run by the city, but often publicizing city information.

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Kerby main to be replaced before road construction begins

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A Kerby Road construction project is slated as the major road improvement work to take place this year in the Farms. While recently replacing service lines along the stretch in preparation for the project, the water department discovered a less

than ideal situation. The Kerby water main, circa the 1930s and running under the curb between Kercheval and Ridge, is not only showing its age, but has become undersized. “In making the service connections, our crews found the cast iron to be very brittle,” City Manager Shane Reeside explained. “There’s concern that there’s buildup

of calcium. That can create some restriction in the main over time and their strong recommendation is that the main be replaced prior to us starting the road repaving project, in the fear of having to tear up the road in the years to come to make repairs to that main.” Although road construction on Kerby originally was planned to

begin June 15, the main replacement work now is set to start the week of July 5, through Bidigare Contractors Inc., and not to exceed \$474,804. With the main work anticipated to take two weeks, there will be temporary periods of time where water is shut off for residents along the stretch, but no one should be without water for any significant

length of time. Council unanimously approved the Kerby main project to Bidigare, the contractor that handled the Kercheval water main project last fall, during its May meeting. Although the bid came back higher than expected due to 25 to 30 percent increases in material, the city has the funds available in the

water and sewer fund. “We have been building up our cash balances in the water and sewer fund for just this type of situation, so that we are able to be flexible and go with the flow on these types of things,” Director of Finance and Operations Debra Peck Lichtenberg said. The section of Kerby main from Ridge to Mack still is fairly new.

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get. “I think the idea of using an existing building was the impetus to where it’s at now,” City Manager Pete Dame said, regarding the decision to build the court out of the fire hall. “Frankly, it’s also the charm of the new building. It’s pretty amazing what has been done to convert the old space into a very functional court and council chamber.”

The primary reason for needing to modernize the City’s courthouse, which previously existed as an addition off the back of the public safety building, was to comply with security requirements and safety conditions from the Michigan Supreme Court.

Chief among these was the creation of three separate entrances for the judge and court staff, prisoners and the public, to prevent any party the opportunity to do harm to another. Not only was this not the case in the original court, but the prisoner detention area also doubled as the judge’s office.

Furthermore, court payments once handled out of a cash box on a card table now have a safe, secure and designated place to be conducted.

The old setup once resulted in a theft during court, Dame noted, but the criminal didn’t have a chance to escape as he already was surrounded by officers.

While the previous court offered a large conference room for the city attorney to meet with other attorneys for settlements or to discuss cases, the new space adds a small conference room as the first opportunity for attorneys to talk with their clients in private.

Other elements of the



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The new court and council chamber is built out of the old 1920s public safety building and fire hall on Maumee.

new design include a raised dais for the court — judges are meant to sit at eye level to standing attorneys — that lowers for council sessions, the ability to open the fire doors for more space during events and the incorporation of the historical fire hall yellow brick on the interior.

While the new courtroom is essentially the same size as the old, some forms of Zoom proceedings are expected to remain in practice post-pandemic because of efficiency and convenience, which will cut down the demand for in-person space.

“It’s not like we have a huge courtroom, but it’s really right-sized for the way court systems will continue to operate,” Municipal Judge Russell F. Ethridge said. “But the really important thing is that it has the kind of security, the technology and just what you would expect from the court.”

Dame and Court Clerk Lisa Akers were integral in the successful completion of the project, he added.

The City’s first council meeting in the new chambers, and first in-person meeting since the pandemic began, will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 21. Prior, a dedication ceremony for the new facility will take place at 6:30 p.m.



In the previous court, payments were handled out of a cash box on a card table. Now, there is a secure and designated area for payments.

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Pointes honor Pride Month

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND PARK — Park Mayor Robert Denner read a proclamation at the city council meeting Monday, June 14, declaring the Park would observe June as Pride Month.

The proclamation follows one made last year along the same lines.

It read, “Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, Mayor Denner and the members of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing

struggle for equality members of the LGBTQ community face and celebrate the contributions that enhance our city.”

“I just want to thank the city attorney,” Councilmember Aimée Fluitt said. “I think this is a lovely resolution.”

“I hope they see this is an expression of support from their elected officials,” Councilmember Michele Hodges added.

Grosse Pointe Farms city council also passed a resolution declaring June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and June 26 as GP Pride Day, during its meeting Monday.

— Kate Vanderstelt

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JUNE 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in the new council chambers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom.

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Born and raised in the restaurant business

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Hard work and the love of fast-paced restaurants is in Sheila Taylor's blood. Her parents owned an Irish pub when she and her four siblings were growing up.

"I was kind of born and raised in a restaurant," she said. "I was always there helping, either making salads or bread baskets, just always helping out with the family business. It was just kind of in my blood."

While she was saving up for a wedding, Taylor went to work for her cousin, Meghan Spicer, who owned Mack Avenue Diner. In 1992, she saw how much money she could make working at the diner and didn't look back.

Taylor stayed with Mack Avenue 18 years, even after Spicer sold the business to new owners in the late '90s.

With new owners came new responsibilities for Taylor. Her cousin made desirable cakes that the new owners discontinued. As demand increased to bake the cakes her cousin was so well-known for, Taylor took up the responsibility.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sheila Taylor and her cousin, Meghan Spicer, opened their restaurant, SideStreet Diner, together in The Village.

She remembers mixing oil and water in her first cake, messing up the entire recipe.

She learned quickly, took a few classes and eventually was baking out of her own home. She gathered all her equipment from a retiring cake decorator.

"My whole living room was full of pans and fountains," she said. "Like she had all kinds of stuff for cake decorating."

Taylor was out of a job, but knew she had to continue in the restaurant business somehow. She called on her cousin.

"It took about three phone calls to finally get her to say, 'Let's go for a restaurant,'" Taylor said. "She was like, 'Where?' and I'm like, 'Grosse Pointe, that's where our customers are.'"

In 2010 they found what is now known as the SideStreet Diner in the City of Grosse Pointe; it was listed on Craigslist. As they were

going through the process of attaining the space, Taylor was having problems walking. She remembers falling over herself attempting to walk.

Taylor was recommended by her chiropractor to see a neurologist, who found a cyst in the middle of her brain. She would have to undergo brain surgery.

The cyst did not stop her plans to open the restaurant with her cousin. Eight weeks to the day after the brain surgery, they opened the restaurant.

The vision for SideStreet Diner was family-oriented and based on Taylor's experiences growing up.

"We're diner people," she said. "We need to open a new place but still be a diner. We roast our own turkeys, we bake our own hams, we boil and press our own corned beef, make real mashed potatoes, make homemade salad dressing, make muffins, meatloaf; we're really cooking. I like saying that."

The cousin pair picked a name fitting to its location.

"When we were explaining it to people, we were like, 'Well, it's on the side street of St. Clair,' so we just decided that's probably a good name for it," Taylor said.

On opening day, the pair flooded the kitchen and wondered if they were in over their heads.

The business got better, though it was hectic at first. Taylor and Spicer were working 14-hour days with no days off when they first started. They even put in the tiled flooring themselves.

"We were closed for a weekend," she said. "I think it was the Fourth of July and the guy that was supposed to do it broke his arm. So we're like, 'Well, tell us how to do it because we're closed and we have to get this floor in.'"

"I will not put that on my resume. I will never do that again," she laughed.

Over time the chaos subsided and Taylor's no-days-off turned into one day off every other week, which turned into one day off per week. Now, Taylor works three days a week at the diner.

"A lot of restaurant owners don't work three days a week," Taylor said. "They work seven

days a week. We're very fortunate and blessed to be able to rely on our great employees."

As things fell into a groove at the diner, Taylor's forte for cake decorating came back into play. The landlord of the SideStreet Diner had an open spot across the street and offered it to the family duo.

In 2012, something that started as Taylor baking cakes in her home for family and friends turned into Sweet Little Sheila's, which opened its first storefront in The Village. There she sells baked goods and cakes.

Taylor enjoys the familiarity of the restaurant industry, especially in Grosse Pointe. She appreciates the regularity of customers who staff know by name.

"It's almost like the 'Cheers' of the neighborhood," she said. "It's a great community. They (have) always supported us."

The excitement of the business is contagious.

"It's like throwing a party every day and seeing who shows up," Taylor said. "It's just fun. It's always something different."

WEBSITE:

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site," the city's Information Technology Manager Gary Capps said in an email.

The revamped website will replace the existing design which launched in 2006. The city is partnering with Municode, a company specializing in online meeting and agenda management services, throughout the project.

The project takes four to five months to complete from start to finish. Currently, the city is in the "design and build" phase of the update.

"We have provided feedback to Municode

as to how we would like the controls on our website to behave," Capps said. "We have provided some starter graphics to be used on the new site and are working towards a new set of photos to use which will best represent our city."

Capps expects the first mock-up, produced by Municode, to be presented and reviewed by the city within the week.

"This process will be ongoing as we work through the arrangement and presentation of the information on our site, such as city services, departmental information and public meetings/calendar," he added.

With the update, the

city also will be capable of storing more information on the municipal site, such as public meeting minutes. This process is currently ongoing and is called the "migrate content" phase. Included in the partnership with Municode is five years' worth of storage. The city invested in another Municode service, called Meetings, to upgrade storage to 10 additional years, approved at a city council meeting Monday, June 7. The addition of the service will allow 15 total years of public meetings and minutes for city council, commissions and board meetings to be stored on the new site.

Park trolley: A vision of the past?

GROSSE POINTE PARK —The Park's beloved K-Line Trolley, established in 2014, is struggling to stay afloat after a COVID-induced halt in service for the summer of 2020. A year later, the city is facing costly mechanical issues and potential concerns regarding compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Pre-COVID we had some mechanical issues," City Manager Nick Sizeland said, "so we shut it down after its time into Christmas and then COVID happened. It came to light that there were some ADA-compliance concerns. The city is running a trolley; what happens if somebody wants to have wheelchair access to use the trolley?"

The city has been exploring ideas for how to reopen the trolleys with ADA

compliance. One such idea was to sell the trolleys to groups who would be financially able to meet ADA compliance and then run the trolleys through the city in a similar way. Residents suggested starting a GoFundMe to help raise money for trolley reconfigurations.

"Since the state has been slowly opening for increased capacity and as we head toward a full reopening in July, I have seen increased traffic to bring the trolley back to Grosse Pointe Park to once again traverse Kercheval," Sizeland said. "The city will continue to explore ideas for bringing the trolley back while also looking to convert for ADA compliance."

— Kate Vanderstelt

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Soon, residents once again will have options during the week, as well.

The Pier Park concession stand is set to open as Fishfly Café, run by Holly Rutherford,

Monday, June 21.

Rutherford has worked in the restaurant industry many years, including managing the Vintage Bistro on Mack in the mid-1990s and currently as the operator of concessions for Grosse Pointe Farms Little League, of which she also is an executive board member, at Kerby Field.

"Part of what I see is the concession stand being open earlier for the parents who come for classes and swim lessons and tennis lessons," she said. "They're here at 7:45 in the morning for swim team. If we were

open earlier, we can offer coffee (and) we can offer that service, really is what it is, for the residents. It's the little things like that."

Rutherford's vision also provides a longer season for families that still visit the beach past Labor Day. While set to close Nov. 1, the stand will open for city functions such as Easter and

Winterfest, and may open weekends through the winter to serve coffee and hot cider to those at the ice rink.

The hours currently set for the 2021 season are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 21 to Sept. 2; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends, Sept. 7 to Sept. 30; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends,

through October; and open for city events and potentially weekends beginning Nov. 1.

Although food trucks already are scheduled each weekend through Labor Day, there is potential for the stand to open weekends as well, to provide different services.

Cash, Venmo and PayPal will be accepted.

Council unanimously approved the lease agreement with Rutherford Ventures, during its first in-person meeting Monday, June 14.

The lease amount is \$1,000 for the first year, due to the consolidated season, and \$3,000 for the years following, with a one-year option for renewal.



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ests of this village at heart,” he said. “Probably one of the benefits of being such a small community is that it becomes more personal than anything ... and all I would want to do is do whatever it takes to continue us on the track that we’re on.”

The most pressing problem currently affecting the Shores, Dakmak said, is the deterioration of the Lakeshore seawall.

“If the seawall is an issue that we’re going to have to deal with at a later date,” he added, “then I would think our next crown jewel would be the park system and keeping that in line with the improvements we’re

seeing (in) the other four Grosse Pointes and building on that.”

Dakmak intends to run for a council seat in the November election.

Donn Schroder

Schroder currently is chairman of the Shores harbor committee and retired from clinical practice two years ago, which now gives him the opportunity and time to get involved with city council.

“I’m really looking forward to this as an opportunity to get involved with the community,” he said, “and to express my civic pride and my civic duty to really try and help out.”

The 30-year Shores resident, who’s also served as the state advocate for the Michigan

Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, is interested in working on the parks committee.

The most pressing problem currently affecting the Shores, Schroder said, is the level of animosity and the fact everyone is not united.

“I think the thing to do to bring two sides together is to hear both sides of the story, let people express their opinions and understand that there’s a good common ground that most people can find where there can be agreement by both sides,” he said, adding issues with the roads and keeping a balanced budget would be other important concerns.

Schroder intends to run for a full-term council position come November.

Attn: Dog walkers

GROSSE POINTE PARK — With the adoption of a newly amended Ordinance 224, passed at the city council meeting Monday night, dog walkers are allowed to freely walk at Windmill Pointe Park but will be confined to the dog park area at Patterson Park.

“This is consistent with what administration has requested and with how the administration operated with the dog-walking passes prior to the enactment of any ordinance addressing it,” Ordinance Review Committee Chair and Councilmember Lauri

Read said.

The amended ordinance is effective with the opening of the Patterson Park dog park. Before Memorial Day and after Labor Day, dogs are allowed to walk during normal park hours. Between the two holidays, dogs will only be permitted in the park before 9 a.m.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Body recovered from Lake St. Clair

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Grosse Pointe Farms dispatch was advised a body was floating in Lake St. Clair near Fisher at 3:52 p.m. Friday, June 11. The U.S. Coast Guard then recovered a deceased individual.

The individual had not been identified as of press time.

The department was unable to report

any additional information, including cause of death, at the time, because next of kin will first need to be notified before details can be made public.

An investigation led by the Farms department is ongoing and the body has been turned over to the Wayne County Medical Examiner.

— Laurel Kraus

Grosse Pointe Farms

Cross country thief

A 23-year-old Farms man discovered his identity had been stolen when officers in Utah arrested a suspect Wednesday, June 9, who had his ID card with a different photo on it.

Street parking

After being pulled over at 1:47 a.m. Thursday, June 10, because his parked vehicle was impeding traffic on Lakeshore Road near Kerby Road, a 31-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle and lacking proof of insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

Revoked license

A 46-year-old Eastpointe man was pulled over for an expired registration at Mack and Calvin avenues at 2:17 p.m. Thursday, June 10, and cited for an expired plate and driving while license revoked. The vehicle was impounded.

Close call

Between 7:40 p.m. Thursday, June 10 and 5:54 a.m. Friday, June 11, a window was broken out of a vehicle parked in the 200 block of Moran Road. The front passenger carpet also was pulled up, indicating the suspect attempted to steal the vehicle by re-programming new keys.

Nothing was missing from inside the vehicle.

Wrong side of the law

After receiving reports of a vehicle traveling westbound on eastbound Lakeshore Road at 8:20 p.m. Sunday, June 13, officers made the scene to find the vehicle parked on the grass south of the road.

The 26-year-old Detroit driver had red, watery eyes and a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .22 percent, for which he was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information

about crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Expired plate

A 53-year-old Detroit man was stopped at Mack and Cadieux for driving with an expired license plate at 9:50 p.m. Monday, June 7.

He was cited for the expired license and released. His vehicle was impounded.

Shot fired

A 19-year-old Inkster man was arrested in the 1200 block of Maryland at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8.

Officers were called to the scene of an alleged rifle shot. The Inkster man was seen driving away from the scene.

Officers stopped him and found him in possession of a rifle.

Missing car

A resident in the 1000 block of Wayburn reported his 2004 GMC Sierra stolen.

The man believes his car was stolen sometime between 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, and 8:20 a.m. Wednesday, June 9.

Hundreds for fashion

A resident in the 1300 block of Maryland became victim to identity theft Thursday, June 10, when her credit card was charged \$314.

The money was used to purchase clothes from an online retailer, “Fashion Nova.”

Breaking and entering

Sometime Wednesday, June 9, three juveniles entered an unlocked door of a school in the 15000 block of Kercheval.

The three juveniles entered several rooms in the building and left them in disarray. They took a box of freezer pops with them on their way out.

The same three juveniles were seen breaking into Grosse Pointe South the same night.

Operating while intoxicated

A 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested at Mack and Three Mile at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, for operating while intoxicated.

He was stopped for driving 52 mph in a 30 mph zone when officers found him intoxicated.

Driving with license suspended

A 23-year-old Detroit man was stopped for driving 51 mph in a 30 mph zone at Mack and Kensington at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, June 12.

He was found to be driving with a suspended license.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

No seatbelt

A 34-year-old Eastpointe woman was pulled over on Mack for driving without a seatbelt

at 10:58 a.m. Tuesday, June 8.

The woman has five previous and one current suspension and 16 current traffic warrants.

She was arrested and transferred to St. Clair Shores police.

Mother’s car

A 25-year-old Detroit woman was stopped for driving with a defective headlight at 12:28 a.m. Friday, June 11.

The woman told the officer she did not have a valid license and explained she was driving her mother’s vehicle. The plate on the vehicle was registered to another vehicle and the insurance was expired.

She was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license, and having no insurance and defective equipment.

Stolen beer

An adult pair stole six 24-packs of beer from a store in the 20000 block of Mack at 2:35 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

The employee observed a 40-year-old man with dreadlocks wearing a blue tank top, black hat, black shorts and white shoes and a woman with strawberry blonde hair, light tank top, black skirt and flip flops walk through the self-scan registers and leave the store with a cart full of beer.

The woman pushed the cart to a U-Haul, where the man loaded

the beer.

In the cart were six 24-packs of Miller or Labatt Blue Light valued at \$16.49 per case.

House fire

A call came in for a house fire in the 700 block of Vernier at 12:20 a.m. Monday, June 14.

Officers found the fire in the basement upon arrival. It was extinguished in a short amount of time with assistance from Grosse Pointe Shores.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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

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Intoxicated listening

When a 43-year-old Farms man, pulled over for speeding 55 mph on Mack Avenue, was asked to turn off his vehicle at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, he turned down the music dial instead, though none was playing.

The man was arrested

for operating while intoxicated, as well as cited for preliminary breath test refusal and speeding.

Email scam

After receiving an email stating she owed money from her PayPal account Wednesday, June 9, a 79-year-old Grosse Pointe woman gave away her credit card and Social Security information. Her bank accounts later were flagged for fraudulent activities.

Crashing into consequences

When he was pulled over at Rivard Boulevard and Chalfonte Avenue due to heavy front end damage at 4:01 a.m. Sunday, June 13, a 38-year-old Warren man told officers another vehicle hit his vehicle.

The man admitted to having a couple drinks and a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be .321 percent, for which he was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus

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

26 Lochmoor Grosse Pointe Shores



Beautiful Spanish architectural design. Stucco with tile roof and copper downspouts. Custom Windows were imported from Europe recently. 5 bedrooms, 4 full baths, and 3+ half baths. Master Bedroom is 19x20 with natural fireplace and master bath, sitting room, his and hers walk-in closets, and second-floor laundry. Most bedrooms have private baths. Property was upgraded several years ago with detail and quality toward design and style. The Kitchen is 20x25 and has built in cabinets and a fireplace. Living Room is 20x30 and has a natural fireplace. Most rooms have hardwood floors. Lower Level is partially finished with an 18x20 area for entertaining with a bar plus a bath. Bonus features include a walk-in vault, sprinkler system, alarm system, central A/C. 6 car Garage is heated and has a bath/ changing room for outdoor sports and the pool. Walking distance to Lake Shore Drive and the private park. 8-hour notice for all showings and immediate possession at close. Taxes are Non-Homestead.



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Vaccinations	572,349	509,651
% of residents 12+	62.3	55.6
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% 16-64	59.6	52.6
% 65+	83.0	78

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OUR VIEW

Congratulations, Classes of 2021

Congratulations to each and every member of the Class of 2021 — high schoolers who may have endured more tumult in the culmination of their school careers than any other group.

Their immediate predecessors lived through some bizarre times as well after schools throughout Michigan were shut down in March 2020. The Class of 2020 had to forgo the activities that mark the end of the year in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and then settle for drive-through graduations last June. And their post-high school careers surely got off to erratic starts in the fall.

But no one should minimize the continuing upheavals that faced the Class of 2021. Yes, seniors were able to return to the outdoor ceremonies that have marked district graduations for decades — after a chaotic year-plus of changing rules in how they were taught and expected to learn.

At the Board of Education meeting Monday, member Colleen Worden called it thrilling to attend the ceremonies — “a beautiful and meaningful thing, after 14 months of not-normal, to see normal.”

“You need a box of Kleenex because you’re so proud of the kids,” board member Christopher Lee said of last week’s graduation ceremonies.

Their return to tradition and their success warms the hearts of the entire community. Way to go, Class of 2021!

OUR VIEW

Redistricting

It’s the dream headline: “GP Republicans, Dems on Same Page.” And it’s true when it comes to redistricting, as described in the June 10 edition of the Grosse Pointe News. Both groups support keeping the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods together at all levels as the new Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new lines after the 2020 Census.

Opportunities to submit comment to the Citizens Redistricting Commission continue this month, with two nearby hearings:

- ◆ Today, June 17, at 5 p.m. at the TCF Convention Center, Detroit.
- ◆ Thursday, June 24, at 5 p.m. at the MRCC Banquet Center, 23401 Mound Road, Warren.

More information is available at michigan.gov/mircr, including how to sign up for remote testimony and submit online comments. Written comments can also be sent to the commission at P.O. Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909.

The next step comes with release of Census data that can be fine-tuned enough in order to draw the actual maps. We envision a “Lakeshore” congressional district encompassing the communities along Lake St. Clair and the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers.

Remember, this is a citizen-driven process, as determined by voters in 2018. It’s important to ensure the Redistricting Commission has gotten the message.

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PONDERING IN THE PARK By Greg Theokas

Record deficit in the Park

At its May 10 meeting, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council approved the 2021-22 fiscal year budget — with a record operating deficit. To cover the shortfall, the council transferred \$770,000 from surplus funds accumulated during prior years.

The eventual deficit may exceed \$770,000 because revenues from operations (like the gym and theater) are estimated at pre-COVID levels. Meanwhile, expenses are projected to rise by only 2.5 percent — even though the costs of materials, supplies and services are surging.

The problem is persistent. The 2020-21 operating deficit was \$60,000. But it would have been over \$500,000, without a one-time public safety grant from the federal government.

With a large and continuing budget imbalance, the Park needs a financially experienced, unified city council that promotes efficient operations. However, since December a new council majority has taken control. Their style is to criticize past practices, pursue an activist agenda, and insert themselves into everyday management. They push a process-driven approach with extremely detailed procedures. Their meetings often last four hours.

As a consequence, the Park has drifted away from its charter-mandated “strong city manager” form of government.



In January, they even sought to remove the city manager. Only a concerted effort by the mayor and others made them backpedal. That close encounter understandably placed him in a defensive posture — fostering delays and reliance on expensive outside consultants.

As shown below, the council majority often takes action without assessing the budgetary impact.

The Park is a built-out city with only a few undeveloped parcels. Most residents and business owners have been quite satisfied with the improvements to its commercial districts and parks. Improvements that were made over several decades and were the product of many dedicated, highly qualified resident volunteers.

But now the council majority believes that resident volunteers lack the “professional” credentials necessary to guide our community. Several have been brushed aside, their institutional memories summarily erased. They’ve been replaced by expensive outside consultants who often rely on complicated surveys rather than firsthand knowledge, like the resident volunteers.

The Master Plan (first draft) was developed by the planning commission chairperson, a successful Detroit developer who has taught at U-M. His thorough work was set aside; replaced by a Detroit consulting firm that

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LETTERS

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

Congrats South Class of 2021!

To the Editor:

As a Grosse Pointe South alumna, I’d like to say a heartfelt congratulations to this year’s new graduates, and to remind you that you have earned your diploma from a great school.

That said, there were thoughts shared in the “Dear 2021” commencement address on Monday, June 7, that painted a very broad brush, framing South and its alumni in a very unfair light as exclusively narrow-minded and intolerant.

No school is perfect, and I can certainly acknowledge that schools, communities, regions, states and countries will always need to strive to do better on behalf of all of humanity.

However, don’t discount the many students of GPS, past and present from our nearly 100-year-

old history, who have done and are doing wonderful, inspiring things in pursuit of just that. I hope this graduating class will remember the honest yet inspiring message given by MLK at South, which appropriately has been the topic of countless commencement speeches at South since — a message of lifting each other up, not tearing each other down.

There were admirable Grosse Pointers in the audience that night in 1968 who heard and embraced MLK’s message. Many of those very same people also sat in the audience at this year’s graduation watching yet another accomplished class cross the stage at South. And there are people amongst you, throughout this community, who strive toward a goal of greater unity today.

Don’t let anyone, whether in leadership

roles, administration or otherwise, make you believe there is no good in the stories of those who came before you. Countless teachers, students, graduates, parents and more at South continue to provide plenty of positive examples, which can be found all around you today within the GPS community.

We would all be remiss if our graduating classes move on to higher learning without a comprehensive sense of our school’s history, one that is both proud and complex. There is much to value about our past, and it’s important we don’t lose sight of the good in it, while we also learn from its shortcomings.

Congratulations GPS Class of 2021!

KATE HOPPER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Policy represents good governance

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Sanborn’s letter of June 10:

I put forth a gift and Donor Policy for the City of Grosse Pointe Park. Well-run institutions, both public and private, have such policies. These policies are in place to protect all stakeholders; here, those would be the city, the donors, and the residents.

I worked with City

Manager Nick Sizeland on the wording and we both reviewed established gift policies of other cities in our region. The GPP administration recommended approval of the gift policy at the Dec. 21 council meeting. The matter was tabled to Jan. 11 for further revision based on the council discussion.

All stakeholders had the opportunity to comment and offer input. In addition, two GPP Foundation trustees serve on the city council (the mayor has since resigned his trusteeship from the foundation).

The policy passed, 4-3, with Councilmembers Fluit, Hodges, Read and Relan representing the majority. The other members and the mayor approved several amendments, but did not ultimately vote to adopt the final version. I will not speak for them as to the rationale for their vote, but I respect it and the democratic process in reaching this decision.

I have worked with Mr. Sizeland on this and other initiatives and I believe he is committed to good governance and establishing policies, such as the gift and Donor Policy, that further that goal.

LAURI READ
Councilmember
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By John Minnis

Pointe culture coming back to life



Like daffodils peeking out after a long, cold winter, cultural events in Grosse Pointe are starting to come back after more than a year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. What a thrill it was last week to have the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra playing its first live concert since the pandemic began. Judging from the atten-

dance under The War Memorial’s big tent, plenty of others shared my appreciation. Our first post-pandemic gala was held recently under the tent at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Record numbers showed to support the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. I understand it was a raucous event with competitive bidding. Auctioneered by Lori Stefek, some \$267,000 was raised — the most ever at a GPFPE gala, according to Grosse Pointe News photographer Renee Landuyt. She described the event as “very lively.” At the last minute, the Ford House donated an extra

tour so competing bidders could each take home the prize at \$4,200 apiece. The big excitement came, Renee reported, when two people began bidding against each other for the sunset cruise on the Boll family’s boat, the Dutch. The bidding got up to \$17,000 after an almost sold bid of \$16,000, she said. “One of the Boll family members stepped up to the podium and told Lori Stefek, the auctioneer, that they would donate another sunset cruise and they can both have the prize for \$16,000 each. The bidders agreed!” I think much of the success was due not only

to Stefek’s abilities as an auctioneer and the worthiness of the GPFPE cause — or that J.T. Mestdagh, grandson of John and Marlene Boll, was honorary chair of the event — but also due to the exuberance of attendees actually being out and about at an event again. It reminds me of the farm when we let the animals out for the first time in the spring. They would run and kick their rear legs in the air in sheer glee after being penned up all winter. Not to compare the social scene to farm critters, but we are all social animals after all. We can take only so much isolation. Also, returning to the

Ford House will be the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for its traditional two-night stand July 10 and 11. While general admission at reduced capacity is already sold out, a few VIP tickets, including dinner in the new Lake Shore Room, are available. More exciting news, Racing for Kids to The Hill returns Sept. 1, including another tent gala in front of Northern Trust. The Grosse Pointe News, of course, will once again be sponsoring the popular Scavenger Hunt for kids during the day on The Hill, making room for the adults in the evening. The Racing for Kids event on The Hill is one of my favorites.

Prior to the Racing to the Hill event, the chamber will be hosting Arts, Beats & Eats in the Richard School parking lot Aug. 7 and 8. Another fave of mine is the Grosse Pointe Chamber’s Legacy on the Lake gala, returning this fall, Sept. 16, to the Ford House. This is always a sold-out event. Doug Blatt, well known longtime Grosse Pointer, will be the Legacy Award recipient this year. This is not a complete list of all upcoming cultural events, but it gives a reason to look forward to this summer and fall. (By the way, G.P. Symphony has another concert scheduled for Oct. 17, location to be determined.)

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

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THOUSANDS FLOCK TO OPENING OF SUPERMARKET: If Jack Laurie, president of Wrigley Markets, ever doubted the soundness of his judgment in picking Grosse Pointe Woods as the location for his newest and largest store, all qualms must have been dispelled at the grand opening Wednesday. Mack Avenue, from Moross north for a half mile or more, was crammed with cars of those who came to see — and to buy.

1971

50 years ago this week

BRY'S DRIVE HILL RAPED BY RESIDENTS: There is a small, but steep hill on Brys Drive which the residents are not happy about. The hill started out as a bridge spanning what used to be the Milk River. The river has since been routed underground, but the bridge remains as a portion of

the street. Residents of Brys have complained about the young drivers who run their cars over the hill fast enough for the car to “ground out” at the top of the hill and lift off the ground when the car travels down the other side. *Obituaries: Frederick P. Hart, Otto W. Fisher II, Charlotte Champine, Albert Walton, Leonard Willeke Jr., Charles R. Shepherd, Charles Cooke, Frank R. Welscher, Peter James Schreiber II*

1996

25 years ago this week

NEW TRUSTEES ARE RYAN AND MATTHEWS: Jack Ryan of Grosse Pointe Park and Steve Matthews of Harper Woods swept the Grosse Pointe school board election, each collecting roughly double the votes of the next highest vote-getter, Michele Montagne Shield. About 9,500 residents of the Pointes and a portion of Harper Woods went to the polls, translating to about 25 percent of the 38,500 registered voters. *Obituaries: George W.*

Coticchio, Mary L. Miller, William Clement Beaupre, Marian Lucille Messner, Robert E. Imhoff, Arthur G. Behm, Daniel Winston Fleming

2011

10 years ago this week

NEW HOME NEEDED: The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society spends countless hours searching for homes for the dogs and cats that come into its care. Now the society is searching for a home of its own in which to hold its bi-weekly adoption fairs. A longtime fixture at the Neighborhood Club on alternate Saturdays, GPAAS is

being forced to find new quarters for its adoption program while the Neighborhood Club shuts down and builds a new facility. **RECORD RAIN SWAMPS SEWERS:** The mayor and city manager were among nearly 300 homeowners with flooded basements during last month’s burst of rain. Some 288 callers to city hall said their base-

ment flooded; most calls came from Grosse Pointe Farms’ inland sewer district between Ridge Road and Mack Avenue. *Obituaries: Elizabeth Joanne Baur, Christine A. Duffy, Mark G. Stieber, John F. Weiksnar M.D., George Panarites, Elwood Robert Rousseau, Nicholas P. Thomas D.D.S., Betsy Bondurant Brown*



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LETTERS:

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The following letter is in response to the letter “Misplaced Priorities” by Ken Sanborn published in the June 10 Grosse Pointe News. It was posted online prior to this week’s publication.

‘Misplaced’ response

To the Editor:

I challenge the Grosse Pointe News to use better discernment when deciding whether to run letters that continue to ignore information — some of which even appeared in its own previous news coverage — as there should be a minimum standard and vetting process for what’s permitted to appear in the paper.

Despite emailing the letter’s author in response to a direct inquiry, despite being on the record in the May 18, 2021 edition of the Grosse Pointe News saying that I am a public servant and have no intent to open up the parks nor take action on the barriers, despite saying this during the May 10 city council meeting, the letter writer continues to suggest the contrary.

What I have said and continue to say is that it’s important that we continue to improve our relationship with our neighbors, and that when projects are proposed that we do more on the front end to engage the community. To that end — the writer did get one thing right — I’d discussed at the table amending our gift Donor Policy to ensure that there were no conflicts of interest and to also allow for more community engagement when projects are proposed. (BTW: These ideas were shared with a donor, who called

the first item a best practice.)

However, my concepts never made it back to the table for a vote because there was not enough council support. And that was the end of it.

There are other labels the letter writer applies to my name and work, which appear to be a deliberate attempt to build a false narrative about me as well as the council. For those who wonder, I’m fiscally conservative, and have done two initiatives to help businesses in the Park.

I’ve also called for more transparency, community engagement and accountability — such as a competitive bidding process — and want to ensure that we’re investing in our infrastructure. I’ve been diligent about working collaboratively with my colleagues, regardless of any political affinities.

I would urge the paper as well as the author to desist from this malicious, veiled attack that does nothing to elevate the issues about which residents have told me they have concerns: keeping our community safe, upgrading our parks, marinas and alleys, growing our businesses, and making sure that our seniors and families have what they need, whether it be access to child care or appropriate housing.

A focus on the issues, rather than an incendiary attempt to distort the truth about an issue that has been asked and answered — makes for good public service journalism — not to mention healthy discussion about priorities for the Park. And that’s what it’s all about.

DARCIMCCONNELL
Grosse Pointe Park
City Councilmember

Editor’s note: We disagree with the author

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is charging \$50,000 for a new Master Plan and \$25,000 for a business district parking study. More will be spent to study parking for the rest of the city. An Ann Arbor consulting firm was hired just to confirm what was obvious — the location for the new DPW building on Mack.

The council majority’s activist supporters have also played a role. They spearheaded an unprecedented attack against the interim public safety director. The Park’s record low crime rate, and the interim director’s excellent record, would have made him the logical choice to become permanent director. That’s what the Shores and City recently did, without complaints. But to shield himself from the activist’s criticism, the Park’s city manager was compelled to spend \$20,000 on search consultants (and an investigative detective).

For the last five years, the Park shared its public safety director with the City of Grosse Pointe. That was a very cost-efficient arrangement. However, because an outside candidate was hired, the public safety department now has the equivalent of two top level executives — the new director and the former interim director (for whom a deputy director position was recently created).

That’s an annual six figure budget increase — thanks, in no small part, to the activists’ negative campaign against what was the logical choice.

The council majority’s newly enacted Donor Policy has frozen contributions. While drafting it, they didn’t

that simply printing a letter received by a member of the community with an opinion constitutes a malicious attack by the newspaper. Ms. McConnell, in what some may question as hypocritical, now asks the paper to publish her letter, which we are happy to do. We believe every American citizen’s First Amendment rights should be acknowledged.

Response to McConnell

To the Editor:

After reading Council member McConnell’s Grosse Pointe News letter (online), I must disagree with her on several fronts.

Park opening
As we move closer to the election, Council member McConnell’s position on opening the city’s residents-only parks has evolved.

In December she proposed “Detroit Days” to the Parks and Recreation Department. Under that proposal the parks would be open to non-residents on certain days. In the May 20 Grosse Pointe News (Page 2A) she stepped back a bit saying “as it stands now” she had no plans to open the

parks. (Emphasis added). In her recent letter she said that she had “no intent to open up the parks.” The comments “as it stands now” and “no intent” do not instill confidence in light of her earlier “Detroit Days” proposal.

Donors
In her letter, Council member McConnell referred to a donor proposal which she made at the Jan. 11 council meeting. She wanted to amend the already obstructionist Donor Policy by requiring a vote — 51 percent of the neighbors and businesses (within 1,000 feet of a donor project) would have to approve it. She referred to this as a “best practice,” but then seemed to have a change of heart, as she mentions in her letter.

Fiscal conservatism
How can she be fiscally conservative when she voted for a very burdensome Donor Policy? Donations have dried up. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being diverted away from the city.

How can she be fiscally conservative when she favors hiring expensive outside consultants, instead of supporting the many volunteers (on commissions and committees) whose efforts made the Park a Top 25 City (24/7 WSJ)?

How can she be fiscally conservative when she proposes an ethnic intimidation city ordinance that will be the first of its kind in Michigan and will

even consult with the foundation, which is supported by 400 individual Park donors. Recently, a member of the council majority proposed an even tougher revision to that policy.

Burdening donors has a major budget impact. The foundation was prepared to replace the outdated Patterson Park children’s playscape at a cost of \$175,000; but the new Donor Policy triggered a freeze. Without Foundation support, the council majority will have to further drain the declining surplus.

As if these examples aren’t enough, the council is wading into a constitutional law debate that the city attorney describes as “a difficult situation, from a legal standpoint.” Some members of the council majority want the Park to become the first (and only) Michigan city with its own ethnic intimidation ordinance — a local ordinance that would go well beyond current state law.

This will invite new and expensive constitutional law challenges, while the budget incurs a record deficit. The mayor described it best when he said, “I’m concerned that this will create a drain on our city resources ... because new areas of the law tend to get challenged in court. A city like ours is not well positioned to be the first one in.”

And that’s the point. The Park is a small, built-out city. It should rely on a strong city manager, experienced volunteers and generous donors.

It cannot afford expensive outside consultants, management redundancy and costly legal battles. All of which threaten its ability to provide the top priority — basic services.

lead to very expensive constitutional law litigation?

RICHARD SCHROEDER
Grosse Pointe Park

How big is that elephant in the room?

To the Editor:

Of the approximately 11,555 Grosse Pointe Park residents, a few think there is one big “Elephant in the Room” ... our parks.

These individuals are saying that our parks should be open to everyone no matter where they live. They see Patterson and Windmill parks as part of an open gateway and part of the fabric to their flag they call “regionalism.”

What they overlook is the longtime financial commitment Park residents have made to support the existing framework whereby:

“Anyone has the freedom and the right to move into and support the Grosse Pointe community and support the successful structures/systems in place by making the commitment to financially buying a home or renting in Grosse Pointe Park, paying the taxes that provide parks, police, fire, EMS, trash, snow removal, street maintenance, schools, material availability at the library and all other Grosse Pointe Park services.”

Most cities have recognized the standard of one acre of recreation land per 100 residents. The Detroit Metropolitan

Area Planning Commission back in 1959 stated: “... that one acre per 200 residents is a reasonable standard in cities with populations over 500,000 and perhaps one acre per 300 residents for cities over a million inhabitants.” The standards are necessary not to the extent that they become hard and fast rules, but rather as a starting point.

What is the size of the Park “Elephant”? The combined green space acreage of Patterson Park and Windmill Park is approximately 26 acres, which at 11,555 residents/26 acres = 444 residents per acre of recreation green space. The number of residents per acre is notably above the recreation standard.

In the spirit of regionalism, perhaps these urban planners and others could lend their talents and skills to focus on the continuing development of the 308 Detroit parks (totaling 5,512 acres) along with a variety of play fields, greenways, plazas and the repurposing of vacant land. The population per recreation acre in Detroit is approximately 680,250 residents/5,512 acres = 123 residents per acre (2016 study).

It would benefit all if Grosse Pointe Park, Detroit and other neighbors in this region continue to embrace and foster both a regional community and their own local communities with green space projects and economic development strategies that encourage business growth.

Mayor Duggan announced \$11.7 million was to be used to renovate 40 Detroit parks in 2016 and 2017. Last month Mayor Duggan and community leaders joined with the family of Joe Louis to break ground on the first phase of an estimated \$211 million, 10-year, 27-mile greenway project that will “connect Detroiters and their neighborhoods, opening new opportunities for recreation and economic activity.”

These projects, as part of an unfinished regional canvas, will need guidance and expertise.

Let’s leave our well-designed and developed “Elephants” as part of the Grosse Pointe Park tax base structure and successful services. These very rare creatures are not as big as some think.

CHRIS FLYNN
Grosse Pointe Park



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Farms approves tax decrease

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Even with the voter-approved 2 mills for road improvements last November, the Farms has maintained its title as the Grosse Pointe with the lowest tax rates. In fact, come July 1, residents will even see a .1588-mill decrease in taxes from last year, bringing tax rates to a total of 16.7912 mills.

“As 2020 progressed, we did not see the kind of economic decline that we were expecting and we’re ending this fiscal year with another strong budget performance,” Councilman Lev Wood said. “So in contrast to last year, for this next upcoming fiscal year, fiscal year 2022, we have nothing but great news, I think, for Grosse Pointe Farms

residents.”

This fiscal year’s budget is labeled “a reliable service in an uncertain world,” due to the fact that throughout the pandemic, no essential services were disrupted within the city.

Within said budget, the decrease in taxes can largely be attributed to two bond issues that were paid off in 2021: the 1999 Lakeside Sewer Separation Bond and the 2007 Lakeside Sewer Separation Refunding Bond. The city will begin to pay principal on the 2017 G. O. Unlimited Tax Bonds issue this year, which is supported by the debt millage.

Despite the decrease in taxes, the Farms is expecting an increase in property tax revenue due to a rise in taxable values. It also will be placing more millage revenue into the general

‘... we’re ending this fiscal year with another strong budget performance.’

LEV WOODS
Grosse Pointe Farms councilman

fund because of the water and sewer fund debt that has been paid off. Paired with cautious estimates of revenue from state sources and charges for services, fines and forfeitures, the 2021-22 budget is anticipating an approximately 5.6 percent increase in revenue.

“We’re still trying to evaluate the impact of the new normal,” Director of Finance and Operations Debra Peck Lichtenberg said, “how remote workplaces and other changes in the community are really going to impact our operations.”

With approximately

\$1.7 million from the road millage, combined with Act 51 money and transfers from the general fund and capital projects fund, the Farms plans to spend \$2.9 million on improvement and maintenance of city roads this year.

It also is set to spend \$1.2 million on various capital projects, including sidewalk repairs,

technology/office equipment and furniture and vehicles. This is consistent with spending in prior years.

Although the budget notes the use of \$300,000 from the unassigned fund balance, essentially the city’s savings or rainy day fund, administration’s goal is to not have to use any of it, instead closing the gap through additional revenue sources not currently included in the numbers.

It is estimated that by the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance will be just more than \$4.4

million, which is 26.1 percent of the budget. The city aims to keep it between 20 to 30 percent each year.

While the Farms received \$141,390 of CARES Act funds in the current fiscal year, additional funds still are expected. These could take the form of anywhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and are not yet included in the budget.

As of press time, city administration still was waiting to be notified of how many federal dollars will be allocated through the American Rescue Plan. These funds could be used toward water and sewer infrastructure, broadband infrastructure and equity focused services.

Coalition welcomes community organizer

Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods is excited to welcome Sasha Murphy from CARE of Southeastern Michigan to its team as the coalition’s new community organizer.

Murphy has been a member of the coalition since its induction in 2018, and is excited about her new administrative role with the coalition. She was a teacher at The Grosse Pointe Academy 22 years and brings her passion for supporting adolescents both academically and emotionally to the Healthy GPHW organization.

Murphy is committed to mental health education, drug and alcohol awareness, and suicide prevention as youth face the often challenging teen years.

“I’m beyond excited to bring my love of working with adolescents to the Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods coalition,” she said. “It’s wonderful to work with a group that is dedicated to supporting a community that is working to reduce substance abuse in teens and that supports mental health through action, collaboration and education. The



Sasha Murphy

coalition also focuses on other aspects of wellness such as being physically active, eating a well-balanced diet, finding ways to expand knowledge and skills, building satisfying relationships and expanding a sense of purpose. Living a healthy lifestyle is important to me and I’m just thrilled to be given the chance to share my passion with the community.”

Healthy GPHW can be found on Facebook at Healthy Grosse

Pointe and Harper Woods, on Instagram @healthygphw and online at healthygphw.org.

Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods believes prevention should be woven into all aspects of one’s life, including where and how one lives, learns, works and plays. All are welcome at its monthly meetings. The next meeting is at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at a location to be announced.

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Forbes: Vanerian a top wealth advisor

Merrill wealth management advisor and managing director Marie Vanerian has been named to the Forbes' 2021 "America's Top Women Wealth Advisors" list. Vanerian, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, is recognized as an industry expert and thought leader in her career, which has spanned more than 40 years. This is the third year she has been named one of Forbes "Top Women Wealth Advisors."

Vanerian educates clients about their investment options to guide to sound decisions within their risk tolerance. Additionally, she offers

institutional consulting and advisory services to a broad range of global clients, including foundations, endowments, religious organizations, pension plans, 401(k)/403(b) plans and multi-generation private family offices.

Vanerian's community and philanthropic interests include the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Lions Club International, The Grosse Pointe Academy, Special Olympics, Samaritas: Vista Maria and The War Memorial.

She earned her bachelor's degree in economics from Michigan State University.



Marie Vanerian



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fab at 50

Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Art Bryant recently visited Rainy Day Art & Framing Co., to present owner Lisa Amori with a proclamation in honor of Rainy Day's 50 years in business. Pictured from left are Veronica Williams, Bryant, Lisa Amori and Amy Lloyd.

Dr. Henry Lim honored as a 'giant' in dermatology

Henry Lim, M.D., a Henry Ford Health System dermatologist and an internationally recognized expert in diseases of the skin, was honored as a "Giant of Dermatology" by the journal, Dermatology Times. The City of Grosse Pointe resident was

among six distinguished recipients recently recognized for their contributions to the field of dermatology. In announcing its inaugural "Giants of Dermatology," Dermatology Times said, "this prestigious honor celebrates the achievements of the

visionaries who have devoted their time, talent and resources to improving care for the millions of patients and their families affected by skin conditions and diseases. Their discoveries have propelled the field forward and established the building blocks for future break-

throughs."

Lim, who currently serves as senior vice president of Academic Affairs at Henry Ford and continues to see patients, was chairman of the Department of Dermatology for 20 years until he stepped down from the leadership position in 2017. He is considered a world authority on phototherapy and vitiligo, and was an advisor on the writing of new Food and Drug Administration regulations for sunscreen labeling and consumer use, released in 2012.

In accepting his honor, Lim said he practices dermatology, "because I feel I can make a differ-

ence for my patients, educate and mentor the next generation of dermatologists and contribute to our specialty."

As chairman, Lim was instrumental in advancing new programs and treatments at Henry Ford. He established one of the first Multicultural Dermatology Centers in the United States, which specializes in diagnosing and treating skin, tissue and hair conditions unique to women and men of ethnic heritage; established a robust clinical and laboratory research program; and launched the Vitiligo Treatment and Research Center, which specializes in managing and treating vitiligo, a skin disease that causes the skin to lose its natural color.

Lim has served as president of the two most prominent dermatology societies: the American Academy of Dermatology, 2017-18, and American Dermatological Association, 2014-15. In both instances, he was the third Henry Ford dermatology chairman to hold the top leadership position in both organizations. He also served as president of the American Board of Dermatology in 2012, a voluntary, nonprofit organization that oversees the training, education and qualifications of physicians who provide care in dermatology.

Lim has authored more than 500 articles, edited nine textbooks and served on the editorial boards of several journals.

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Seven compete for three Park council seats

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Three council seats, held by Jim Robson, Lauri Read and Darci McConnell, are set to expire this November. Robsen is leaving council without running for re-election, Read is running for mayor and McConnell is running for re-election to her current seat.

Seven candidates vie for the seats in the primary, to be held Tuesday, Aug. 3. Six candidates will move on from the primary to the November election.

Candidates include Brian Brenner, Tom Caulfield, Christine Gallagher, Jeff Greer, Tim Kolar, McConnell and Max Wiener. A council seat in the Park is a four-year term and is voluntary.

To inform voters as the Aug. 3 primary quickly approaches, Grosse Pointe News asked each of the seven candidates to answer the same 25 questions about their candidacy, with a final question allowing them to discuss anything not asked. Each candidate's answer is written below as received, with slight editing for clarification.

Brian Brenner

Age: 46
Family: Wife, Valerie; daughter, Julianna, 19; son, Isaac, 12; daughter, Annika, 9
Occupation: Chef/Owner, Brian Abner Culinary
Volunteer work:

Donations of food, food service and gift certificates to many local schools and community groups

How long have you lived in the Park? 46 years, minus college

Have you served on any other boards, committees or commissions in the Park? No

Why have you decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park? I have decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park because I wish to give back to a community that has been very good to me. I am extraordinarily invested in GPP having grown up here, having decided to raise my own family here and ultimately deciding to start a small business that serves this community. I am truly excited about the addition of the Schaap Center, curious and intrigued about what is to become of Trombly and optimistic in our role bridging the Grosse Pointes and Detroit. I am concerned about some massive upcoming costs to our city to replace lead water lines and ensuring our legacy costs are properly funded, all while continuing to maintain and improve our existing infrastructure and amenities. I am disheartened by the divisiveness that at times seems to be encouraged by our local politics. I aim to provide a quiet, thoughtful and diligent presence on our city council.

Explain what you believe to be the role of council members.



Brian Brenner

Stewardship and oversight of our great community. As council members we have the enviable position of maintaining and improving the infrastructure of an already fantastic city. We need to approve fiscally responsible budgets, oversee while not micromanaging city employees, ensure our local ordinances are current with the times, be responsive to and communicate with our residents and do so in a neighborly and respectful manner.

What are the key issues you are running on? We need to start working immediately on how we plan to fund replacing our water lines and fund our municipal legacy costs while continuing to maintain and improve other infrastructure. We need to continue to work with GPPSS on plans to keep Trombly viable. We need to work to maximize the positive impact of the Schaap Center for our residents and businesses. We need



Tom Caulfield



Tim Kolar

to update and improve parking in our business districts, including EV charging stations. We need to encourage unity within our community. Of late, divisiveness seems to be encouraged. We are the leaders in our community and our residents, neighbors and business owners are watching. We need to make reasoned and balanced decisions regarding our town, listening to all voices and being respectful of those with which we disagree.

What do you believe are the main challenges



Christine Gallagher



Darci McConnell

facing the Park? How do you propose managing these issues? I am deeply concerned as to how we are going to fund replacing tens of millions of dollars of lead water lines. We also have underfunded legacy liabilities. We will need to maintain a strong fund balance to help cover these costs and help ease the burden of borrowing, assuming that will be necessary. I am also concerned about the degree of divisiveness within our community. It is possible to disagree in an amicable fashion. To my end, I



Jeff Greer



Max Wiener

pledge to go about the hard work of council quietly and diligently. I see no need for fanfare and grandstanding. Just get the job done in a reasoned, balanced and respectful manner.

How would you grade how the city has been managed over the past two years? Explain. The job of city management seems to me a bit of a game of Whack-a-Mole. Every time a problem pops up, you address it, then two more appear. The work is never “done,”

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Three vie for Farms/Shores municipal judge seat

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — With Farms/Shores Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora aging out of the position he's held 33 years, the two Pointes will hold a primary election Aug. 3, to narrow the three candidates down to two on the November ballot.

Charles T. Berschback, Dean C. Metry and Kevin M. Smith are running. The Farms/Shores municipal judge earns \$30,000 from the Farms and \$15,000 from the Shores, annually.

With the Grosse Pointe courts as the only remaining municipal courts in Michigan, the three candidates agree the limited jurisdiction courts serve Pointe residents well.

Although many attempts have been made over the years to consolidate all the Pointe municipal courts into one district court with a broader jurisdiction, Berschback and Smith said this would be a decision for all Pointe municipalities to make and would be driven by the councils rather than the judicial arm.

Metry does not believe the Pointes should convert to a district-wide

system. Doing so would evaporate local control, he said, making service less personal, less dedicated and more expensive to maintain.

Find additional information on the candidates below.

Charles T. Berschback

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in American history, University of Michigan; Juris Doctorate, Wayne State Law School

Age: 64

Current Occupation: Attorney, Charles Berschback Law Offices

Volunteer/Charity work: member 1994 to 2000 and president 1999 and 2000, Grosse Pointe Historical Society Board; member 1997 to 2003, Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors; member for decades, Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club; member since inception, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce

Berschback has lived in Grosse Pointe Farms since 1987, the same year he went into private practice, and has represented many individuals and businesses in the Grosse Pointe municipal courts for criminal matters, landlord/tenant matters, civil disputes



Charles Berschback

and traffic cases.

“Everything that the judge deals with, I've been doing in the Grosse Pointe municipal courts for 35 years,” he said.

After clerking for the court of appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court out of law school, Berschback also served as the Grosse Pointe Woods attorney and prosecutor 19 years. He stepped down from the position at the end of 2020, reducing his workload by nearly 50 percent, as a show of commitment toward becoming the Farms/Shores judge.

With part of his practice specialized in Grosse Pointe municipal courts, Berschback also would be unable to represent clients in the Farms or Shores courts if elected judge, which would free even more of



Dean Metry

his time for commitment to the position.

“My attention is focused on the court and being the best judge possible,” he said. “I would maintain a private practice, but it's going to be nothing like it used to be.”

Significant experience in the municipal courts, the ability to see both sides of a case thanks to experience as both a defense lawyer and prosecutor, good rapport with all groups involved in the court system and good judgment, are a few of the factors Berschback feels would make him a good judge.

“I've lived in Grosse Pointe all my life,” he said. “I've lived in Grosse Pointe Farms for 35 years, so at this point, I want to give back to make a difference in my community.”



Kevin Smith

Dean C. Metry

Education: Bachelor of Science degree, Central Michigan University; Juris Doctorate, Wayne State University Law School; Master of Laws degree, Florida Coastal School of Law

Age: 65

Current Occupation: Associate chief administrative law judge, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals

Volunteer/Charity work: Paul Harris Fellow, Grosse Pointe Rotary; past four-year executive committee member, American Bar Association National Conference of Administrative Law Judiciary; past board member, Macomb County Bar Association

Metry has resided in Grosse Pointe Shores

nearly 10 years and in the Pointes most of his life, aside from four years after law school spent in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps.

Upon an honorable discharge, he joined his family firm, Metry and Sanom, before forming the firm Metry & Metry with his brother. In 2001, he became a U.S. Administrative Law Judge, primarily working with Social Security until 2005, when he became the first judge hired for the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals. In 2008, he returned to Social Security to start its remote hearing program and in 2009, began 12 years as a judge with the Department of Homeland Security.

If elected, Metry would leave his current federal position with the OMHA and work solely as the Farms/Shores municipal judge.

“I feel that we all have to come home eventually,” he said “and after all the experience that I've garnered throughout my 40-plus years of being a lawyer, I want to bring that home to make our community both better and safer for the residents.”

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and there is never time for respite. Add on an ongoing global pandemic. What I can say is every concern I have brought before a council member was already on our city manager’s “to-do” list. I don’t get the sense anyone is asleep at the wheel, but again, the work is truly never done. As of this very moment, I think we need to give DTE a kick in the pants for tree butchery. We are a Tree City USA after all. Tomorrow it will inevitably be something else.

How would you grade the mayor and council’s stewardship over the past two years? Explain. I feel Mayor Denner has done an excellent job presiding over our community. I am in agreement with the overwhelming majority of councils’ decisions as well. That said, I find the rhetoric surrounding opposition to the Schaap Center (and the many tertiary related issues) to be divisive to our community, frequently disingenuous and often misleading. We will certainly disagree, but we can still do so in an agreeable manner. Disparaging local philanthropists and donors is counterproductive. Attempting to obstruct progress on a project that is a decade in the planning, funded and promises to enhance our community is not helpful, especially given no viable alternative plan. Attacking a process that was approved by council at the time and open to public comment, well I don’t buy that we were somehow deceived. Top that off with an ordinance passed in January that adds a degree of difficulty to potential donors/philanthropists when approaching our city with ideas. All this at a time when much of our budget will be soon expended replacing water lines. Seems poor timing to project an image of the Park being difficult to work with.

How would you grade the public safety department’s execution of its role over the past two years? What do you hope to see from the department over the next two years? Our public safety department has done what is asked of them. We live in a very safe community with public safety response times that are second to none. GPP has bucked a trend over the last year that has seen some violent crimes increasing nationally, while they have decreased locally. For that they should be thanked and appreciated. We did have an incident of ethnic intimidation that was greatly publi-

cized and likely could have been handled better. I believe that increasing diversity in public safety can help to better handle situations where a deeper and personal understanding of culture and history can affect interactions between public safety and the citizens they are trusted to serve and protect.

The Park just hired its first black public safety officer. Do you think more should be done to hire more diverse public safety officers and municipal workers as well? Yes, and it’s about time. I firmly believe if we are to govern over a diverse citizenry, then we need diverse voices in the room when making decisions that affect our community. After chatting with our new director of public safety, I am encouraged by his record of increasing diversity within his previous department along with his innovative thoughts on how to further do so. One African American public safety officer does not make a diverse department. But finally, in 2021 we have a start. I feel the same holds for municipal workers in general.

Do you think the public safety department is adequately funded? Yes. Like most municipalities, it is a major portion of our annual budget and I don’t see glaring needs that would require additional funding.

What do you see for the next two years or so in the Park? In the upcoming years we need to begin serious financial planning for the unfunded mandate to replace our lead water lines and underfunded legacy costs. We need to partner with GPPSS to maintain the viability of Trombly in hopes of it once again returning to a full-time elementary school. We need to work together with the Schaap Center to maximize its positive impact on the community. We need to create and implement a cohesive parking plan for our business districts. As in any well-established community with some years behind it, we need to continue to maintain and improve upon our aging infrastructure and amenities. The marina at Windmill will be a big one. On a more fun note, we should continue to provide our popular community events such as Kercheval After Six and similar events that bring our community together.

The Park is currently working on updating its master plan. Do you have thoughts or suggestions on what a new master plan should look like? Given the questions asked on the master plan survey and the answers shared at the Tompkins Center, it seems the new

master plan will look much like the current master plan. Add a bike rack here, fix roads there, maybe better signage at entrance points. Appropriately, nothing earth-shattering. Nor should there be. We live in a 100-year-old, built-out community. I believe that at some level we all agree it is largely fine the way it is. That is what has attracted us all here in the first place. And a quick survey of the neighborhood will tell you we are at near full occupancy. The few homes that go up for sale are selling quickly and there are few “For Rent” signs adorning our multi-family homes. There is certainly never-ending maintenance to be done and some updating for the times, but Grosse Pointe Park is not a “fixer upper” in my opinion.

Some are calling for the elimination of local zoning standards or for allowing for higher density housing. Would you favor either of these? I would not support the elimination of local zoning standards. Generally speaking those standards have led to the community that we enjoy today: a community with many housing rental/lease opportunities, senior-centric condominiums, single-family housing and business districts. We have many old ordinances on the books, so perhaps some updating may be in order, but wholesale elimination would not be my choice. Where specific issues butt up against local ordinance, variances can be applied for. Higher-density housing proposals should likewise be addressed on a case-by-case basis. I truly believe most of our residents are quite content with the makeup and layout of our town. If not, why live here?

Do you favor the planned Schaap Center? Why or why not? Yes, 100 percent. It will be a unique amenity that will be the envy of many local communities. It will attract guests from across the region to our amazing city and support our local businesses, especially the growing dining and entertaining scene. It will provide an inclusive space for many local performing arts groups. It will shine a bright positive light on our community. Perhaps most importantly, it will be a fantastic entertainment option for our residents and all to enjoy. As a council member I would work to ensure we maximize the positive impact of the Schaap Center on our community and surrounding area.

Do you favor keeping the parks residents-only? Why or why not? I believe the parks should

remain residents only. The parks are rightsized for our community. As it stands, on a busy summer weekend the parks run full. Opening the parks to another million people around the region seems an unwelcome idea.

Do you favor the council approved location of the new public works building? Why or why not? I am fine with the new location. It seems functionally equivalent to its current location. A few moments with a map of the city and a Sharpie would tell you there aren’t many reasonable options for the new DPW’s location. As this is a settled issue, we should be most concerned with assuring the DPW is a good neighbor to nearby residents and businesses.

Do you think the city and council have done enough to support and attract businesses to the Park? As a local small business owner, I feel the job done supporting and attracting business has been quite adequate. Personally, my efforts would focus on the support side. Regarding attracting new business, Grosse Pointe is a known entity. We are not an upstart community with massive vacancies to fill. We need to provide fertile ground for our businesses to flourish. I support our businesses being small and locally owned wherever possible. It contributes to the charm and character of our business districts. Support our local businesses, provide a good working relationship between business and government, and the attraction side of the equation will take care of itself.

Do you think the city should do more to provide parking for business customers? Yes. This isn’t a new issue. Lack of parking in our business districts has been a matter of discussion for years. All the while our businesses have grown in popularity, increasing the need for more parking. We need a solid parking plan for our business districts and we need to start implementation in a timely fashion. EV charging stations should be included in that plan.

How would you grade the Park’s DDA and TIFA management efforts? Explain. Management of DDA and TIFA is excellent. We are fortunate to live in a community with a diversity of expertise. As with all of our committees and commissions, we have sharp residents who willingly donate their time for the betterment of our city. As a community we lean on them to take the deep dives into their respective issues. They do not

disappoint, to the extent I often question the need for costly and time-consuming studies that we employ outside consultants for.

Is there anything else you would like to add? As a GPP resident for 46 years, I recall the days of the Esquire Theatre and Steak and Egg on Jefferson. Our business districts at the time pale in comparison to today. No theaters or gymnasium at the Windmill. No ice rink or dog park at Patterson. Say what you may about those who were in charge before us, but it’s hard to argue the results. Maintaining and improving a city is a never-ending and exciting job. The possibilities are inspiring. I pledge to continue the slow and steady improvement of our town while maintaining the small community charm that has drawn us all here together.

Tom Caulfield

Age: 50
Family: Wife, Rebecca, and three children aged 15, 13 and 10

Occupation: Strategic Risk Consultant/Broker for Lockton Companies in Detroit

Volunteer work: I believe volunteering is essential to serving the community you live in. I currently serve on the board of the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club. Over the years, I have been a director of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, coached for Grosse Pointe Park Little League, Cub Scout leader for Troop 86, Destination Imagination coach and appraiser, set builder and actor for the Grosse Pointe Theater and volunteered in other youth sports and initiatives. My passion is sailing and in 2013 I founded The Green Horn Kids, an organization to promote the sport of sailing to young people.

How long have you lived in the Park? I grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and went to Trombly, Pierce and GP South High School. After college, my wife (also a life-long resident) and I bought a home here to raise our family.

Have you served on any other boards, committees or commissions in the Park? I actively attend city council, commission and committee meetings and engage with citizens and youth groups as a liaison to city administration.

Why have you decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park? I believe in servant leadership. Our city council needs to make decisions as a collective body and not as individuals apart from the council as a whole. I want to lead as a councilmember by focusing on policy issues that are responsive to our cit-

izens’ needs and wishes. I am confident by doing this we can restore the trust in our city council and return to a high-functioning council-manager form of government.

Explain what you believe to be the role of council members. A council member listens to the concerns and needs of the citizens. Then, as the legislative body, council takes those concerns and needs to set goals and milestones or adopt policies that develop a vision for the community.

What are the key issues you are running on? Developing crisis management plans, improving infrastructure and amenities, enhancing community and city hall engagement, supporting public safety and maintaining our residential parks.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the Park? How do you propose managing these issues? Obviously, a century-old community has infrastructure needs such as lead pipe abatement, sewer capacity issues, alleyway maintenance in the northwest corridor and a crumbling marina that we need to address. But I believe our biggest challenge has been community communication and engagement. Clearer communications allow us to tap our most valuable resource — our residents. Informed residents will make informed decisions. With the Park’s wonderfully diverse community, I am confident we will solve all our challenges and be fully prepared for times of crisis. The collective knowledge of this community knows how to get things done.

How would you grade how the city has been managed over the past two years? Explain. The city manager and administration have managed the city well, considering the challenges these past several years. Our bond rating is good, median household income is stable, public safety reports are great and credit review is clean. These are all good indicators of effective management. I believe we could improve performance with better accountability across the administration, employees and city government.

How would you grade the mayor and council’s stewardship over the past two years? Explain. The mayor has been a strong civic leader and has provided many years of leadership, dedication and community involvement. The city council has done the same. However, over the past few years a lack of collaboration has stalled progress on city projects, delayed improvements

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Metry has handled thousands of cases the last two decades as a judge and is very familiar with the Pointe municipal courts from his prior time as an attorney. He speaks fluent Spanish and passable Arabic and, if elected, would encourage cohesive collaboration with the other Pointe judges.

“I think that my educational background

(and) my proven commitment to serve as a public servant both in the military and as a civilian public servant show my willingness to devote the time necessary to make the Farms and the Shores a better place to live,” he said.

Kevin M. Smith

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history, University of Michigan; Juris Doctorate, Wayne State Law School

Age: 65
Current Occupation:

Attorney, Smith and Schultz, PLC

Volunteer/Charity work: Volunteer, efforts to clean up blocks in the city of Detroit

Smith has lived in Grosse Pointe Farms 33 years and been a full-time attorney 39 years. Out of law school, he began practicing at Smith and Schultz, a firm owned by his father, Martin Smith, who was an Eastpointe municipal judge 37 years.

He is admitted to

practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals sixth circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, as well as licensed to practice in all Michigan courts.

With great love for being an attorney and the practice of law, Smith would continue as a full-time practicing attorney, if elected judge. The part-time position, he said, would be a chance to give back to the community and follow in his father’s footsteps.

“I just feel that it’s also a very good time in my legal career and life to give back to the community,” Smith said. “I’ve called this home for 33 years. I am by all practical purposes a Grosse Pointe Farms person and I think very much so that I could be the type of judge that our community would be proud to have.”

Having appeared in the Farms court extensively and with great respect for retiring judge Rumora, Smith is confident he can pro-

vide a seamless continuation of the exemplary judicial service provided through the court for so many years.

“In light of my legal experience and knowledge, as well as my very approachable personality and demeanor,” he said, “I believe that I have the ability and patience to listen to all sides of a conflict, treat all who come before the court with dignity and respect, resolve issues and administer justice in a fair, yet firm manner.”

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and led to personnel turnover.

How would you grade the public safety department's execution of its role over the past two years? What do you hope to see from the department over the next two years? I am impressed by our public safety department's accomplishments and commitment to resident safety as reflected by our city's recent ranking as the third safest city in Michigan. I hope to see this continue with increased community involvement initiatives.

The Park just hired its first black public safety officer. Do you think more should be done to hire more diverse public safety officers and municipal workers as well? I strongly support the administration's decision to expand the city's search procedures to include more diversity and provide an inclusive work environment. As mentioned, our greatest asset is our residents. Engaging with residents and industry leaders will ensure our DEI initiatives are effective and measurable. We should benchmark regularly to other municipalities with successful initiatives.

Do you think the public safety department is adequately funded? The public safety department is vitally important and one of the largest portions of our budget. We need to ensure that our city manager and public safety director continue to have the funding necessary for training, technology and equipment to ensure they have the resources needed for continued success.

What do you see for the next two years or so in the Park? My goal is to get back to a high functioning city council and administration. It is critical over the next few years that the city act on various initiatives. We need to come together as a council, administration and community to get things done.

The Park is currently working on updating its master plan. Do you have thoughts or suggestions on what a new master plan should look like? A master plan should be written as a policy document that acts as a guide for the vision of future development of the community. A master plan is important because it provides a general baseline for the city's planning efforts. Good planning sets the tone and objectives to get things accomplished and to ensure budgets are aligned. Community involvement is vital.

Some are calling for the elimination of local zoning standards or for allowing for higher density housing. Would you favor either of these? It is the role of city council to support what the majority of the community wants, not just some. We currently have a wide range of housing options within our community and not a lot of open land to develop. I look forward to seeing the findings of the master plan.

Do you favor the planned Schaap Center? Why or why not? The Schaap Center will be a remarkable asset for the community. It will provide high-quality regional

programming in a state-of-the-art facility. It will also have a positive economic impact on the businesses in Grosse Pointe Park as well as neighboring communities. We are fortunate to have the support of generous donors in our community.

Do you favor keeping the parks residents-only? Why or why not? Our parks should remain resident-only. They are vital in maintaining the quality of life in our community, preserving real estate values and protecting our valuable city-owned waterfront property. I see no benefit in allowing people, without a vested interest in our community, to utilize these amenities.

Do you favor the council approved location of the new public works building? Why or why not? I am in favor of the location of the DPW on Mack as this supports much needed improvements to the Mack Avenue corridor, following the lead of the other GP municipalities.

Do you think the city and council have done enough to support and attract businesses to the Park? The city has worked hard to encourage investments in our business districts and to cultivate relationships. There is room for improvement. The city needs to better understand the asks of existing and prospective businesses. I am excited about the recent launch of the GPP Business Owners' Association. They will provide a clearer voice to the city on ways to encourage business growth and development leading to more constructive conversations.

Do you think the city should do more to provide parking for business customers? Our business districts require adequate parking to attract new businesses and additional customers. The master plan initiative and the GPP business owner's association will provide the administration and council additional insight on parking requirements and solutions.

How would you grade the Park's DDA and TIFA management efforts? Explain. Both initiatives are vital tools to our community. Each has a purpose and each has succeeded within their scope. As with any city function, I would work to ensure they are dedicated to continual improvement, best practices, compliance and working in partnership with the administration to capitalize additional investments that benefit ALL in our community.

Is there anything else you would like to add? Grosse Pointe Park is a great place to live, raise a family and retire. It is this sense of pride and deep commitment to community involvement that inspired me to run for Grosse Pointe Park City Council. I firmly believe we are all in this together. I will bring a focused, common sense approach.

Residents decide to move to Grosse Pointe Park and continue to reside here because they are attracted to its wonderful sense of community and amazing amenities. We are listed as one of the best cities in the United States in which to live. I am committed to maintaining

Grosse Pointe Park's historical appeal while making improvements to secure our position on this coveted list.

I would be honored to earn your vote in this election and to serve as one of your representatives on city council.

Please visit caulfieldgpp.org for additional information.

Christine Gallagher

Age: 54 years

Family: I have two children. My daughter, Paulina, is age 15 and attends Grosse Pointe South High School. My son, Franklin, is age 14 and attends Pierce Middle School. Both are athletes and both attend honor classes. Both will attend Grosse Pointe South High School in the fall.

Occupation: Telecommunications Consultant — Global network expansions, technology integration, cost savings initiatives

Volunteer work: Parent volunteer: Trombly Elementary, GPS HS Store, GPPLL. Grosse Pointe Red Barons Cheerleading program: Coach JV & Freshman.

How long have you lived in the Park? We have lived in our home on the 700 block of Berkshire since 2008.

Have you served on any other boards, committees or commissions in the Park? No

Why have you decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park? I have always had an interest in public service and I feel the calling now. I believe my experience and my skill set will benefit the council and the community.

Explain what you believe to be the role of council members. Council members are leaders and policy makers elected to work for the public good. They represent the community in the adoption of ordinances and resolutions according to the city charter and state law. Council members are also responsible for setting long- and short-term goals, approving the city budget and all capital improvement plans. They are also expected to be independent, impartial and fair.

What are the key issues you are running on? Restore confidence in the council: To be most effective, it is imperative that we have a city council that works collaboratively with the city manager and understands and respects the roles and responsibilities of our current form of government. The council has become heavily reliant on expensive outside consultants.

The budget: We now have a \$770,000 budget deficit that can only be resolved by drawing down on our accumulated surplus from prior years. The deficit appears to be structural and will not be solved without serious attention.

The recently enacted donor policy: Wholly unnecessary. And has dried up donations. No other Pointe government has one. We can no longer count on financial support from the Foundation and other donors to supplement our city budget, or to provide and upgrade popular amenities. Our community is better with the continued support of

our local donors.

The (Schaap) art center: Has been attacked and unnecessarily delayed. The art center will be a regional cultural jewel and another amazing Park amenity.

There is no longer any serious discussion about reopening Trombly as an elementary school for our children. The conversation, if any, now centers around what will replace it.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the Park? How do you propose managing these issues? The main challenges in the Park are tied directly to the issues I am running on. I will focus on what matters to most citizens and I will lead with common sense. I will work collaboratively with our city manager and city council body. I will apply my financial experience to our budget process. I will prioritize upgrades to infrastructure as necessary. I will ensure our excellent parks (with donor assistance) remain private. I will support local businesses and prioritize adequate parking. I will support promptly completing the art center. I will look to remove blight in our commercial areas. I will work to improve our rental housing. I will back our public safety officers. I will work with neighboring cities to develop community at our borders. I will reopen the conversation of Trombly as an elementary school.

How would you grade how the city has been managed over the past two years? Explain. I am proud of our community. And I am grateful for those who give their time to keep our city safe and beautiful and a destination that families continue to strive to be a part. However, our municipality could focus more on central services. Yet, I do see our community moving forward and I expect we will continue to do so.

How would you grade the mayor and council's stewardship over the past two years? Explain. See above.

How would you grade the public safety department's execution of its role over the past two years? What do you hope to see from the department over the next two years? See above.

The Park just hired its first black public safety officer. Do you think more should be done to hire more diverse public safety officers and municipal workers as well? Congratulations and welcome to our new public safety officers! Diversity is always important in any hiring situation. Like America, it makes us strong. I am confident that our new officers were chosen for the quality of their candidacy. And I expect they too are confident in that fact.

Do you think the public safety department is adequately funded? Yes.

What do you see for the next two years or so in the Park? Solidification of the master plan. Additional parking for businesses. The art center. Stronger budget. Prioritized infrastructure (lead water pipes). Excellent private parks. Reversal of donor policy. Removal of blight. Improve rental housing. Develop community at our borders. Trombly as

an elementary school.

The Park is currently working on updating its master plan. Do you have thoughts or suggestions on what a new master plan should look like? The master plan should reflect the input of Park residents aligned with budget and capabilities.

Some are calling for the elimination of local zoning standards or for allowing for higher density housing. Would you favor either of these? Tweaking is one thing, wholesale changes may not be best suited for our community. We need to maintain the character of our beautiful neighborhoods as it exists today.

Do you favor the planned Schaap Center? Why or why not? Yes. I support the art center. It is argued the creative arts are a gateway to higher learning. We would be blessed to have such inspiration in our own backyard. Further, a dilapidated DPW yard does not serve anyone.

Do you favor keeping the parks residents-only? Why or why not? Yes. Parking is already an issue for current residents.

Do you favor the council approved location of the new public works building? Why or why not? Yes. It will upgrade the corner, eliminate abandon(ed) buildings and increase foot traffic.

Do you think the city and council have done enough to support and attract businesses to the Park? There is always room for improvement and parking should be addressed without further delay. Also, the rein-vigoration of the GPP Business Association will strengthen the voice of local business in the Park and highlight their business needs.

Do you think the city should do more to provide parking for business customers? Yes, the city should not delay in providing additional parking. Additional parking will stimulate business and remove parking congestion in residential neighborhoods.

How would you grade the Park's DDA and TIFA management efforts? Explain. The district is thriving and the volunteers who serve on these boards should be complimented and supported for their time and effort.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Jeff Greer

Age: 54

Family: My wife, Kathryn, is an artist. My son, Henry, is a 2021 Grosse Pointe South graduate on his way to Michigan State in the fall. My daughter, Zosia, is heading to her junior year at South.

Occupation: I'm a Director of Content Strategy at MRM Detroit. While my responsibilities stretch across our client list, I spend much of my time working on websites and applications for General Motors, helping GM communicate more effectively with their customers.

Volunteer work: I am a founding member of Sustain GPP, which helped keep Park businesses afloat during the pandemic through marketing and promotional support. I am a board member of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club. In 2018, I also worked on the Voters Not Politicians

ballot initiative (Prop 2), which helped make voting easier across our state. In addition, I served on the Board of Directors of the Center for Plain Language, an internationally recognized professional organization that helps governments and private organizations make their communication useful and accessible, from 2015 to 2019. Before moving to Grosse Pointe Park, I was on the board of the Kazoo School, a private school in Kalamazoo.

How long have you lived in the Park? My family moved to the Park in August 2012.

Have you served on any other boards, committees or commissions in the Park? I was a founding member of Sustain GPP. I have been a constant presence at city council and other board and commission meetings over the years since moving here.

Why have you decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park? I'm running for city council to set a standard of excellence in the Park. Collaboration and community input will be part of every major project the city undertakes.

As part of my plan, I will:

Push to accelerate the plan to update our water supply lines and reduce the risk of lead exposure in our children.

Upgrade our parks and marina infrastructure.

Advocate for recreation and social opportunities — including safe bike lanes, arts/music education programs and more.

Target funds from DDA and TIFA to support local businesses and residents.

Fight for more daycare options.

Welcome everyone, regardless of race, who you love or whether you rent or own your home.

We'll have to be creative. Even though we're a wealthy community, state funding laws provide limited options for new revenue. That's why it's so important we work to find solutions we all agree on. We should all know exactly what we're spending and a project's long-term budget impact.

Explain what you believe to be the role of council members. There are the essential priorities to a council member's role. The first involves the city budget. The council is responsible for ensuring the annual budget adheres to both the city's vision as laid out in the master planning process and that it upholds the preferences and needs of the community.

The second is oversight. Council members must ensure the city administration is running the business of the city smoothly, with attention to resident needs, and that the day-to-day operations of the city are executed in a manner that's consistent with our vision for the city and the master plan. In addition, council members serve in a confirmation capacity during the appointment process. While appointments are made by the mayor, council members should confirm the mayor's appointments in a way that assures all of the community is represented by our boards and commissions.

Finally, council members are responsible for

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being a conduit between the city administration and the community. Council members should be active listeners when residents contact them and they need to bring resident concerns and feedback to the table when making decisions at council meetings and working with the administration.

What are the key issues you are running on? I'm running for city council because I care about the city I call home. I want our infrastructure, street crossings and parks to be as safe as possible. I'm an advocate for transparency, clear communication and equity for all residents. I value planning for the future and will use the best facts and date — as well as community input — to guide decision making if elected to council.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the Park? How do you propose managing these issues? Our infrastructure throughout the city requires significant repair. Many of our water lines contain lead, our marina has been underwater and the shoreline is compromised and the Patterson Park boardwalk needs maintenance to ensure its safety. Each of these issues needs to be prioritized as they are now urgent projects. If elected, I would work to make sure the city administration immediately begins the planning necessary to address these issues.

How would you grade how the city has been managed over the past two years? Explain. I want to complement City Manager (Nick) Sizeland for two key accomplishments. The first is his hiring of Public Safety Director Bryan Jarrell, who is already doing innovative work in our public safety department. The second is his oversight of the master planning process. Neither of these accomplishments were politically expedient decisions for the city manager. I want to recognize him for making tough decisions that will improve our community now and in the future.

However, there is one area we need to address and address quickly. Citizens across the Park have been frustrated with DTE Energy and their communication and responsiveness related to two projects, the gas main replacements and tree trimming.

As a council member, I would encourage the city manager to use his position to negotiate and advocate for better outcomes for Park residents during DTE projects. We all recognize DTE's work will lead to better utility service and hopefully cut down on service interruptions because of downed lines. However, DTE needs to commit to better communication with residents when they plan on doing work that blocks driveways or leaves sidewalks treacherous for long periods of time. And finally, DTE's tree trimming experts need to consider the long-term health and beauty of our urban forest when removing branches that are near power lines.

How would you grade the mayor and council's

stewardship over the past two years? Explain. I think we're heading in the right direction. I see an emerging relationship of mutual respect and collaboration between the city manager and the council.

Some recent successes include our Ethics Review Board, the transparency of our donor policy and the way the entire community, including the mayor and city council, spoke out against hate and supported JeDonna Dinges and her family.

How would you grade the public safety department's execution of its role over the past two years? What do you hope to see from the department over the next two years? Our crime rates are down and that's an important measure. However, that's only one aspect of policing. I'm excited to see Director Jarrell's plans for community policing move forward.

The Park just hired its first black public safety officer. Do you think more should be done to hire more diverse public safety officers and municipal workers as well? Yes. Diversity in hiring is exceptionally good for the community. I congratulate the department on this hire.

Do you think the public safety department is adequately funded? Yes.

What do you see for the next two years or so in the Park? We'll need to continue to support our business community as we emerge from the pandemic. I'd like to see us build on the success of the master plan and continue to engage residents as we embark on major projects in the future.

The Park is currently working on updating its master plan. Do you have thoughts or suggestions on what a new master plan should look like? This has been a great opportunity for resident input. I was impressed by the number and diversity of our residents who attended the community engagement sessions at the Tompkins Center. The master plan will be the guiding light for the future of our city's vision. It will help council and the administration make fact-based decisions on what initiatives the city should focus on over the next few years.

Some are calling for the elimination of local zoning standards or for allowing for higher density housing. Would you favor either of these? There is a difference between eliminating and adapting local zoning ordinances. I prefer to make decisions with the best facts available and I would rather see what is proposed by the master plan before rushing to change existing zoning codes. I would never advocate for or support the elimination of zoning standards.

Do you favor the planned Schaap Center? Why or why not? I support the arts and believe in community arts education. A community arts program would be an excellent way to bring the community together. As a council member, I will advocate for more community arts education and programming. I also believe that more community arts programming would continue to make us a community of choice for families considering relocating to the area. I wel-

come the opportunity to review a 10-year business plan for the Schaap Center so that our residents will know their investment is contributing to a sustainable endeavor.

Do you favor keeping the parks residents-only? Why or why not? Yes. This is a non-issue. It's being raised in an effort to distract from real issues like transparency and water line replacement.

Do you favor the council approved location of the new public works building? Why or why not? Yes. Our DPW employees need a safe place to work. Council approved this project 7-0, and it's moving forward.

Do you think the city and council have done enough to support and attract businesses to the Park? The city administration was slow to respond to the pandemic and the unique challenges it presented to our business community. However, with the pandemic restrictions drawing to a close, I am happy to see street festivals and other gatherings resume. That will be good for our merchants and their bottom lines.

Do you think the city should do more to provide parking for business customers? I hear and understand the concerns of both businesses and residents. Today, we don't have a clear answer on what additional parking is needed and how to provide it. This is where the city can benefit by seeking professional advice. I support the parking study and hope it can guide us in the future. Many residents have expressed concerns about the demolition of homes for parking. We should let the facts uncovered in the parking study guide our future actions, while attempting to preserve as many tax-generating, historic homes as possible.

How would you grade the Park's DDA and TIFA management efforts? Explain. Over the last few years, the transparency of the DDA and TIFA has improved. I'm pleased that both DDA and TIFA are now in compliance with state law. If elected to council, I would advocate for better communication before meetings and clearly defined agendas.

I would also advocate for including more residents on these boards. We need to find a balance, and having a healthy mix of residents and business owners will help us identify which projects will best serve the community. In addition, while I am impressed by the city manager's work ethic and willingness to serve on these boards, I would recommend hiring a dedicated director with a background in economic development.

Residents who live in the TIFA district have expressed concerns about infrastructure such as sidewalks and alleys. These concerns need to be addressed. I also hope we can take some of our success on Kercheval, replicate that and find opportunities for more walkable retail on Jefferson.

Is there anything else you would like to add? Thanks to the Grosse Pointe News for giving me an opportunity to answer these questions. And thanks to the Grosse

Pointe Park City Council, administration, board and commission members and volunteers for all the hard work you're doing to make this a welcoming community.

Tim Kolar

Age: 40
Family: Yes. Wife and two daughters.

Occupation: State Office Administrator, State of Michigan

Volunteer work: Too many to list, but will specifically reference my roles serving on the Board of Directors for Court Appointed Special Advocates, an organization dedicated to finding a safe and permanent home for abused and neglected children; serving on the Board of Directors for the Jarrett Payton Foundation, an organization with a "No Bull" program focused on rooting out bullying in middle school.

How long have you lived in the Park? We moved to Grosse Pointe Park in July 2017.

Have you served on any other boards, committees or commissions in the Park? I work with Councilmember McConnell and Councilmember Fluitt on the Sustain GPP initiative.

Why have you decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park? I am a firm and strong believer in good government, especially local government. I believe local government can have the most direct impact on residents and can deliver so much more beyond basic services and amenities. For years, I have been a strong advocate offering my support and encouragement to our city administration to not only meet the minimum standards that are expected and required by law, to conduct city business openly and transparently and to strive for excellence.

The city has finally moved into a reality of full compliance with state law for all its boards, committees and commissions. I decided to run for city council to play a large part in moving Grosse Pointe Park towards excellence, with openness, transparency and representing ALL citizen's voices as pillars of city council going forward.

Explain what you believe to be the role of council members. The role of council members is to represent the community that elected them and to be the voice of the community, ensuring that the needs and desires of the community are not just met, but greatly exceeded. Council members also have management oversight responsibility. This management oversight responsibility is not micro-managing, rather it is ensuring that the daily operations of the city administration are in alignment with the needs and desires of the community and is in compliance with the law.

What are the key issues you are running on? My tagline is "Educate. Evaluate. Communicate."

Educate is gathering information from experts, professional studies, residents and businesses. Evaluate refers to looking at "best practice" options for fiscal integrity and sustainability. Communicate is having a dialog, openly and transparently, as

decisions are made and outcomes are recorded. For issues, my main priorities are a focus on our infrastructure, mainly our lead pipes and our marina; promoting our city; and a focused effort on community engagement.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the Park? How do you propose managing these issues? The challenges facing the Park are the issues that I am running on. But the main challenge facing the Park is that we need to have a focus on our infrastructure. This means that the public service committee, a committee that has responsibility for the lead pipes and other infrastructure items, needs to be held accountable to form a plan that is well communicated to the community, has a defined schedule for updates to the community and a progress tracker display that is well publicized and accessible. Neither the city manager nor the mayor, who chairs the committee, has called for a meeting of the public service committee since June 2020. That is simply unacceptable. This same approach — formation of a plan, execution of the plan and communicating to the community on a regular basis and as progress is made — can also be applied to all other challenges.

How would you grade how the city has been managed over the past two years? Explain. Rating: needs improvement. The best explanation for this is that until recently, numerous agreements that the city had entered into over the years were verbal agreements, and both the TIFA and DDA had for years been out of compliance with state law. When inquiring about why the department of public works was providing landscaping and lawn care services to properties owned by a private foundation, with many of those properties not even located within Grosse Pointe Park, the explanation from the city manager was that there was a verbal agreement in place between the city of Grosse Pointe Park and the private foundation for the city to maintain the properties. That is simply unacceptable and begs the question of how many other undocumented, verbal agreements the city has entered?

How would you grade the mayor and council's stewardship over the past two years? Explain. Rating: improving. Our biggest struggle when it comes to stewardship is in the lack of defined processes that the mayor and council follow for matters. Over the last two years, there has been a strong push to create appropriate processes. So, while improving, it is unfathomable that a mature community like Grosse Pointe Park did not and still does not, have a defined process for, for example, RFPs and contract bids, including the retention of consultants.

How would you grade the public safety department's execution of its role over the past two years? What do you hope to see from the department over the next two years? Our public safety department is exceptional. While we have

had some recent hiccups, those do not overshadow the excellent service our public safety department provides to the community. Over the next two years, I hope to see the new public safety director realize all his goals and will provide him and his entire department all the support needed to ensure those goals are realized.

The Park just hired its first black public safety officer. Do you think more should be done to hire more diverse public safety officers and municipal workers as well? Properly stated, the Park hired a public safety officer who has 19 years of experience serving the city of Detroit. Both Officer Olsen and Officer Evans came from the Detroit Police Department. Their education, training and experience likely helped set them apart and most likely contributed to both officers being selected for the positions in the Park. We welcome them to our community. We also welcome Officer Matty, who was a preservice hire straight out of the academy.

What the Park needs to do more of is make sure the public safety officer and municipal worker positions in our community are shared wide and far when available. We must continue to attract officers and municipal workers from various backgrounds and life experiences, with the proper education, training, experience and other, to put them in the best positions to be considered for opportunities.

Do you think the public safety department is adequately funded? As noted in a prior response, our public safety department is exceptional. The city administration has long shown a strong commitment to the public safety department and I expect that commitment to remain.

The city administration's strong commitment can be shown in how the public safety department is funded.

In Grosse Pointe Park, we currently have budgeted revenues of \$11.8 million and budgeted expenditures of \$7.4 million for our public safety department, approximately 63 percent of our budgeted revenue.

Grosse Pointe Woods has planned operating revenue of \$13.2 million and planned expenditures of \$6.7 million for their public safety department, approximately 51 percent of their planned revenue.

Grosse Pointe Farms has planned total revenues of \$16.2 million and planned expenditures of \$5.4 million for their public safety department, approximately 33 percent of their planned revenue.

What do you see for the next two years or so in the Park? I see the need to have an energetic reaction to moving past the pandemic and continuing to move the Park forward. Our neighbors, our businesses, everyone, is clamoring to return to normalcy and I see our After Six on Kercheval, Winter Solstice and other events not only returning, but also expanding given the continued reemergence of our business.

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ness corridors. Our parks and recreation director is a highly sought-after individual who we are lucky to have in our community. Looking forward to supporting him and his entire staff on what they will plan and execute over the next two years or so in the Park.

Now, while the above are worthy and entertaining events, we still need to spend the next two years (and beyond) focusing on some core issues the community faces, mainly our lead line replacement, addressing our marina and continuing to improve both Patterson and Windmill Pointe.

The Park is currently working on updating its master plan. Do you have thoughts or suggestions on what a new master plan should look like? First, I believe in relying upon experts, engaging the community and using data and information to make sound, well-informed decisions. The decision by the current city council was a 4-3 vote to proceed with the master plan processes as currently being realized. With my strong belief that relying on experts, engaging the community and using data to drive decision making is a sound approach, the decision made by the current city council was the proper decision. The current community engagement efforts that have been undertaken is something that has not been done historically in Grosse Pointe Park. With the selection of MKSK, and the engagement of the community at multiple steps in the master plan creation process, the thoughts and suggestions of the community are being incorporated. At conclusion of the current process, a draft master plan will be provided to the city council and the community. At conclusion of the current process, the city will have a new master plan created by utilizing experts, gathering data and information and community input.

Some are calling for the elimination of local zoning standards or for allowing for higher density housing. Would you favor either of these? I am in favor of all housing solutions that will allow people in our community to stay in our community at all stages of their life. I am also in favor of housing that will attract young professionals and young families to our community.

The City of Grosse Pointe recently made a change to the city’s residential zoning ordinance in November 2020, to allow for unit sizes as small as 500 square feet. They made this change as it was centered around what they refer to as a new era of residential living. They shaped this through a reliance on experts and studies as part of the Main Street Grosse Pointe initiative.

Now, any potential changes to local zoning standards here in Grosse Pointe Park should be handled through the master plan process and be deeply rooted in feedback from the community. Should the master plan and feedback from

the community suggest changes to local zoning standards, that information should be presented to our ordinance review committee and go through that public process for further review and consideration. After that, it should then be brought forward to council for further public process and deliberation. This is what an open and transparent local government looks like.

Do you favor the planned Schaap Center? Why or why not? I mostly favor the idea of the planned Schaap Center. I am not in favor of the process that was undertaken over the last 10 to 12 years. As far as the process, we simply need to look down the street at The War Memorial and how they engaged with the community, the city administration and others for many years before realizing the amazing outcome they have recently announced. Everything about that process was transparent, honest and open for discussion. As a member of city council, I will push for that same type of process to be followed in all future decisions made by the city administration.

But overall, I look forward to the day the Schaap Center can reach their funding goals and begin construction.

Do you favor keeping the parks residents-only? Why or why not? There have been no discussions on city council, nor has there been strong support from the community, in considering our parks to be anything but residents-only. There is not a current member of city council, or any current candidate for city council, me included, that is currently considering anything that would make a change to the parks being residents-only.

Do you favor the council approved location of the new public works building? Why or why not? We have a mature community, with limited space available for a building the size of the public works building. The unanimous approval by council of the location is something I favor. My main issue with the new public works building is that the new building was never a priority of the city administration until the current public works building land was needed for the Schaap Center. As Mayor Denner recently acknowledged, the Schaap Center was a catalyst for the new public works building. Our city workers deserve to work in a safe work environment and the public works building should have been updated, or a new building should have been built, many years ago.

Do you think the city and council have done enough to support and attract businesses to the Park? No. We were nearly nine months into the pandemic before the city made grants available through TIFA and DDA to our businesses. There were members of the current city council and members of the public, including me, who began asking for the city to support businesses in March 2020. Other communities across the state took immediate and bold action to support their businesses. Unfortunately, we lagged. Going forward, support for businesses should be

a targeted marketing plan, at a minimum, to highlight all our various businesses throughout the Park.

I am hopeful that the Visit the Park Business Association, which had sat dormant for the last decade but was relaunched just a few weeks ago, in response to the success of the Sustain GPP Initiative led by Council member McConnell, will fully realize its goals and be an association bringing together business leaders, the city administration and residents to both support and attract business to the Park.

Do you think the city should do more to provide parking for business customers? I would like to see the results of the professional parking study that TIFA is undertaking. The study will incorporate the thoughts of business owners in the area, while also incorporating input from the residents in the immediate area surrounding our businesses. While my personal, strong belief is that walkable cities are the more attractive and sustainable cities, I prefer to EDUCATE myself though the reliance on experts and studies. After that, then we EVALUATE and then we COMMUNICATE the potential solutions that may be needed.

How would you grade the Park’s DDA and TIFA management efforts? Explain. Rating: needs improvement. As a forensic accountant by background, I continue to struggle with how our DDA and TIFA have no line item details available to the public for expenditures. For example, spending approximately \$127,000 on “residential improvements” should be explained further through line items, so the community can easily understand what those improvements were.

This detailed information is currently only available through a FOIA request. From a request for information in 2020, it was discovered that funds had been spent on exploratory projects and other items by the DDA and TIFA director. None of those expenditures had been presented to or discussed at any DDA or TIFA meeting. Shortly after the discovery of those expenditures, the DDA and TIFA director resigned. Any well-run authority is open and transparent as to how money is spent. Of even more importance, DDA and TIFA expenditures should always be focused on realizing the purpose of the authorities, as found in their bylaws.

Is there anything else you would like to add? In canvassing over the last month, I have gotten more than a few “you look familiar” comments from some of our neighbors, particularly from those whose children participate or participated in high school athletics. I am a collegiate and high school varsity-level official — officiated my first varsity game in 1998 — and am thankful for the looking familiar comments instead of being remembered or known. As an official, the goal is to make sure contests are officiated according to the rules, under the guidance of fair play, and the outcome of the contest is determined by the players. I believe my time

officiating, as well as my professional and educational background will serve me well on city council. I hope to be familiar to all my neighbors and that my time on city council is remembered and known for helping lead Grosse Pointe Park to realize excellence, truly making Grosse Pointe Park a “Pointe of Distinction.”

Darci McConnell

Age: 53
Family: Single (but proud Auntie Darci and mentor)

Occupation: President, M c C o n n e l l Communications, Inc. (PR/Marketing firm established 2004)

Volunteer work: Board member, The Family Center, Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods; board member, Grosse Pointe Harper Woods branch NAACP; former Big Sister, Big Brother/Big Sister, precinct delegate, mentor and present and past work with a host of other nonprofit boards focused on youth and community development.

How long have you lived in the Park? 18 years

Have you served on any other boards, committees or commissions in the Park? I have not served on any city commissions or boards.

Why have you decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park? I was appointed to the Grosse Pointe Park City Council in November 2020, from a pool of 13 candidates by a unanimous vote of the sitting council members. What I indicated then remains true: In addition to my affinity for helping others, passion for good gov-

ernment and experience working with similar-sized municipalities, I want to continue to build on the innovative work that I’ve done, which is to be responsive to the citizens and help residents get any concerns addressed and help keep them informed; be a good steward of the city’s money as part of my duty during the budget process; continue to help businesses impacted by the pandemic grow and thrive; and continue to ensure upgrades to our city’s infrastructure.

Explain what you believe to be the role of council members. Grosse Pointe Park is a council-manager form of government. The council is the legislative arm of the city and, in addition to passing ordinances, doubling as the board of zoning appeals, its other primary role is passage of the city’s budgets. I believe the council, in addition to serving as a check and balance to city management, is also a body that serves the public and should be responsive to residents’ concerns; should innovate via ordinance as it relates to remedying issues impacting the city and ensure that residents are receiving quality city services. I also believe that as a public servant, you should use the position to help residents with other needs, such as providing awareness about the COVID-19 vaccine or finding ways to help businesses impacted by the pandemic, which I have done since joining the council.

What are the key issues you are running on?

◆ Supporting busi-

nesses impacted by the pandemic.

◆ Upgrading our alleys, marinas and parks.

◆ Updating our antiquated ordinances.

◆ Keeping Grosse Pointe Park a clean and safe place to work, live and play.

◆ Ensure that the community is engaged and informed/transparency.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the Park? How do you propose managing these issues? Aging infrastructure. We need to continue to upgrade our parks, our marina, our water mains and our alleys.

Stabilizing our population through city policies that support families and seniors. We need to make sure residents have what they need, whether it be child-care services or senior housing.

Creating a more transparent and inclusive process for residents. Residents need to have more communication and engagement about city services and city projects.

Being a welcoming community with policies and hiring that reflect the city’s diversity.

How would you grade how the city has been managed over the past two years? Explain. I would give the city high marks for keeping the Park safe; for attempting to address our long-term pension liability; for its aggressive pursuit of grant funding and for its work, through the DDA and TIFA, to support businesses impacted by the pandemic. I think there is still work to be

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done when it comes to greater community engagement and transparency; use of a public bidding process; aligning our government with best practices and working more collaboratively with the council.

How would you grade the mayor and council’s stewardship over the past two years? Explain. It’s notable that the council has enacted legislation to better align with best practices — such as the passage of an ethics ordinance and a gift policy — as offered by the Michigan Municipal League. The council has also worked to create a richer community information and engagement process, which is critical since we represent the citizens. I also think it’s significant that the mayor and council came together when the Klan flag was displayed and I’m proud to be part of an effort to do some visioning for the council. While there have certainly been some challenges, I think the council and mayor have done a good job over the last several meetings of working collaboratively in a manner that will help move the city forward.

How would you grade the public safety department’s execution of its role over the past two years? What do you hope to see from the department over the next two years? Grosse Pointe Park remains a safe city and the public safety department should be applauded for that. I’m also very hopeful and excited about the new Public Safety Director, Bryan Jarrell, who has discussed ways to better deploy officers, grow community input and to help diversify the department. He’s also discussed having officers ‘walk the beat’ and making stronger connections with residents, which I think is an important step in growing police and community relations. My hope for the department is that these goals will be met and that everyone who calls on the department feels comfortable in doing so. (Please also see my answer regarding funding).

The Park just hired its first black public safety officer. Do you think more should be done to hire more diverse public safety officers and municipal workers as well? For years, we have

heard the refrain that “we can’t find any qualified minorities to apply” for openings in the Park’s public safety department. However, I am grateful that when the search was conducted for a public safety director, City Manager Sizeland accepted my request to partner with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement officials; that he agreed to post the position on the city’s website; and that I, as well as other community groups, worked to share that information with a broader audience. It is my firm belief that as a result, we had one of the most diverse applicant pools in the history of the Park. City Manager Sizeland also committed to furthering that partnership when additional positions became open and I believe that, combined with calls from the community, helped result in a diverse group of new hires. It is important that both the public safety department as well as city hall reflect the city’s population and many communities — along with the Grosse Pointe Public Library as well as the Schaap Center — have adopted policies promoting diversity and inclusion. As a member of the diversity committee, it is my hope that the Park will take a similar approach. Beyond reflecting the community’s population, as Scott Page wrote in the book, “The Diversity Bonus,” having a variety of backgrounds and experiences also yields economic dividends, making for smart public policy.

Do you think the public safety department is adequately funded? As we heard in the public safety department’s presentation to the city council earlier this year, Grosse Pointe Park remains a safe city and crime is down 32 percent from 2019. While the public safety department commands the largest portion of the city’s budget at just under \$7.5 million, I think it is critically important that we continue to provide the resources needed to maintain the level and quality of services needed. It is my hope that both the city manager as well as the new Public Safety Director, Bryan Jarrell, aggressively pursue grants as another means to support this department.

What do you see for the next two years or so in the Park? We are mid-way through the master planning process and I’m

excited about residents crafting a vision for our city. We have thriving business districts that continue to grow and my hope is that with the funding and marketing support being provided through city hall, the DDA, TIFA and residents, those sites will continue to thrive. We must continue to maintain and upgrade our alleys, parks, marina and streets and ensure that we are doing all we can to allow seniors to age in place, families to have the support they need and of course, keep our residents safe. I am very excited about the Park’s continued ability to attract new residents and its capacity to stay a safe place to work, live and play.

The Park is currently working on updating its master plan. Do you have thoughts or suggestions on what a new master plan should look like? My hope is that as many residents as possible participate in this planning process and that we make it as easy as possible for them to do so. The point of this process is to let residents map a vision for the Park’s future and I’m excited to hear what they have offered.

Some are calling for the elimination of local zoning standards or for allowing for higher density housing. Would you favor either of these? It is important that we have appropriate (mixed use) housing that allows our seniors to age in place and accommodates younger families. What I have heard from the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors is that we need to be able to accommodate smaller square footage housing to address that need. However, as the master planning process is underway, the ultimate guidance will come from that process.

Do you favor the planned Schaap Center? Why or why not? I support the Schaap Center and am pleased with their planned partnerships that will empower local artists, nurture young people and provide more cultural offerings in the Park. It is important that this project not be a drain on city resources and that details of any city dollars required be provided by the city manager. It is also clear that the way this was implemented did not do enough to engage the community at the front end, which I think was unfortunate. If you consider many of our

most recent projects, the controversies and consternation around them were largely due to a lack of community engagement and conversation. I think it is critical that as a city, we do all that we can to proactively communicate to residents about projects and hear their input.

Do you favor keeping the parks residents-only? Why or why not? As I indicated in my statement issued to your paper previously, I am a public servant and there is no interest from residents in opening the parks, so I do not support changing this approach. I do think, however, it is important that we continue to improve our relationship with our neighbors. For example, the Mack Avenue Beautification Commission is a collaborative effort between the five Pointes and Detroiters; building on these types of alliances will better serve our community in the long run. I also would be remiss if I did not point out that there are concerted efforts to build a false narrative about an issue that has been unanimously opposed by the entire council, the mayor and the city manager, as reported in your paper.

Do you favor the council approved location of the new public works building? Why or why not? Yes

Do you think the city and council have done enough to support and attract businesses to the Park? I am extremely proud of two initiatives that I undertook recently, with the help of several council colleagues, residents, as well as the mayor and the city manager, to support businesses in The Park: Food for the Holidays and #SustainGPP. Food for the Holidays was a resident-driven initiative that I helped implement; we got residents to purchase gift cards from restaurants in The Park; those gift cards were then given to 60 families in need. Separately, I formed the #SustainGPP initiative and in addition to sharing contact information for local businesses with a fledgling business association, our group surveyed the businesses to assess how they’d fared during the pandemic. This information was then shared with the council, the city manager, the DDA and the TIFA; the result was additional marketing support, more grant funding and real data that could be used in the city’s decision making. The council also was one of the first communities to create a social district; recently provided a letter of support for a local restaurant’s liquor license and the recreation department continues to innovate on events on Kercheval and Charlevoix. It is my hope that we can grow these activities to better encompass sites that do not fall within the DDA and TIFA, and council members have been very vocal in advocating for such support.

Do you think the city should do more to provide parking for business customers? Parking remains a very challenging issue for the Park, depending with whom you’re speaking. For example, there are some business owners who lament the need for more

parking and residents who live on streets without driveways whose neighborhoods are saturated when community events take place. Others believe we have ample parking. That’s why I’m glad that, as part of the city’s master planning process, a parking study will be conducted by MKSK advisors — experts in this arena — to advise us on best practices and also so residents are able to weigh in with their concerns. The parking study along with resident and business owner responses should guide our planning for parking.

How would you grade the Park’s DDA and TIFA management efforts? Explain. Over the last few years, the DDA and TIFA have upgraded their policies to better align with best practice and have also added some new members to the boards, an approach I believe will serve the city well. I am hopeful that in the very near future, both entities can employ a designated director to take the burden off our city manager, who is essentially holding three positions. I would like to see the TIFA work toward incorporating for district residents more infrastructure improvements — such as for sidewalk repair or home fixes — and grow its transparency so residents have more insight and understanding of their actions.

Is there anything else you would like to add? I am proud to serve the city as a member of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council and I believe I have been extremely productive in the short six months that I’ve been on council. In addition to all the initiatives I’ve already mentioned, I’m grateful to have received the council’s support at our May meeting for having the Ordinance Review Committee look into the possible enactment of an ethnic intimidation ordinance so when an individual repeatedly uses a symbol of hate to intimidate his neighbor, the city may have some recourse. I volunteered to serve because of my passion for helping others; my affinity for good government and my love of the Park. I think my background both as a business owner, former journalist and previous work with municipalities make me well suited for the position. I have worked diligently to bring transparent, innovative leadership to the council and continue to engage residents in ways that can shape our decisions and guide us to a better future. I hope that my work and my approach can earn the support of the residents and I am grateful to be their voice on the council.

Max Wiener

Age: 39
Family: Married to Michelle Wiener, son Julius (7), daughter Marion (5)
Occupation: Engineer, own and operate three manufacturing businesses, two in Michigan, one in Ontario
Volunteer work: Active in my church, coach youth sports and for the last two years have been following and learning about our city council and boards, as well as trying to keep the community apprised of what

is going on with the city government.

How long have you lived in the Park? Over 6 years

Have you served on any other boards, committees or commissions in the Park? Not in the Park

Why have you decided to run for city council in Grosse Pointe Park? Having attended for the last two years, the city council meetings have grown increasingly dysfunctional and less productive. There needs to be a change of course. I have a skill set and experience that would be beneficial to the functioning of our council and I specifically am running to try and get the council back to focusing on core competency of city governance.

Explain what you believe to be the role of council members. Put simply, the council vets and puts a manager in place. The council then sets the course of the city and collaborates with and supports the manager, who steers the city to the council’s destination. All of this goes on while the council listens to and must be responsive to all of the stakeholders, i.e.: residents, businesses, city staff, public safety, etc.

What are the key issues you are running on? Getting the focus of the council back on core competency: infrastructure, public safety, stewardship of the budget and amenities and away from partisan politics.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the Park? How do you propose managing these issues? There are two pressing problems facing the community. The transition from COVID lockdown and the general dysfunction/lack of focus on the council.

First, the most immediate major challenge facing the city is the transition from COVID lockdown. We have city amenities that have not been functioning, a budget that has been crippled due to lockdown, a business community that has faced tremendous hardship as well as a community that is looking to return to normalcy. This is an issue I am extremely well versed in. I navigated three companies across two countries through the COVID economic shutdown. I was able to adjust production and budgets all while managing global supply chains. This is under constantly changing state, federal and international regulations. I also was provided a tremendous amount of insight on the matters and best practices from my wife, Michelle, who is an emergency doctor and frontline worker throughout this pandemic.

I am the best situated candidate to listen to our business community about their needs and work with them, as well as understanding the challenges of reopening and returning to normalcy.

In terms of the council itself, the current city council is dysfunctional; it is not focused on the core priorities of operating a city: infrastructure, budget management and public safety. The root of this lack of focus is due

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- Grosse Pointe Woods Assistant City Attorney and Prosecutor – 2001-2019
- Private Practice – 1987 - Extensive civil and criminal experience in all Grosse Pointe Municipal Courts
- Grosse Pointe Shores Public Defender –1999-2008
- Michigan Supreme Court Law Clerk (Justice Michael Cavanagh)1984-1986
- Michigan Court of Appeals Prehearing Attorney – 1983-1984
- Wayne State Law School – J.D. 1983
- University of Michigan – B.A. 1979

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Board Member (1994-2000) and President (1999-2000)
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Board of Directors (1997-2003)
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to several council members lacking relevant experience. Additionally there has been an overt attempt to bring partisan political activism to the forefront of city business.

My mission would be to bring the focus of the council back to the core issues. City council must be focused on infrastructure, on maintaining our city amenities, listening to and being receptive of the needs of public safety and all of this must be done with budget in mind. These issues, understanding and negotiating utilities, evaluating infrastructure, planning and budgeting for capital investment and development, collaboration with suppliers and subcontractors, these are all precisely what I do for a living and have been doing for two decades.

How would you grade how the city has been managed over the past two years? Explain. Our city management has actually been quite competent. Having the context of interacting with other city managers on business projects, I have found City Manager Nick Sizeland to be responsive and astute and I am very

impressed with the rest of the support staff in the city. Furthermore, I feel that the council in many cases has shifted from being a partner to often becoming an obstacle and I think considering the circumstances our city manager and staff have performed admirably.

How would you grade the mayor and council's stewardship over the past two years? Explain. There is a clear split on the council, the mayor and some members have an acute understanding of the functioning of our city government and some simply don't seem to grasp their actual authority as council members or critically think through the ramifications of some of their proposals. The net result has been constant micro-management, which is leading to gridlock, that is evidenced by meetings regularly extending to five hours with little to show for it.

How would you grade the public safety department's execution of its role over the past two years? What do you hope to see from the department over the next two years? I have been very impressed with our public safety department since I have lived here. My family has had very good experi-

ences and the metrics and statistics show a department that is second to none. I would like to see the performance to continue. I have had the opportunity to see firsthand that the department facility and equipment need some work and I'd like to see some long-term planning to address this.

The Park just hired its first black public safety officer. Do you think more should be done to hire more diverse public safety officers and municipal workers as well? Diversity is a benefit to the department and the candidate is a welcome addition. In fact, this hiring, as well as an additional candidate who is advancing through the process, has been a long time coming and occurred organically through the current process. I think we should ensure every opportunity exists to ensure the best possible candidates for a position are hired.

Do you think the public safety department is adequately funded? I believe the public safety department is adequately funded, but there are some long-term capital needs that will need to be addressed. However, my concern is that the city is facing a major deficit currently and given the circumstances there con-

tinues to be some non-prudent spending. I am very concerned that irresponsible budgeting now will eventually force the city's hand and will result in cuts to public safety.

What do you see for the next two years or so in the Park? That depends on this election, I believe there are two clear courses for the Park. If the dysfunction continues, I am afraid we will see more division in the community, alienation of volunteering and charitable giving, the loss of competent personnel and general gridlock. I am running for a return to normalcy, for a council to be focused on core city functions. I hope that will be the future of the city.

The Park is currently working on updating its master plan. Do you have thoughts or suggestions on what a new master plan should look like? I have been following the process closely. My biggest takeaway is wanting to know how the expensive third party master plan will fundamentally differ from the plan that was developed for the city by our imminently qualified volunteer planning group.

Some are calling for the elimination of local zoning standards or for allowing for higher density housing. Would you

favor either of these? I am NOT supportive of drastically altering the zoning standards. My family moved to Grosse Pointe Park because of the existing structure of the city. I am not interested in a fundamental reimagining.

Do you favor the planned Schaap Center? Why or why not? I do support it. I believe it is an extraordinarily generous contribution to the Park and is shaping up to be a world-class facility which will be a boon to our community and our businesses.

Do you favor keeping the parks residents-only? Why or why not? The parks are for residents. The parks are amongst the defining characteristics of our city and have been one of the linchpins to the positive community we all enjoy. While we pay handsomely for the parks, I am happy to do so; they should remain for residents.

Do you favor the council approved location of the new public works building? Why or why not? I do. It has been needed for some time. The financials are very favorable to the city. This is an obvious move.

Do you think the city and council have done enough to support and attract businesses to the

Park? No, the city needs to do a better job listening to the businesses in the community and having additional perspectives from business owners on the council could be a big benefit for that.

Do you think the city should do more to provide parking for business customers? Yes, that is the No. 1 thing I have heard from business owners and it is regularly communicated to the council. Furthermore, there was already a budget and plan in place, but it has been obstructed.

How would you grade the Park's DDA and TIFA management efforts? Explain. I think the DDA and the TIFA are good organizations that are staffed with well-informed and competent people. I think it is unfortunate that in the last two years the organizations have been hamstrung by the council. If competent people are put in place to do a job, they need to be allowed to do it.

Is there anything else you would like to add? The council should be an institution that brings our community together. I hope that by getting the focus of city council back to the core competencies of city governance, the council will be a more unifying institution for our community.

COVID-19 vaccines available throughout southeast Michigan

Water treatment plant upgrades set

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As one of the city's five high-service pumps responsible for distributing treated water to both Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe, the High Service Number Three Pump and Motor has reached the end of its lifespan.

The replacement of the original pump, operational since 1930, is part of a multi-faceted 2020 high-lift replacement project passed unanimously by city council and bid out to CSM Mechanical, LLC for a total cost not to exceed \$764,011.60.

"The pump and motor have been rebuilt several times over its lifespan, but both the age and the availability of

the parts made it more feasible to replace rather than rebuild," Water Superintendent Scott Homminga said.

The new pump not only has an increased rating from 3 million gallons a day to 4.2 million, but also will have a motor controlled by a variable frequency drive, which makes for lower flow rates based on water demand and helps the city save on electrical usage.

Also included in the project is replacement of the city's 1992 programmable logic controller and electric panels, which monitor the water treatment process, as it is no longer being manufactured or has parts available.

The final piece of the work will be laying the

groundwork to replace the 1969 generator at the back of the water plant in a few years.

This involves installing necessary piping and electrical, along with a plug-in which enables connection to a rental generator in the case of a generator failure.

"Initially, the electrical work and the generator infrastructure will begin soon," Homminga said, "but when it comes to the high-service pump, we're going to probably wait until the end of September and that's because of the higher demand with water production during the summer. It's more feasible for us to actually install that pump and get things ready to run in the wintertime."

Wayne County Health Department Clinics

All Wayne County residents and workers ages 12 or older, excluding Detroit, are eligible at clinics at Wayne County Community College-Harper Woods, Wayne County Community College-Taylor, Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Wayne County Community College-Ted Scott Campus in Belleville, the Flat Rock Community Center and the Lincoln Park Community Center.

Call (866) 610-3885 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or text "wayne vax" to 48355 to schedule an appointment.

Walk-up vaccinations are welcome based on availability.

For anyone under 18, a parent or guardian must be present and sign a consent form.

Home-bound Grosse Pointe residents can call (313) 882-9600 Ext. 2106 to schedule an in-home vaccination appointment.

The Detroit Health Department

Detroit residents age 12 and older, or those who work in Detroit and whose job requires them to work from their job site, are eligible.

Text (313) 217-3732 to find a location.

Walk-ins are welcome at all city sites.

Beaumont Health

Individuals age 12 and older are eligible to receive a vaccine at Beaumont. Call (800)

592-4784 to schedule an appointment or go to beaumont.org to view walk-in hours.

Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ascension St. John Hospital

Ascension Michigan is offering vaccines by appointment through their new community vaccination clinic at the Southfield Pavilion located within the city's Municipal Complex at 26000 Evergreen Road. The clinic is open to all community members who are eligible to receive vaccines, which is every Michigan resident age 12 and older.

Appointments can be made at <https://ascensionhealth.inquirer.com/vaccine>

Henry Ford Health System

Henry Ford patients age 12 and older can schedule a vaccination appointment through their MyChart. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Large Henry Ford vaccination centers, found at henryford.com, welcome walk-ins.

Detroit Medical Center

Those 16 and older are eligible and vaccination request forms can be filled out on the website, dmc.org.

St. Joseph Mercy

Patients age 12 and older are eligible. Visit

stjoeshealth.org to schedule or find a list of walk-in clinic opportunities.

Meijer

Ages 12 and older and all Michigan residents can text "Covid" to 75049 to schedule an appointment or register online at meijer.com. Walk-ins also are welcome.

Kroger

Those 12 and older are eligible to be vaccinated at select Kroger locations. Schedule through the Kroger website, kroger.com.

CVS Pharmacy

Those 12 and older are eligible, with same-day appointments available. Schedule an appointment through the store website, cvs.com.

Rite Aid

Those 12 and older are eligible. Schedule at ritea.id/michigan

Wal-Mart



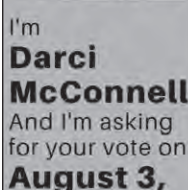


Those 12 and older are eligible for vaccinations at select locations. Schedule at walmart.com

Costco

Those 12 and older are eligible. Schedule at costco.com

Sam's Club

Those 12 and older are eligible and do not need to be a member. Schedule at samsclub.com



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About Darci


- Appointed to GPP City Council in Nov. 2020 by a unanimous council vote
- Resident, GPP, 18 years
- President, McConnell Communications (PR/marketing business), 17 years
- Former journalist with a record of fairness
- Graduate, University of Michigan
- Precinct Delegate
- Founding member, Grosse Pointe Harper Woods NAACP
- Board member, The Family Center

Accomplishments Since being appointed in Nov. 2020

- Founded #SustainGPP and Food for the Holidays to help residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19
- Hosted tele-town halls on COVID-19 vaccine
- Created greater community engagement around the master planning process and through virtual coffee hours
- Helped create a richer search process for public safety director

Platform

- Upgrade our marina, parks, and pipes
- Maintain and improve our alleyways
- Help businesses recover from the pandemic
- Bring greater transparency and accountability to city hall
- Keep Grosse Pointe Park a safe place to raise a family, work, live, and play



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The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club hosted the Great Lakes Boating Festival May 22 and 23.

Boating Festival a fun way to spend the weekend

The 32nd Great Lakes Boating Festival, which took place May 22 and 23, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, included an array of boats, marine products and services, as well as the Grosse Pointe Art Fair, featuring the work of around 20 artists, and a variety of vendors.

Children and adults alike were invited to use remote-control sailboats on the water and a live steel band entertained throughout the weekend.

Proceeds from the festival benefit the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program and Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, which provides scholarships to young sailors, supports high school sailing programs, sponsors regattas and supports the Challenge the Wind sailing program for Detroit’s inner city youth.

This year, during Sunday brunch, 15 young sailors were awarded scholarships from the GPYNEF.

The festival concluded with a drawing for a \$5,000 cash raffle prize.

The two-day festival, which was free, was sponsored by Genesis Cadillac, Sterling Insurance Group, Fifth Third Bank, DTE Energy, Grosse Pointe Art Fair and Grosse Pointe News.



Sue Como and her husband, Mario, checked out the HCB 53 to see how they liked it.



From left, Freedom Boat Club General Manager Michael Dobreff, National Membership Coordinator Dustin Tidwell and owner Steven Dobreff have fun on the Godfrey Slide-Toon, a 23-foot boat with a slide on the back.



Hannah Martin of Colony Marine was on hand to share details about the 2020 Maritimo X60, a 63-foot yacht with lots of features, including a back hatch that opens to a beautiful view while dining. The yacht had a Great Lakes Boating Festival price of \$2,274,000.



From left, Mary Treder Lang, J.P. Lang and Marianne Mikhail checking out a Red Hunt 32CC.



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Board adopts \$96.7 million budget

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

A \$96.7 million budget for the Grosse Pointe Public School System was approved during Monday’s school board meeting.

The budget includes \$94.5 million in total revenue.

Approximately \$2.1 million will be used from the fund balance,

or savings, to make up the deficit, with an ending fund balance of \$11.6 million. The district considers a \$10 million fund balance the minimum it should have.

Two-thirds of the district’s revenue comes from the state of Michigan. More than \$20 million is from local revenue and there is an additional \$6.9 million

from the federal government.

Instruction and instructional support account for 78.5 percent — or \$75.9 million — of the district’s expenses.

The district was able to whittle down the deficit from \$6.5 million, board member Ahmed Ismail said.

“I feel very good with where we are, especially with the fund bal-

ance,” said board member Colleen Worden.

Budget details:

Expenditures

Instructional services \$55,862,942

Instructional support services \$20,072,094

Non-instructional support services \$18,881,577

Community activities \$865,618

Other expenses	\$2,746,000	Incoming transfers	\$1,526,398
Total Expenditures	\$96,742,958	Total revenue	\$94,572,388
Where the money comes from	Fund balance		
Local sources	Revenue after expenditures (\$2,170,570)		
State sources	Beginning fund balance \$13,799,784		
Federal sources	Ending fund balance		
Other local sources	\$11,629,214		



Giorgio Malkoun fist bumps Head of School Bart Bronk.

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University Liggett School honored 70 graduates during commencement ceremonies Sunday, June 13.

The oldest independent co-educational day school in Michigan, Liggett offers a rigorous and innovative academic framework that allows students in every grade to find their passion and explore it in depth while developing creativity, critical thinking, teamwork and adaptability.



Valedictorian Trinity Lee addresses the crowd.



Elected class speaker Kaeleigh Harmon addresses her fellow graduates.



Keelin Dailey proudly carries her diploma.

Foundation for Public Education awarded Wilson grant

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced it is a recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The grant will provide resources to support students’ journeys to recovery and promote community healing in the wake of the COVID-

19 pandemic. The GPFPE plans to dedicate the funds to its Social Emotional Encouragement and Development initiative, which will fund grants that support the social and emotional health of district students and teachers.

“The GPFPE is honored to have received this outstanding support from the Ralph C.

Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds, especially at this critical juncture for our school community as we reflect on the experiences of the past year and look to the next steps in our path forward,” said Bob Bury, GPFPE board president.

“We have worked hard to continue to support our public school district throughout the pandemic and all of its challenges, and are proud to

launch our SEED initiative to further support the needs of our students and teachers. The grant from the Legacy Funds will allow us to expand our reach and strengthen our response.”

Endowed funds at the Community Foundation are designed to grow over time and provide funding in perpetuity for charitable causes according to a donor’s

wishes. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation established endowment funds at the Community Foundation to provide support to issue areas that were important to Wilson during his lifetime, among them the Grosse Pointe community.

“The GPFPE is unendingly grateful to Mr. Wilson and his family for their dedication to the Grosse Pointe com-

munity and their focus on sustaining support through an endowment,” Bury said. “The GPFPE is pleased to also hold their endowment with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and recognizes the importance of endowment funds as part of our comprehensive support of the Grosse Pointe Public School System now and into the future.”

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Patricia Kopyy elbow bumps Principal Kate Murray as she walks across the stage to receive her diploma.



Grosse Pointe North Principal Kate Murray gives a speech to the Class of 2021.

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Ayanna Mitchell happily holds her diploma.



Brittni Braswell, honorary poet laureate, read her poem to the crowd June 9.



Grosse Pointe North students stand with their hands over their hearts during the national anthem.



Christopher Marshall, class president, addresses fellow graduates.



Caroline Stafford, Student Association president, gives a welcome and introduction.



Superintendent Gary Niehaus gives his last speech at North's graduation before he retires at the end of this month.



Grosse Pointe South Principal Moussa Hamka gives recognition and acknowledgements.

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Graduates line the lawn at Grosse Pointe South High School for commencement ceremonies June 7.



Nina Simon fist bumps board member Colleen Worden as she receives her diploma.



Kerrigan Dunham walks back to his seat after giving his speech, “No Day but Today.”



Awmeo Azad gives his speech, “The Milkyway.”



South students hold their hands over their hearts during the national anthem.



Graduates walk to “Pomp and Circumstance” at the start of the ceremony.



Jacquelyn Wang, senior class president, addresses the class with her speech, “Dear 2021.”

AAUW Grosse Pointe awards scholarships

The Grosse Pointe Branch of AAUW, which began in 1944, is a local branch of the national organization, The American Association of University Women. Over the years, the AAUW Grosse Pointe branch has provided fellowship, programs and opportunity to advance equity for women and girls in society.

Fundraising provided the means to fund national endowments and scholarships, as well as local scholarships to women at Wayne State University, Alternatives for Girls and Macomb Community College. The last few years, the branch has provided the financial stability to continue and expand its STEM program, currently at Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools. This year the AAUW Grosse Pointe branch elected to make a profound impact in the community by investing in its youth. It was agreed that two scholarships would be awarded annually in the amount of \$1,500 each, to two graduating senior girls at Grosse Pointe North High School and two at Grosse Pointe South High School who have a preference for a career in the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering or math.



Hayden Barry

An additional STEM robotics scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to a student who has been involved in robotics. The scholarship committee worked extensively to develop an equitable and fair application with clear objective metrics for evaluation in the selection process. They focused on academic excellence, participation and leadership in school and community, and STEM career goals. The applicants' essays weighed heavily in the selection. They were asked, "If you could skip into a time machine and move forward or backward, where would you go and why?" Members of the scholarship committee noted the applicants all were outstanding, which made the process difficult. The following students received awards from AAUW Grosse Pointe:



Mia Cassar

Grosse Pointe North \$1,500 scholarships: Victoria Treder
Mia Cassar
Grosse Pointe South \$1,500 scholarships: Hayden Barry
Peyton Lancaster
Grosse Pointe South \$1,000 STEM Robotics scholarship: Alexa Rigotti
Hayden Barry aspires to a career as a pharmaceutical scientist. Barry has been interested in what would happen to the world's climate if there was a nuclear war and how/if it would be possible to sustain a country during this time. She would go



Peyton Lancaster

back in time to when the first physicist completed a nuclear winter model to understand more about this. Mia Cassar looks forward to becoming a physician. "In the midst of the global pandemic, I am personally more than ready for a post-pandemic world; the hope that the future brings in the 'this too shall pass' moments motivate me daily," she said. "... This motivation ignites my passion to discover something that I will be able to do in STEM research." Peyton Lancaster aspires to become a biomedical engineer. "I



Alexa Rigotti

have always been passionate about helping others in any way possible," she said. "The best way I believe I can continue to positively impact other people's lives is by applying my abilities in science and math in the field of biomedical engineering. Being a biomedical engineer will allow me to develop innovative solutions to complex medical problems." Alexa Rigotti is looking forward to a career as a machinist. She said she is "a female who does not conform to gender roles, especially in my interests. I am the only female in my high school to do percussion



Victoria Treder

and drumline. I joined the robotics team to learn about machining." She said she would "welcome and advocate for female interests, especially in engineering and technical jobs and hobbies." Victoria Treder aspires to a career as a forensic scientist. She said she feels "that in order to properly understand the endeavors and accomplishments of my own life, I must credit the historical events that have led me to where I am. ... The concept of historical evaluation and acknowledgement can be applied to any day-to-day situation."

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DAR awards scholarships

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, announced \$1,000 scholarships to two graduating seniors from both Grosse Pointe public high schools at the chap-

ter's annual meeting in May, held via Zoom. These scholarships were established to acknowledge academic excellence in the study of American history at the secondary level, to pro-

mote continued study at an undergraduate institution and to encourage a degree and career in American history and related fields. The 2021 Grosse Pointe South High

School recipient is Evan Smolen of Grosse Pointe Farms. The 2021 Grosse Pointe North High School recipient is Eliza Ellery of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Woods fifth grader wins KofC State Spelling Bee

Alex Steiger of Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Grosse Pointe Woods was the winner in the Grades 4-6 Division of the 2021 Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council Spelling Bee, which took place

Saturday, May 1, at Fr. Van Rooy Council No. 2740 in Essexville. Diocesan winners from across the state competed for the state championship and after many rounds of competition, the following students were honored:
Grades 4-6 Division:
Winner: Alex Steiger, fifth grade, Grosse Pointe Woods
Runner Up: Sophia Savarino, fifth grade, Ann Arbor
Grades 7-9 Division:
Winner: Kevon Gray, eighth grade, Hart
Runner Up: Lillie Rocco, ninth grade, Posen



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Alex Steiger of Our Lady Star of the Sea School won his division of the 2021 Knights of Columbus State Council Spelling Bee. He is pictured with runner-up Sophia Savarino and Knights of Columbus members during the awards ceremony.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Joshua Adams** recently graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources with a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology.

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Frances MacKethan of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Allison Frazer** of Grosse Pointe Park recently were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society. Both are students at the University of Michigan.

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Mary O'Shea of Grosse Pointe Park recently received a Bachelor of Arts degree from College of the Holy Cross.

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Cameron Bridger Shook of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Gavin Marcus Hamilton** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List at Iowa State University for the spring semester.

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Sarah Galbenski of Grosse Pointe Shores recently graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame. She studied Spanish and global affairs and served as student body vice president. A 2017 University Liggett School graduate, she recently won a Fulbright study grant, enabling her to earn a master's degree in international relations at the IE School of Global and Public Affairs in Madrid, Spain.

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Nicholas Etsios of Grosse Pointe Farms recently graduated with honors, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Stephen Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. He is a 2017 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Joshua O'Grady of Grosse Pointe Farms, a member of the class of 2022, majoring in mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Supporting the Formation of a Community Based Design Center with Berlin, Germany IQP.

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James Clevenger of Grosse Pointe Park recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce and business administration from the University of Alabama.

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The following students were named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for the 2021 spring semester: **Alex Batts** and **Lia DeCoste** of Grosse Pointe Woods, **Corinne Chadwell** of Grosse Pointe Park, and **Paul Gusmano** and **Nathan Lloyd** of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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The following students recently received degrees from Cedarville University:
Philip Gusmano of Grosse Pointe Farms — Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology



Joshua Adams



Frances MacKethan



Allison Frazer



Mary O'Shea



Cameron Shook



Sarah Galbenski



Nicholas Etsios



Joshua O'Grady



James Clevenger



Alex Batts

Nathan Lloyd of Grosse Pointe Farms — Bachelor of Arts degree in industrial and innovative design

Alex Batts of Grosse Pointe Woods — Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering

Corinne Chadwell of Grosse Pointe Park — Bachelor of Science degree in nursing

Lia DeCoste of Grosse Pointe Woods — Bachelor of Science degree in nursing

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City of Grosse Pointe resident **Devin Ross Naidow**, studying pre-business, and Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Cameron Bridger Shook**, studying entrepreneurship, were named to the fall 2020 Dean's List at Iowa State University.



Lia Decoste

Paul Hibbs and **Tiffany Wilson** of the City of Grosse Pointe have earned degrees from Western Governors University. Hibbs earned a Master of Science degree in cybersecurity and information assurance. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

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Isabella Cubba of Grosse Pointe Park has

been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Cubba is majoring in media arts production.

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Miles Dearing of Grosse Pointe Park has been awarded a spring 2021 Theory-to-Practice Grant from Ohio Wesleyan University. Part

of The OWU Connection, the grants support research, internship, service and cultural-immersion opportunities throughout the world.

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Sale a success

The Grosse Pointe Woods flower sale took place May 7 and 8.

A wide selection of flowers was provided by Pam Grand, owner of Otherworld GP, while Indian Summer Recycling supplied compost.

The flower sale has become a Mother’s Day tradition, with children of all ages looking for gifts for Mom. The Woods sale included inexpensive pre-made arrangements and gifts for even the smallest budgets.

Also featured were flowers that attract and supply nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds, as well as plants like salvia and lantana, which could be potted or planted in the ground. A variety of perennials also were available.

The pre-order option allowed for contact-free convenience for customers who were able to pull up to pick up deliveries, which were loaded into



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Two-year-old Weston Steele wanted to help mom carry the flower basket, but when he tried to pick it up, he found out how heavy it was.

their cars.

Student volunteers from Grosse Pointe North High School and Parcels Middle School,

who needed to earn required volunteer hours for the National Honor Society, helped the event run smoothly.



Matt Wettstein, of the Beautification Advisory Commission, helps bring flowers out to a car.



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Three generations of the Boll and Mestdagh family. Seated, from left, are John Boll, Marlene Boll, Ruthie Mestdagh and Bill Mestdagh. Standing, from left, are Jim Mestdagh, JT Mestdagh and Kris Mestdagh.



From left, Pam Montgomery, Theresa Selvaggio, GPFPE board member Kathy Fisk and Marie Boyle Reinman.

From left, Mason Elementary School Principal Roy Bishop, Latoya Bishop, Sarah Hartley and Parcels Middle School Principal Dan Hartley.



Excited for education

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education spring gala event took place June 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The auction was lively as people bid on items like a sunset cruise and a private tour at Ford House. At the last minute, Ford House donated an extra tour, so battling bidders each got the prize for \$4,200.

More excitement came as bids for a sunset cruise, courtesy of the Boll family, got up to \$17,000. A Boll family member told auctioneer Lori Stefek they would donate another sunset cruise, one for each top bidder for \$16,000.

The foundation raised \$266,700 during the event, which featured J.T. Mestdagh as honorary chairman. He talked about his struggle with dyslexia and a reading program that had a tremendous impact on his learning skills.



Dr. David Martin bid on a sunset cruise, donated by the Boll family. Pete Beauregard bid against him for a lively auction. Both bidders won a cruise.



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Above, JT Mestdagh was the honorary chairman of the gala and spoke about his education journey. Left, Grosse Pointe South High School counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske gave a presentation about Tuka, her newly certified therapy dog for South.



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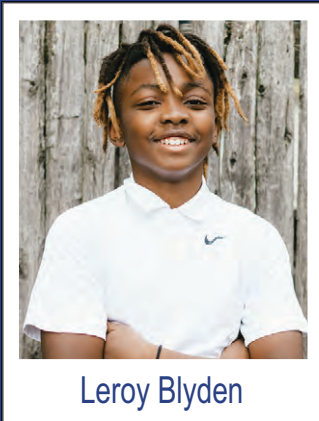
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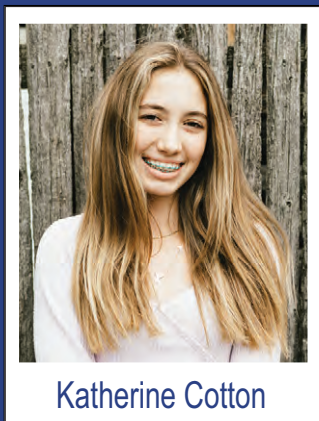
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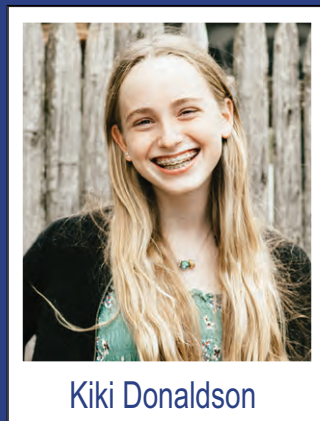
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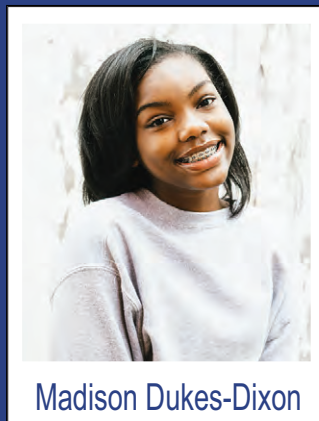
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Wayne County Community College District’s Combined
Classes of 2020 & 2021 Deserve ‘highest distinction’

By **David C. Butty**

Hats off to the Wayne County Community College District’s (WCCCD) combined classes of 2020 and 2021. Whether you are earning a diploma, a program certificate, a degree or even a cool new professional title, your hard work and dedication during this pandemic puts you in the category “with the highest distinction.” Even your Class Motto; “We Finished to Begin a New Journey”, deserves a standing ovation.

It’s no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic has altered the world of learning as we used to know it prior to the long months of quarantine, social distancing and virtual learning. WCCCD, like most institutions of higher learning has found itself in uncharted waters; and this includes going virtual and combining the 2020 and 2021 graduation ceremonies.

This year, the combined classes of 2020 and 2021 held a virtual graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 11 O’clock. More than 1,500 students received their degrees and certificates in various disciplines. This virtual ceremony supports our commitment to honoring our students’ academic achievements while keeping the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff our number one priority. The District used the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center as this year’s venue; replacing the usual Ford Field, which has hosted WCCCD’s graduation ceremonies over the years.

Haifa Ahmed represented

the class of 2020 while Destinee-Faith Sienkiewicz represented the class of 2021. Both students addressed their class respectfully. There were nine Special Recognition Awards students.

Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, was this year’s keynote speaker; and is expected she provided words of encouragement to graduates who are going into the world today where working in the cubicles in the office setting has been replaced by working remotely from home.

Haifa Ahmed, Class Representation for the class of 2020, said she and her classmates are grateful to Wayne County Community College District for providing an educational opportunity at a time when life itself was uncertain. “The year was not what any of us expected. Life changed in ways that no one could have anticipated. Yet, we found ways to continue our studies and complete our dreams in the face of a global pandemic.”

Haifa Ahmed, who is studying for her bachelor’s degree in sonography at Wayne State University, added; “Today is proof of our determination to succeed in our education. We found hope at WCCCD because the faculty and staff were committed to helping us realize our potential by providing online learning opportunities when we were mandated to “stay at home.” It was a year full of emotions and anxiety but our faith remained strong and we pushed forward to this day. WCCCD stands as a strong symbol for us all.”

“Attending WCCCD is an experience I know that I will remember for the rest of my life. WCCCD has taught me such things as self-discipline, being organized and to never consider a failure as an ending.”

Destinee-Faith Sienkiewicz, class representative for the 2021 graduating class shares her personal story. “In the spring of 2019, when I decided to enroll at Wayne County Community College District, my goal was to receive a certificate in Sterile Processing and get a job. I accomplished that goal and it was an incredibly positive experience completing my courses and receiving my certificate. Before my certificate even came in the mail, I had a full-time position in a hospital doing what I loved – right in the middle of a pandemic.”

Destinee-Faith Sienkiewicz hopes her personal story reflects that of her classmates. “WCCCD has prepared and helped me achieve my goal of having full-time employment and benefits at such a young age. I am sure my story is reflective of many among our graduating class. Although we are from many backgrounds, with different goals and aspirations, we are united in our goals and hopes for a better future for ourselves and our families. Throughout our programs of study, we were encouraged and inspired by our instructors and the staff who were always supportive and understanding as we struggled with online learning. We did it! We have completed a huge step toward reaching our career goals. This is our time to celebrate.”



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Curious commodities

Couple’s Detroitland Vending spreading smiles across faces

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Ryan and Brandy Koch have turned years of collecting into a burgeoning business powered by the pull of nostalgia.

The Grosse Pointe Park couple’s Detroitland Vending got its start Oct. 31, 2019, and enjoyed early success before COVID-19 struck. They started small with a pair of \$1 tattoo and sticker machines, which helped pay for the big machine installed at Regeneration thrift shop in Pleasant Ridge one year ago.

Their vending machines are more pop art than soda pop; there are no sugary drinks or snacks or chewing gum to be found.

Instead, the machines are filled with pop culture items from the 1980s, ’90s and early 2000s, as well as the work of local artists and some current culture kitsch.

“We do keep up with the times as much as we can,” Brandy Koch said, “but our core value is in ’80s and ’90s.”

The Koches, originally from Michigan, met in 2002, while Brandy Koch was attending the College for Creative Studies. After she graduated, they married and moved to Georgia, where she earned a graduate degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design. The couple stayed in the area while Ryan Koch enjoyed a nine-year radio career.

“It’s a great town, but we knew when we were ready to start the busi-

ness, it would be in Detroit,” Brandy Koch said. “We have such love for the city. ... After 10 years in Savannah, it was time to change gears.”

Putting together her creative abilities and his penchant for collecting, the couple created Detroitland Vending.

“She’s the artist and I’m the curator,” Ryan Koch said. “I’ve been collecting my whole life. Thirty-five percent of what we have (in the vending machines) is stuff I’ve been hoarding.”

Added Brandy Koch, “Our collections range from local artists to vintage toys. ... We go to flea markets, garage sales, estate sales, auctions. We’ll find something and do a run of it and then move on to the next thing. ... We love to take ideas and run with them.”

The Koches poll their social media followers and add to their machines items customers suggest — like vegan stickers or Baby Yoda merchandise. Mystery bags are among the most popular purchases, but other slots are full of miniature classic literature, art kits, Troll dolls, Garbage Pail Kids stickers and assorted other tiny treasures.

For every run of 100 of an item, there’s a giveaway related to that item. Additionally, there are monthly online giveaways. It’s a bonus element that’s received a big response.

“Our customers were originally excited to stumble upon something

out of the ordinary, but as time passes, we’ve realized that our visitor base has expanded because of the machines,” wrote Melanie Williams, owner of Regeneration. “One couple drove from Ohio because they wanted to win the ‘golden ticket,’ which would give them a rotary Bart Simpson phone.”

There’s no cost for businesses to house Detroitland Vending machines. In fact, the Koches pay rent and heavily promote the host business on social media.

“All we ask is that you protect (the machines) and take care of them,” Brandy Koch said. “We show up once a week to collect, stock and sanitize.”

Machines can be curated to a specific location, whether a coffee shop, restaurant or other business. They’ve even installed a vending machine of inspirational messages in the break room at Trader Joe’s in The Village — where they both work — for employees who are having a bad day.

The couple currently is negotiating installation of a second big machine; three small machines also are ready for placement and mobile machines are available for use at art shows. All of their machines are named after characters from “Beverly Hills 90210.”

While Detroitland Vending products are family friendly, the Koches have stocked adults-only content for special occasions, like a wedding reception; proceeds from the machine went toward the newlyweds’ honeymoon.

“We could do so much fun stuff for people,” Brandy Koch said. “We’re down for whatever. Bring us your ideas. “Detroitland Vending is more than just vend-

ing machines; it’s a lifestyle,” she added. “We are an active part of the Creative Vending Revolution and we are actively seeking new partnerships in and around the Detroit metro area. Handmade art, artist collaborations, vintage products and fun finds are what we do best. ... What we do is help put art and inspiration — not to mention smiles — into little hidden pockets around Detroit just waiting to be found.”

Artists interested in having their work showcased in Detroitland Vending’s machines should contact the Koches via Instagram @detroitlandvending or email detroitlandvending@gmail.com.



A big Detroitland machine is housed at Regeneration in Pleasant Ridge.



Ryan and Brandy Koch want adults to feel like kids through Detroitland Vending.

“We are open to all artists, all ideas,” Brandy Koch said.

The couple continuously keeps their eyes out for items to purchase for their machines. Included on their current most-wanted list are POGS, stickers, old Happy Meal toys, patches, pins, non-sports trading cards, cassette tapes and buttons.

Collectors with vintage items they’d like to sell — or businesses interested in housing a Detroitland Vending machine — should email detroitlandvending@gmail.com.

“The whole idea of Detroitland is to put smiles on faces and art in random places,” Brandy Koch said. “We want to give adults the

feeling they would have at Disneyland if they were kids. We want them to get excited about finding art and participating in it.”

Currently, the Koches’ handiwork is visible on the streets of Grosse Pointe in a different form. They created two entries for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s “The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe” community art project.

A 4-foot heart sits in front of Russell Development Co., 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, while a 2-foot heart has a home in front of Fisher Pointe Dental, 383 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

“Community involvement goes a really long way and it feels great and the connections are invaluable,” Brandy Koch said. “We love putting ourselves out there.”



All of Detroitland Vending machines are named for characters from “Beverly Hills 90210,” including this one, Dylan.

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Bottoms Up reunites friends after four decades

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

The legend of the annual Bottoms Up party began in 1971, when 15 Grosse Pointe friends, all around 21 years old and most of whom had known each other almost since childhood, arrived home from college for the summer.

While there were certainly jobs and sailboat racing to attend to, the group got to talking about what should fill the rest of their time and ultimately settled on hosting a big party to thank their guestlist for the hospitality afforded them over time and repay social obligations.

With local artist Shelley Schoenherr creating the invitations, the idea came to life in the form of a bash with bands, drinking and dancing in the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club main

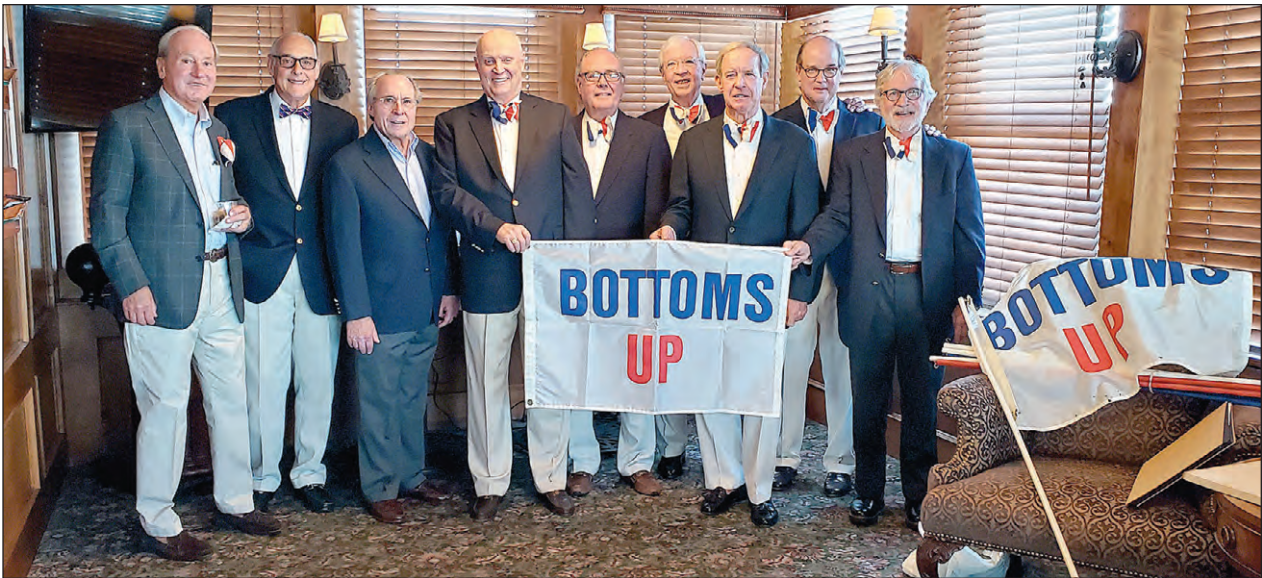


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From left, Doug Fox, Tony Selvaggio, Paul Alandt, Jack Reid, John DeHayes, Mark Baun, Bill Chope, Brian Hickey and Roger Mason.

ballroom. The hosts made themselves identifiable by wearing red, white and blue bow ties with blue blazers.

Around 650 people showed up that first year. “It met all our expectations and we decided to do it again,” said Brian Hickey, one of the 15 hosts. “So the next year we did it and the next year we had 900 people show up.”

Eventually transitioning into a black-tie event somewhere in the middle of the ’70s, the friends ended up hosting Bottoms Up annually for a decade.

The 10-year legend came to a natural end, Hickey said, as the friends grew up, created families and some moved away.

Bottoms Up has since rested as a fond memory of the past, until a Friday in May, when the original crew held a reunion at the yacht club to rekindle friendships and fun memories, create some

new ones and toast four of the 15 who have passed away.

“We thought it would be a great idea to basically enable a lot of old friends who hadn’t seen each other in quite a while, particularly with COVID, to get together and share memories and celebrate life,” Hickey said.

Following the reunion, the friends now are discussing the possibility of reviving the Bottoms Up party at some point in the future.

The 15 original hosts of Bottoms Up are Mark Baun, Bill Chope, Doug Fox, John DeHayes, Hickey, Roger Mason, Jack Reid, Jim Rohde, Paul Alandt, Brad Lundy, Tony Selvaggio, Dennis Adams, Michael Connolly, E. Blay Schoenherr and Brian VanHollenbeck.

The latter four have since passed.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ Walking Meditation, 3 p.m. Sundays, through June 20.
- ◆ The Future of Movement: The College for Creative Studies Transportation Design Exhibition, through Aug. 29.
- ◆ Story Studio, 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 22 to Aug. 17, for ages 8 and younger.
- ◆ Meadow Games, 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays, June 25, July 16 and July 30.
- ◆ Maker Studio, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays, June 26, July 24 and Aug. 21.
- ◆ Fresh Air Painting Club, 10 a.m. to noon, June 27, July 11 and 25, and Aug. 8 and 22.
- ◆ Teen Workshop, 1 p.m. Fridays, July 9 to Aug. 13.
- ◆ Science Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 10, for ages 6 to 15.
- ◆ Edsel Ford and The Continental, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15.
- ◆ Family Workshop, 1

to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, for ages 6 to 12.

- ◆ Explorers, 3 p.m. Thursdays, for ages 6 to 10.
- ◆ Fitness, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, for all fitness levels.
- ◆ Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, for all fitness levels.

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.
- ◆ Oliver’s Animal Adventures, all day Thursday, June 17, featuring the kinkajou.
- ◆ Mad Science of Detroit presents “Tails & Tales,” 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 17.
- ◆ Paracord Maker, all day Monday, June 21, for ages 10 to 18. Participants will make survival paracord bracelets to send to Operation Gratitude for their care packages to troops and first responders.
- ◆ Joel Tacey’s Reading

Ranger Magic Show, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 22.

- ◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 22.
- ◆ Summer STEM, 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Oliver’s Animal Adventures, all day Thursday, June 24, featuring the guinea pig.
- ◆ Cooking with Sticky Fingers: Harry Potter Treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 24.

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.

- ◆ Movie, “Land,” 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 18. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Plein Air Painting Workshops, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25, with Michelle Boggess-Nunley. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers, per session.
- ◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 25. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.
- ◆ The movie “Tea with the Dames” is shown from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 25. Cost for members is \$2 for snacks

and the movie. Nonmembers pay \$3 for snacks and the movie.

- ◆ Beaumont Cooking Demonstration: Fiber, Fruit and Vegetables, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, with registered dietitian Jill Jensen and Chef Dan Kellogg.
- ◆ 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@helm.life.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.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 18, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, June 25, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 27, St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, and Wednesday, June 30, Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Men’s Club

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Peggy Hayes, executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center, speaks.

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Make-A-Wish brings dreams to GP

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Woods resident Louisa Pietrowsky was born 6 1/2 years ago with a congenital heart defect. After undergoing three heart surgeries, Louisa’s cardiologist submitted her to Make-A-Wish as a wish kid.

Children are referred to Make-A-Wish and, as long as they have a critical illness, they become eligible for a wish.

“When you’re a Make-A-Wish kid, people see that logo and they don’t ask questions like, if somebody’s worthy of getting that amazing wish,” Louisa’s mom, Andrea Pietrowsky, said. “You just know.”

Louisa was approved to be a Make-A-Wish kid and her original wish was what many kids dream of: to go to Disney World.

The Pietrowsky family was scheduled to go to Disney World through Make-A-Wish in May 2020. When COVID-19 hit, the trip was canceled. Though it may have been possible to

postpone the trip into late 2020 or 2021, Andrea Pietrowsky explained it just would not make sense to have her medically complex daughter travel in the midst of a pandemic.

“Traveling across the country to go to Disney in a pandemic just wasn’t going to be a wish that could be fulfilled,” she said.

The family teamed with Make-A-Wish to shift gears in the wish-granting process. If they could not travel to Disney World, they still wanted to fulfill a great wish of Louisa’s.

“We talked about a lot of different ideas, but really wanted to do something that had a lot of long-term meaning for her,” Pietrowsky said.

Thus, the proposal to get a puppy came into play.

The family thought a puppy would be the perfect gift, not only for Louisa, but for the entire family. Pietrowsky explained illnesses in families impact multiple family members, not just

the one with the condition. Louisa has a 10-year-old brother, Sam. After having to give up a cat due to allergies it was causing Sam, getting a hypo-allergenic puppy was the perfect solution for the family.

Make-A-Wish coordinated the puppy pick-up from a breeder in Northern Michigan who would be able to provide the puppy the family was wishing for. On Friday, May 7, the family loaded in the car and drove up north to get their new mini bernedoodle.

“(Louisa) is constantly trying to pick her up and hug her and kiss her,” Pietrowsky said.

The puppy, named Dolly Anna Cupcake — both children contributed to the name — is acclimating well to being in the home and being loved by the family.

“I like when she plays with me,” Louisa said.

“The puppy’s amazing,” Pietrowsky added. “I really feel like this was a great wish for her.”

Pietrowsky said, from the whole experience, she is overly grateful for everything Make-A-Wish has done for her and her family and is impressed by the organization.

“It is such a sound nonprofit organization,” she said. “I’m really impressed with how they operate. They’re really incredibly kind and generous.”

Make-A-Wish Michigan’s Vice President of Marketing and Brand Advancement Sherri Collins emphasized that children are always in the process of receiving wishes.

“We are actively granting wishes right now, even in the midst of this pandemic,” Collins said. “The only way these wishes are possible is through community support.”

As a nonprofit, Make-A-Wish relies on community donations to grant local wishes around the country. In Michigan, there are currently 800 children waiting for their wish to come through.

“These wishes are



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Louisa Pietrowsky hugs the puppy she got from Make-A-Wish after her Disney trip was canceled twice.

happening right in (your) own community,” Collins said. “It could be a child in your neighborhood, or someone your child goes to school with, or someone who’s a part of your church or synagogue. There’s so many connections that people don’t even know exist.

“When you donate to

Make-A-Wish Michigan, it stays local to help kids right here in Michigan. You know you’re having an impact right here, in your community.”

Interested individuals should visit michigan.wish.org to make a donation or find out other ways to get involved in Make-A-Wish.

Fore! The Helm golf outing is July 19

The third annual Fore The Helm Golf Outing welcomes golfers to Lochmoor Club on Monday, July 19.

Participation is limited, so those interested are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

Event registration begins at noon, followed

by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. for this four-person scramble-style event. All golfers receive a boxed lunch, use of a cart, entry into contests, heavy hors d’oeuvres following the event and two drink tickets for the “19th Hole.”

Prizes will be awarded for low score for men’s, women’s and mixed teams, as well as men’s and women’s closest to the pin.

Cost per golfer is \$245, or \$980 per foursome. Hole sponsorships still are available. In addition to signage

recognition, sponsorships include entry for a four-person team.

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Grosse Pointe Theatre awards \$6,000 in college scholarships

Grosse Pointe Theatre recently announced its 2021 scholarship recipients, awarding \$6,000 to five high school seniors to help with their college tuition.

This year’s scholarship audition took place May 1, at the Grosse Pointe Theatre headquarters, 315 Fisher Road, with social distancing safety protocols in place. Adjudicators were Ron Bernas, Makayla Redgate and Rodel Salazar, all notable actors, dancers and directors from the metro Detroit area.

The applicants exhibited a range of talent including song, dance, monologues and flute playing. Three of the auditioners had parents or grandparents who were members of Grosse Pointe Theatre, but the scholarship process is open communitywide to applicants.

The students also received feedback from



Kerrigan Dunham

judges immediately after their audition. The students were informed of their scholarship awards May 2.

Winners of 2021 scholarship are: Kerrigan Dunham, Grosse Pointe South, attending Millikin University; Quinn Sahutske, Grosse Pointe South, attending University of Michigan; Christina Jarad, University Liggett School, college to be determined; Lauren Battle, Walled Lake



Quinn Sahutske

Northern, attending University of Michigan; Lillian Groth, Regina High School, attending DePaul University in Chicago.

The past four decades, Grosse Pointe Theatre has given out \$91,000 to 93 students, helping students fulfill their dreams of continuing their education and enriching their love of theatre arts.

Kerrigan Dunham — A Grosse Pointe South senior who will be attend-



Christina Jarad

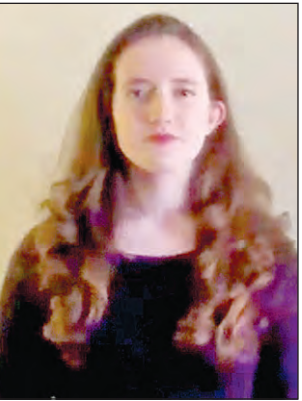
ing Millikin University for theater and performance studies in the fall. Dunham has been a member of Pointes Singers Competitive show choir since 2019. He has played many characters on stage at Grosse Pointe South such as LeFou in “Beauty and the Beast” and Lank Hawkins in “Crazy for You.” He also is in the marching band and concert band, playing the baritone and Euphonium respectively. He is an



Lauren Battle

Eagle Scout and Webmaster of Troup 96.

Quinn Sahutske — A Grosse Pointe South senior who has been seen many times in GPT’s Youth on Stage Program and GPT stage productions, most notably in “White Christmas” as Susan Waverly and “Little Women” as young Amy. She was a student director this year at Grosse Pointe South. She received a Superior first division rating in solo



Lillian Groth

voice from the Michigan School Vocal Music Association in 2017 and 2018. She participated in the Broadway Artists Alliance Summer Musical Theatre Intensive in 2017, and Purple Rose Theater Company Summer Intensive in 2018.

Christina Jarad — A University Liggett School senior who most recently played Sophie Sheridan

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Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos, 20801 Lennon, Harper Woods, offers the following camps and programs.

◆ June Art Camp at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, to Friday, June 25. Cost is \$165.

◆ July Week-long ½ Day Camp at noon, Monday through Friday, July 19 to 23. Cost is \$150.

◆ July Two Full Day Art Camp at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, and Wednesday, July 28. Cost is \$115.

◆ July Art Pop Up at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 29. Cost is \$50.

◆ Slime Workshop: The Basics at 10 a.m. Friday, July 30. Cost is \$30.

Call (313) 283-6710 or visit minipicassosstudio.com.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 23. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro Peer-Led Recovery Support Group, for people living with mental health issues, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month, at St. James Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. 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,” from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and “Coffee Break Chat with Rachel,” 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.

Beaumont Grosse Pointe Golf Classic for cardiac care

The Grosse Pointe Golf Classic takes place Monday, July 26, at the Country Club of Detroit. Funds raised at this annual event will benefit the renovation of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

The afternoon includes golfing the championship course designed by Harry S. Colt, lunch, cocktails, dinner, gifts and an auction.

Chris and Anne Blake of Grosse Pointe Farms are the 2021 event co-chairs.

“After missing a year due to the pandemic, we are honored to chair this important event,” Chris Blake said. “The outing is a great opportunity to support our community’s hospital and to have a hand in its growth. This year our fundraising efforts will concentrate on support for the many area residents suffering from heart issues.”

Heart care at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe has grown significantly the last 15 years. Since 2007, the

hospital has focused on expanding the services it offers patients and the Grosse Pointe community, recruiting cardiovascular specialists to manage and conduct diagnostic and interventional cardiac catheterizations, including angioplasties that restore blood flow through narrow or blocked arteries.

The renovated lab will include advanced imaging equipment in the form of a C-arm X-ray system. The C-arm encircles the patient at different points throughout the catheterization procedure, providing real-time images to the surgical team. The system includes radiation safety measures to ensure the smallest amount of exposure possible for patients, physicians and technicians.

The technology also integrates seamlessly with other equipment in the lab to provide real-time patient data throughout the procedure. In addition, the renovation will include

an extensive upgrade and redesign of the control room where clinicians monitor and support all patient care activity in the laboratory procedure area.

Registration for the golf classic begins at 10 a.m. at Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. Golf begins at 10:30 a.m.

Reservations and sponsorships are available. Visit beaumont.org/GPGC

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Nutritionist shares fast, healthy recipes in cookbook

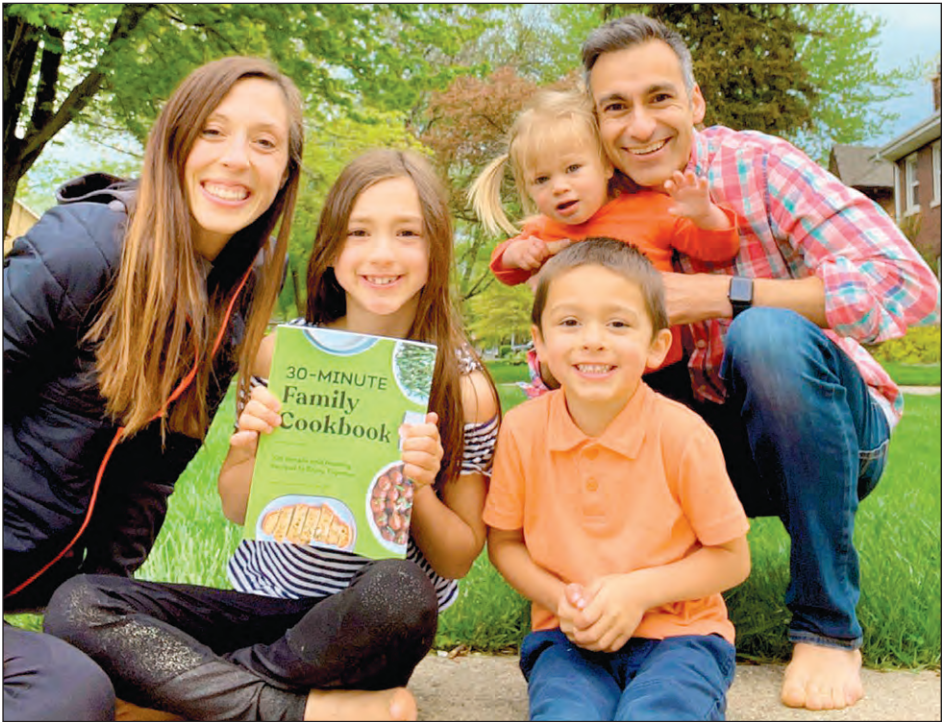
By Jody McVeigh
Editor

What started as a blog 11 years ago grew into a full-time job for registered dietician Amanda Hernandez of Grosse Pointe Park. Her website, The Nutritionist Reviews, includes posts about nutrition, parenting, travel, fitness and more: “A little bit of everything,” she said.

Hernandez also works in partnership with several brands for which she creates recipes that also are featured on the website.

Recently, the mother of three took on a new challenge — writing her first cookbook, “30-Minute Family Cookbook,” which came out June 8.

“A publisher contacted me out of nowhere and asked if I would do a cookbook,” she said, noting she was surprised by the offer, as well as by the tight deadline. “They gave me six to eight weeks to create 100 recipes. This was right before



COURTESY PHOTO

The Hernandez family, parents Amanda and Troy, with their children, Adalyn, Oliver and Lily.

Christmas.

“My 6-year-old daughter and I got to work in the kitchen,” she continued. “Every night, we’d make five or six recipes.”

Hernandez said she had fun with the project.

Though her website contains a variety of recipes, most of those included in the cookbook are new.

“These are not recipes on my site,” she said. “Some of them are things I’ve been making my

whole adult life for my family.”

The Dijon green beans pictured on the cover, for example, is a favorite of Hernandez’s sister. Also, Texas Caviar is a staple at Hernandez’s family pic-

nic.

Among the new additions to her catalogue of cuisine is an orange chicken recipe she developed, “that’s healthier than takeout Chinese,” she said.

“All of the recipes are healthier, based on my own cooking philosophies,” she added. “... All of the food groups are included.”

Good health has long been Hernandez’s passion.

“It’s always interested me since I was young,” she said. “I always had a dream of helping people with nutrition and fitness.”

“When you eat better, you feel better,” she added. “Personally I feel better when I include vegetables in my diet or when I go out for a walk. I’m passionate about people taking care of themselves. I want people to feel good on a daily basis.”

Every recipe also includes tips to change things up — from making a meal vegetarian to suggestions on saving time.

Hernandez, who is married to Troy and mother to Adalyn, Oliver and Lily, said time should be spent with family, not in the kitchen.

She wrote the cookbook around her children’s schedules, getting up at 5 a.m. to write and writing during naps and after bedtime. During the day, she helped school two of her children, who were learning virtually.

“Balancing it all was not easy,” she said. “But my daughter takes pride in that she helped me with so many recipes.”

After a month of pre-sales and lots of social media marketing, Hernandez said she’s gotten a great response to her cookbook. She’s already been contacted to write a follow up.

“30-Minute Family Cookbook” is available on amazon.com and target.com for \$15.99. A Kindle version is available for \$6.99.

For more information, visit nutritionistreviews.com.

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in Liggett’s production of “Mamma Mia!” She also was a Sutton Foster Award nominee this year for Best Lead Actress and a third-place winner in the NATS Great Lakes Region in Musical Theatre Singing competition. Jarad also has won a superior rating for her classical and modern piano playing at the MFMC Festival nine years in a row. She also is an accomplished dancer.

Lauren Battle — A senior at Walled Lake Northern High School who has been in band more than seven years. She played the White Rabbit in “Alice in

Wonderland” and Penny Pingleton in “Hairspray” in her high school productions. She has had academic honors all four years of high school and has her varsity letter. Battle has been active in high school, participating in soccer, track, National Honor Society and Political Science Club. She will attend the University of Michigan

this fall.

Lillian Groth — A senior at Regina High School who will attend DePaul University in Chicago to study vocal performance and creative writing this fall. She has had leading roles in Regina and De LaSalle Collegiate school theater performances, such as Rona Lisa Peretti

in “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” and Miss Hannigan in “Annie.” She was Miss St. Clair Shores

Outstanding Teen first runner up and Talent Award winner 2017 and 2019. She has participated in numerous writ-

ing workshops, including Interlochen Novel Writing Institute and Gotham Writer’s Workshop.

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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.

George Robert McMullen Jr.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident George Robert McMullen Jr., 63, died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at his home. Despite a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in February 2020, he continued to live his life with characteristic grace, gratitude, courage, joy and humor.

George grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended Grosse Pointe South High School. In 1979, he graduated from Regis University in Denver.

George had a lifelong career in sales, the majority of which was at Avis Car Rental. After he lived briefly in the Boston and Washington, D.C. areas, he returned to Grosse Pointe, where he developed a passion for the local community that became his life's work.

One of George's greatest joys was serving as a Grosse Pointe Woods councilman. He was a familiar face at council meetings in all five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. He also attended nearly all Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings.

A very proud member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, he also served on the boards of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review and was an ambassador for the Family Center. In addition, George was so pleased to be an usher at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

He was actively involved with the Grosse Pointe Theater, League of Women Voters, The Helm, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and Grosse Pointe Historical Society, among others. He reached across every aisle he encountered and was a member of the East Side Republicans, Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP Branch. The nonprofits with which he was involved are too numerous to mention. Of George's community involvement, an acquaintance said, "Everywhere I looked in our community, there was George."

George's commitment to community continued when he was at his family cottage in Pointe aux Barques, Mich. He was a past board member and ran the Gymkhana and annual softball game for more than 15 years. Pointe aux Barques was a part of him; when George was there, he never missed heading out to view the sunset.

Along with his love of Grosse Pointe and Pointe aux Barques, George was devoted to his family and friends. He was interested in everyone and had friends of all ages to whom he was fiercely loyal. A true gentleman, he always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say.

George is survived by

his mother, Judy McMullen; sister, Alex McCann; and brother-in-law, Franklin McCann.

A memorial service celebrating George's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; or Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; or Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher Rd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Stephanie H. Hampton

Stephanie Hall Hampton, 81, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed peacefully Tuesday, June 8, 2021. She was born June 6, 1940, in Detroit, to Julia Graves Hall and Sidney Sterrett Hall, both now deceased.

Stephanie graduated from Grosse Pointe University School in 1958. She completed her associate degree at Bradford Junior College.

She married Verne Churchill Hampton II in 1973; together they raised three children.

Stephanie was active in her family's lives and as a volunteer, member and officer of many organizations and clubs, including the Tau Beta Association (president, 1987-89) and Tau Beta flower show (chair); Junior League of Detroit, JLD Designers' Show House (co-chair, 1984 and 1986) and Junior League Gardeners (president, 2001-03); Orchestra Hall (co-chair); Children's Home of Detroit (board member); GPUS Alumni Association; Planned Parenthood League Association (associate board member), Holiday Mart (chair); and Christ Church Altar Guild. Her dedication and involvement earned her many accolades and awards, including the JLD Placement Award in 1982, JLD Wendy Jennings Show House Award in 2002, and Tau Beta's Eloise Jenks Webber Award in 2002.

She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed reading, playing tennis and needlepointing.

Stephanie is survived by her children, Julie Hampton Thibodeau (Woody) and Timothy Hall Hampton (Soozi); daughter-in-law, Karen Hampton; and grandchildren, Carly, Lily, Abigail, Cassidy, Stephanie, Andrew and Jack. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Verne Churchill Hampton II, and loving son, Howard Hampton.

A memorial service took place at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, act.alz.org; or Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

James Kolp

Grosse Pointe Farms resident James Kolp, 78, died Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Jim was the beloved husband of Karen (nee Kleefuss) for 55 years; loving father of Ted Kolp (Michelle) and Katie Babcock (Chad); proud grandfather of Tess, Ryan, Erik and Tillie; and uncle to many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Rosalia Kolp; and siblings, Robert Kolp, Gerald Kolp, Barbara Chase and Rosalie O'Hara.

He was a State Farm Insurance agent in Harper Woods for 43 years.

Jim devoted countless hours on ball fields in and around Grosse Pointe, supporting and mentoring his son and daughter and all their friends. An avid golfer, he last played in November.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 176 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207; or thecapuchins.org.

James E. Okonoski

James Edward Okonoski passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

A loving and faith-filled man, Jim was born July 7, 1944, in Detroit, to Clement A. and Theresa A. (nee Ryntz) Okonoski, both now deceased.

Raised in East Detroit, he was baptized and confirmed at St. Veronica Catholic Church. Faith was the foundation of Jim's life from an early age and he graduated from St. Veronica's grade school and Notre Dame High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University and a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Jim married the love of his life, Merry L. Bowles, Aug. 14, 1971. Together they loved to go on walks, bike rides and drives.

Jim enjoyed cooking; he prepared abundant and generous meals for friends and family. For many years, Jim hosted a regular Tuesday night dinner at which all were welcome. He will be fondly remembered for his many meals — especially his meatloaf. Jim loved to host gatherings and visit with friends and family.

Jim taught auto shop classes at East Detroit High School more than 30 years. Teaching truly was Jim's calling in life, his family said.

He found great joy in being one of Santa's helpers at the Grand Traverse Mall. He adored listening to children and adults alike and spreading Christmas cheer.

Jim had a heart of gold and generously volunteered his time at many organizations. He was a Knights of Columbus



George R. McMullen Jr.



Stephanie H. Hampton



James Kolp



James E. Okonoski



Joan F. Piccione



Sandra L. Osgood

member and helped cook meals for those in need. He was a voracious reader of spiritual books and often was contemplating, thinking and praying for others.

Through the years, Jim and Merry were parishioners at St. Lucy, Christ the King and Immaculate Conception churches. Jim was a dedicated and talented lector and an enthusiastic usher. He attended 47 annual retreats at the St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center; there he fostered friendships and strengthened his relationship with his Lord and Savior.

Jim was predeceased by his parents; siblings, Michael Okonoski and Christine Doyle; and dear aunt, Sister Joseph-Anne Ryntz. He also was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Betty, and Betty's sister, Bea, who were very special and important to him.

Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Merry; children, Glen (Holly) of Rockford, David (Melissa) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Leanne of Grosse Pointe Park; and grandchildren Alayna, Colin, Logan, Evy and Lillian.

A Mass of Christian burial was held June 15, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment took place at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Kewadin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, stpaulretreat.org; or Hospice of Michigan, hom.org, where Jim was a dedicated volunteer.

Share a memory at reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Joan F. Piccione

Joan Piccione (nee Funsch) passed away peacefully Thursday, May 27, 2021, in Detroit.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, she was the daughter of Dr. Edwin Clarence Funsch and Mae Funsch (nee Hackett). Born and raised in St. Louis, Joan was a 40-year resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

Joan graduated from Villa Duchesne High School in St. Louis. She attended the Duchesne Residence College for Women in New York City and the San Francisco College for Women. A competitive equestrian, Joan participated in many horse shows and competitions throughout high school

and college; she remained a great fan of the sport.

Joan and Nicholas Peter Piccione were wed in 1957. Married 58 years, together they raised five children. A devoted and involved parent, Joan coached many sports teams and chaperoned school trips. In 1981, Nick and Joan moved their family to Grosse Pointe.

Joan was a committed advocate for judicial fairness. In St. Louis, she was involved with the judicial watch group, Women's Crusade Against Crime, and once served as the group's chair; she subsequently was appointed chair of the St. Louis County Board of Jail Visitors. In Michigan, Joan continued her volunteer activities as a tutor to inmates in the Wayne County Jail as part of the Dominican Literacy Center project.

Joan and Nick were powerboat enthusiasts. As active members of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, they enjoyed setting the "marks" for sail club races.

Joan remained active in the Children of Mary Society of the Sacred Heart throughout her life.

She is survived by her children, Steven (Cheryl), Nicholas (Sherry), Eric (Cathi), Lisa (Kate Lang) and Maria (Kevin McAvoy); 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and friends across the country.

Memorial service details will be available at a later date.

Arrangements were managed by A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500.

Share a memory at AJDesmond.com.

Sandra L. Osgood

Sandra Lee Osgood (nee Hale), 74, of Grosse Pointe Farms, formerly of Traverse City, passed away Sunday, April 4, 2021, with family by her side.

A beloved mother, grandmother and wife, she was born Nov. 4, 1946, in Detroit, to Christina Hale, now deceased.

Sandra graduated in 1964 from Commerce High School, in Detroit. She began her career in accounting and later transitioned to medical billing.

Sandra met her husband, Milton Osgood Jr., in 1958, at St. Luke

Lutheran Church in Indian Village; they married at St. Luke's March 17, 1967. The couple recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary.

Sandra was known as "Giggles" to her friends, of whom she had many from her affiliations with St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Traverse City, where she actively volunteered.

Sandra loved quilting and sewing and made many beautiful quilts for family, friends and others. She also took joy from sewing costumes for her young grandsons and taking in their baseball uniforms as they got older.

Her love of travel took her to many places around the world — always accompanied by her husband, Milton. She especially enjoyed the intimate settings of Viking River Cruises, through which she befriended fellow travelers and crew alike. Dancing was another of her passions, which she took up after her children left home for college. Sandra, Milton and their many dancing friends enjoyed performing and teaching country line dancing.

Her family said above all else, family was everything to Sandra. She loved being around her family, whether immediate family members or distant relatives. She always was happy when she was with her grandsons, Alex and Anderson — watching them play baseball, soccer or hockey or just picking them up from school.

Sandra's family said she will be sorely missed by many friends and her family.

She leaves behind her husband, Milton Osgood Jr.; children, Milton Osgood III and Carrie Tigges (Bret); and grandsons, Alex and Anderson Tigges.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations in honor of Sandra Osgood may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, stpaulgp.org; or Bethlehem Lutheran Church, bethlehemtc.org.

OBITS:

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William Solomon

William “Bill” Solomon, 91, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 12, 2021, at his home in St. Clair Shores.

Bill was born March 21, 1930, in Detroit, to John and Mary (nee Elian) Solomon, both now deceased. His parents immigrated to America from Syria in the early 1900s and settled in downtown Detroit. Proud of his heritage, Bill always quoted Khalil Gibran: “He who denies his heritage, has no heritage.”

He attended Miller High School, dropped out at 16 and later, at 47, earned his diploma at Denby High School in 1977.

Bill dedicated his life to service and helping others. At 20, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Stationed in Austria during the Korean War, he deeply loved his country and wanted to fight for it.

In 1979, Bill fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning a store he cherished for years — Village Wine Shop. He owned the shop 35 years before he retired at 80. Bill’s family said he felt as if he never worked a day in his life and truly enjoyed the community he fostered through his profession.

Bill stayed involved in social work and service after he retired. He volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital several hours a week and enjoyed running into many familiar faces. He also had a knack for politics. A prominent supporter of the Republican Party, he campaigned for 12th District State



William Solomon

Representative in 1980. Although he lost the election to a strong incumbent, Bill was not shy in displaying his beliefs, values and ideals for all to see.

Faith had a strong hold on Bill’s life and he experienced a spiritual journey. After he raised his family in the Catholic faith, an Episcopalian himself, he later decided to join his family and was confirmed into the Catholic Church at 85. He was open to growth in all facets of life and this was no different, his family said.

Bill married the love of his life, M. “Jean” Zedan, in 1962. He and Jean had two daughters, Kelly and Karrie, and two grandsons, Roman and Vincent Bruno. The youngest of seven children, Bill was predeceased by his sisters, Anne, Catherine, Helen (George Marwick), Josephine “Jo” (Abraham George) and Lillian “La” (Robert Ferschneider); he is survived by his brother, Thomas “Tee” (Mary Lou). Bill also had many cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and close friends on his and Jean’s side of the family who will miss him dearly.

His family said Bill’s last sentiment of appreciation and gratitude would have been to thank



Lois J. Donovan

all his family, friends and supporters for their generosity and companionship throughout his life. He was truly honored to serve the community and those close to him; it came at no cost to him at all. He always could be counted on for a helping hand and willingness to pick up someone when they were down.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Bill will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19, until the funeral service at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill’s memory may be made to St. Matthew Catholic Church, osvhub.com/st-matthew-detroit/funds.

Lois J. Donovan

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Lois J. Donovan, of St. Clair Shores, passed away peacefully in her sleep Friday, June 11, 2021, after a long illness. She was born July 1, 1931, in Detroit, to Sante and Mary Janzito, both now deceased.

Lois earned a bachelor’s degree from Wayne



John F. Vinson

State University. She was an elementary school teacher in the Harper Woods School District. During this time, Lois met the love of her life, Richard C. Donovan, at a party; they married six months later. Lois and Richard were happily married more than 59 years.

A devout Catholic, she taught catechism and served as a Eucharistic minister. She also was a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church many years.

Lois and Richard spent fall weekends attending football games at the University of Notre Dame or hosting football parties in their home. They enjoyed many summers with friends and relatives in western Michigan at a cottage named Cherokee. Lois greatly enjoyed taking her children to many interesting destinations when they were young.

An avid bridge player, she spent afternoons or evenings playing bridge with her husband and friends. She loved hosting dinner parties; it gave her great joy to share a meal and have a cocktail with family and friends. All who knew Lois often said she was the most loving person and her

smile lit up any room, her family stated.

Lois is survived by her loving husband, Richard C. Donovan; children, James Donovan and Mary Kay Golia (Antonio); adored grandchildren, Margaret Golia and Antonio Golia; nieces, Linda Boger (Ron), Barb Hockin (Gary), Susan Andre (Bob), Mary Beth Strohbeck and Teri Donovan; and nephew, Thomas Janzito. She was predeceased by her brothers, Richard Janzito (Shirley) and Philip Janzito (Marie); and niece, Nancy Janzito.

The family gives special acknowledgement and eternal thanks to Lois’ caregivers, Cassandra Robinson and Kimika Smith, for their loving and tireless care of Lois and her family.

Lois will lie in state from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, svdpdetroit.org; or Hospice of Michigan, hom.org.

Arrangements by A. H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

John F. Vinson

John F. Vinson, 72, died Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods. He was born March 4, 1949, in Detroit, the son of E. John and Geneva (nee Adams) Vinson, both now deceased.

John served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany and at Selfridge Air National Guard Base; he was hon-

orably discharged Feb. 1, 1975.

During his career, John worked in sales — furniture, automobiles and business machines. After he retired, John found a new calling as a handyman and problem solver. He could repair, replace or refurbish almost anything, which was a talent he shared with anyone who needed his help and expertise. He also had a gift for creating beauty, working with metals and stained glass.

When John wasn’t helping others or being creative, he enjoyed Northern Michigan golf and fishing. He and his wife, Shawn, loved their trips to Boyne City — particularly following the “roads less traveled.” Together they could turn a four-hour drive into a seven-hour adventure.

Memories of John are sure to bring a smile to everyone who had the opportunity to know him. He touched countless hearts with his kindness, sense of humor and beautiful smile. He was a good man and will be greatly missed.

John was the treasured husband of Shawn (nee Stowell); loving father of John Stowell Vinson (Kathleen); and brother of Margaret Hamill, the late Velma Tucker and the late Nancy Blendl. He also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Donations in John’s memory may be made to the Charlevoix Area Humane Society, charlevoixhumane.org; St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, stjude.org; or a charity of the donor’s choice.

A celebration of John’s life will be held at a later date.

St. Paul on the Lake parishioner ordained

Robert E. “Bobby” Karle, the son of Barbara M. Karle (nee McSorley) and Robert J. Karle of the City of Grosse Pointe, was ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus on June 12, by the Most Rev. Jerome E. ListECKi, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, at the Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee. The ordination was livestreamed at jesuitsmidwest.org/ordination21

The Rev. Robert E. Karle, S.J. celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving June 13, at the Church of the Gesu. He also will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 27, at Sts.

Peter & Paul Jesuit Church, 438 St. Antoine St. in Detroit.

Mass will be celebrated with the Rev. Joshua Peters, S.J., who was ordained in 2020. Both are graduates of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

June 27 is also the 173rd Feast Day for Sts. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church Detroit. Details for the 173rd celebration, including registration and tickets for the food truck reception, are available at sppjesuit.org.

Karle has been assigned to serve as an associate pastor at St. Mary Student Church, Ann Arbor, beginning July 1.



The Rev. Robert E. Karle

Ament earns Army War College degree

Col. John Ament, a 1993 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, completed a master’s degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, June 11, 2021.

The Army War College provides the Army’s senior professional military education. Army



Col. John Ament

Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville, Army War College Class of 2002, presided and spoke to the class of 360 senior officers and civilians serving at the senior executive service level or above.

Ament’s next position is as the deputy commander of the 32nd Hospital Center at Fort Polk.

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Molly Licavoli, left, and Rosie Nicholls.



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Scouts celebrate spring

The members of Girl Scout Troops 77059 and 77404, based out of Ferry Elementary School, recently put their heads together – and their hands in the dirt – to create a flower garden at the Grosse Pointe Woods school.

Both troops are new this year and are a part of Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan.

“Our Daisy Troop earned their Daisy Flower Garden Journey

Award set,” troop leader Monica Johnsonbaugh explained, “and our Junior Troop earned a mentoring badge for helping the Daisy Troop.”

Daisy Troop 77404, for kindergarten and first graders, includes members Olivia Canter, Claire Johnsonbaugh, Lyla Samyn, Rosie Nicholls, Maggie Weber, Anna Carroll, Emelia DuPuy, Jaya Rathod, Anna Brissette, Abby

Ciccarelli, Molly Licavoli, and Lucy Tringale. Troop leaders are Christin Canter and Monica Johnsonbaugh.

Junior Troop 77059, for fourth graders, includes members Emma Johnsonbaugh, Elise Matheson, Grace Hill, Sophia Ciccarelli, Ava Muelebrouck, Maya Muelebrouck and Julia Barr. Troop leaders are Mandy Matheson and Monica Johnsonbaugh.



Anna Carroll



Emma Johnsonbaugh



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From left, Maggie Weber, Lyla Samyn, Rosie Nicholls, Anna Carroll, Molly Licavoli, Claire Johnsonbaugh, Abby Ciccarelli, Anna Brissette, Olivia Canter, Emelia DuPuy, Lucy Tringale, Julia Barr, Elise Matheson, Emma Johnsonbaugh, Grace Hill, Sophia Ciccarelli and Maya Meulebrouck.

WE GP awarded Ralph C. Wilson grant

Grants from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan were announced May 20, and WE GP — Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe — was

among 10 recipients chosen to receive funding in the area of Grosse Pointe community assets.

The grant will support the expansion of Grosse Pointe LGBTQ+ Pride activities to provide a safe, welcoming place through digital and socially distanced programming.

“We are so grateful to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for their support of our efforts to create a more welcoming and inclusive community,” said Shannon Byrne, WE GP president. “As a newer nonprofit organization in the community, we’re proud to be in the company of so many cornerstone organizations, such as the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Full Circle Foundation, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and the Neighborhood Club.”

Since its inception as an informal group in 2016, WE GP has been committed to resisting attacks on civil and human rights and to promoting local, state and national policy and legislation in line with its guiding principles. It incorporated June 13, 2020, as a 501(c)3 to support its mission as an educational and advocacy organization.

The nonprofit’s signature event, the GP Pride March by WE GP, will take

place 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 26. Due to the rapidly changing public health guidelines and to be as safe as possible, participants will walk a circular 2.5-mile route on the sidewalk — Fisher to Kercheval, Kercheval to Cadieux, Cadieux to St. Paul, St. Paul to Fisher. Anyone is welcome to join the route wherever it is most convenient.

“Since the beginning of GP Pride five years ago, we’ve been thrilled with the support of residents and businesses that have come out in full force and sustained Pride for the last four years,” said GP Pride March organizer Andrea Joy. “That community support is visible through Pride flags and ribbons, business sponsorships and the thousands of people who show up to celebrate Pride in our town and support full equality.”

Participants are encouraged to bring friends, neighbors and “leashed and friendly Pride pups” along for this family-friendly event, while enjoying musical interludes and taking advantage of stops along the route.

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"I feel really blessed every day to treat patients side by side with my daughter," Dr. B said.

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To schedule a free consultation, call the St. Clair Shores office at (586) 293-5200 or the Macomb office at (586) 210-9210. For more information, visit drbortho.com.

Skin & Laser Center: Sun protection tips

Skin & Laser Center of Grosse Pointe Woods creates customized skin care for each individual patient.

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The practices' two board-certified dermatologists, Dr. Richard Ferrara and Dr. Katie Caretti, put together key practices to protect your skin from the sun, not only during the summer but all year long.

The doctors recommend people protect themselves from the sun to help prevent skin cancers and accelerated aging by taking the following actions: wear broad spectrum mineral-based sunscreen with SPF of at least 30, reapply every two hours when in direct sunlight, wear sun-protective clothing and accessories including wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses and consider avoiding peak hours of the sun from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dr. Ferrara said new technologies in zinc and titanium mineral-based sunscreens allow every person to find a formula that is suitable for their lifestyle.

He said mineral-based sunscreens aren't only thick lotions any-



Dr. Katie Caretti



Dr. Richard Ferrara

comes in sticks and sprays for easy application. Mineral-based sunscreens are generally recognized as safe and effective.

"There is an option for everyone," he said.

Dr. Caretti said wearing sun-protective clothing can be fashionable, too, with great brands including Coolibar and Cabana Life that offer sun-safe dresses, shirts, hats and bathing suits.

Skin & Laser Center carries sunscreen at the practice, but Dr. Caretti said there are a number of excellent products that also can be purchased over the counter.

Dr. Caretti said common areas people miss when applying sunscreen are the ears, lips and the back of the neck.

She reminds individuals the sun is not only harmful to skin in the summer, but ultraviolet light exposure can penetrate through windows and affect the skin year round.

Both doctors recommend incorporating a moisturizer with SPF into skin care regimens to protect the skin on a daily basis.

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Gifted gymnast back on the mat after surgery

Mya Bolin, 15, has been an athlete most of her life. She started gymnastics when she was 5 years old and since then, has only added to her list of extracurriculars.

“There’s just something about sports that I love,” says the Westland resident. “I love the competition, I love having something to look forward to. With gymnastics, specifically, I love tumbling and I love the hard work it requires to perfect your skills. I’m a perfectionist, so it fits me well.”

Mya currently is wrapping up her sophomore year in high school where she was on the varsity gymnastics team, a competitive cheerleader and ran track. But in January 2020, the young star’s rise came to a screeching halt after an injury.

The injury that stopped Mya in her tracks

“I was at a gymnastics meet and I had just mastered a half twist the day before,” says Mya. “I wanted to warm it up because I knew if I didn’t, I wouldn’t be able to do it in my routine.”

When Mya went into it, however, she immediately had a sinking feeling in her stomach.

“Sure enough, I landed wrong and heard my knee pop about five times,” she says.

Mya went to urgent care and was told she had patellar tendonitis,

A second opinion that made all the difference

Henry Ford Health System’s comprehensive sports medicine clinic was the perfect place for an athlete like Mya to get treated.

“Dr. Moutzouros took one look at the MRI and said my ACL was guillotined in half,” Mya says. “I started crying. I was just about to start my first track season in high school and I had to tell my coach the same day that I could not do track that season.”

Mya had surgery in early May 2020 with Vasilios Moutzouros,



Mya Bolin is a high school athlete and gymnast who had a torn ACL and had surgery- her surgeon is Dr. Moutzouros. She is back to competing in gymnastics, competitive cheerleading and running track. Bolin is pictured at her high school, where she is a member of their competitive gymnastics team.

which is when the tendon that connects your kneecap to your shin bone is inflamed. But a week or so later, when it was still hurting, she knew it had to be more serious than that.

M.D., an orthopedic surgeon and chief of sports medicine.

Getting the support she needed and getting back to the mat

Dr. Moutzouros says Mya recovered remarkably well. And now, just a year after surgery, Mya says she’s feeling pretty great.

“Kaylin, Dr. Moutzouros — everyone was so nice,” Mya says. “They reassured me, they really helped me with my recovery in every way. I had an amazing experience at Henry Ford.”

Just three months into physical therapy, Mya was able to start going to cheer practice, with limitations.

So, will we see Mya’s name in the news as a professional athlete in the future?

“I’d say that’s a maybe,” Mya says. “I also have a love for true crime and the medical field, and I know that takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but I’m up for the challenge.”

To speak with a sports medicine provider or make an appointment, please visit: [HenryFord.com/Sports](https://www.henryford.com/Sports) or call (313) 710-5819.

Announcing

We would like to let everyone know that Dr. Foster is planning to retire on June 30, 2021.

Dr. Foster (who was Dr. Desmet at the time) opened Northpointe Pediatrics with Dr. Francis in 1992. They had only a handful of patients (mostly relatives and family friends) and 3 employees.

Since then, the practice has grown to include many amazing pediatricians, pediatric nurse practitioners and the most wonderful staff (family) ever!

Our patient population has also grown so much and we are proud to say that we are now caring for many second generation patients!

Dr. Foster has had the privilege of caring for kids here for almost 29 years and, in retirement, is planning to spend more time with her children and her 4 grandchildren.

Please join us in wishing her well as she prepares for her upcoming retirement!

Welcoming...

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Allison Engel to our practice!

Dr. Allison (née Hallman) Engel was one of Dr. Foster’s first patients at Northpointe Pediatrics and is thrilled to begin her career as the office’s newest pediatrician. The family atmosphere at Northpointe as well as Dr. Foster’s compassionate medical care are what inspired her to become a doctor at a young age. She graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor’s degree in biology in 2014 and from Wayne State University School of Medicine with her Medical Degree in 2018. This June, she will finish her pediatric residency at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids.

In her free time, Dr. Allison enjoys spending time with her family and friends, being outdoors, traveling, and cooking. She and her husband have large families and are excited to move home this summer to be closer to them. Dr. Allison has special interests in nutrition, mental health, and care of children with complex medical needs. She is looking forward to meeting her new patients and their families!

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Thoracic surgeons highlight the importance of lung cancer screenings

Low-dose CT scans at Ascension Michigan can help detect early signs of lung cancer

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. And getting regular screenings may help find cancer early, when it is most treatable.

“Early lung cancer detection can reduce deaths by up to 20 percent,” said Michael Bousamra, M.D., chief of thoracic surgery at Ascension sites of care in southeast Michigan. “So whether you have symptoms or have missed a cancer screening, now is the time to make an appointment.”

Appointments for screenings are available at Ascension Michigan, and the experienced thoracic surgery team is here for patients, when more advanced care is needed.

Zane Hammoud, M.D., recently joined the thoracic surgery team at Ascension Michigan, bringing more than 20 years of experience treating patients in the metro Detroit area. Dr. Hammoud specializes in non-cardiac diseases of the chest with a focus on minimally invasive and robotic techniques. He joins Dr. Bousamra in delivering advanced care for those with lung cancer, esophageal cancer, mesothelioma, thymoma and



Dr. Michael Bousamra



Dr. Zane Hammoud

other chest cancers.

“Without the scan, I wouldn’t be here today,” said Richard Raskey, a patient of Dr. Bousamra.

Richard has been a smoker for more than 40 years and said he makes sure to see his doctor on a regular basis. When he went in for knee replacement surgery, his doctor recommended a low-dose CT lung cancer screening because of his history of smoking.

The screening detected a tumor on his lung.

Dr. Bousamra was able to remove the tumor in a minimally invasive way.

“The tumor had not spread to the lymph nodes and he has a very good prognosis,” Dr. Bousamra said.

Talk to your doctor about whether a low-dose CT lung cancer screening is right for you. To schedule a screening, call 866-501-3627 or visit [GetAscensionMichigan.com](https://www.getascensionmichigan.com)

Beaumont Health board appoints new chair, vice chair

Beaumont Health’s Board of Directors has appointed Julie Fream of Beverly Hills as its new board chair and Christopher Blake of Grosse Pointe Farms as its vice chair. The transition will occur in June as part of a normal governance leadership rotational process.

John Lewis, Beaumont’s inaugural board chair, embraces the importance of good governance, which includes paving the way for natural transitions and new board leadership. Therefore, Lewis steps down from his role as chair, but will remain a board member until his term expires the end of this year. Lewis, along with board members Steve Howard and Gersh Cooper, was instrumental in establishing the founding governance structure of the health care system.

“I want to thank my colleagues on the board and the Beaumont team for working so diligently to form Beaumont Health and for what has been accomplished over the past seven years by providing and expanding safe, high-quality care for patients and families in our communities,” Lewis said. “In addition, we have expanded Beaumont’s footprint to serve even more people, for example building an extensive urgent care network and our soon-to-be opened mental health hospital. The pandemic has stressed our clinical teams, particularly on the front lines. However, Beaumont’s healthcare heroes have tremendous skill and compassion.”

Fream has served as vice chair of the board since 2018. Lewis, Fream and Blake were three of the founding 13 board members who formed Beaumont Health in 2014.

Fream currently serves as president and CEO for the Original Equipment Suppliers Association.

Blake is the founder, president and owner of The Blake Company, Inc. He earned a B.S.B.A. from Georgetown University.

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which creates a team environment, Cleary said.

Kammo said his goal is to provide patients with a comfortable, fear-free experience, which he achieves by offering calm, relaxing visits.

“There are a lot of orthodontists in the area, but not a lot of them work with pediatric dentists,” Kammo said. “A lot of kids get lost in the transition. When they turn 8 or 9, they’re referred to an orthodontist and lose track of the pediatric dentist. ... We collaborate under one roof.”

Slanec added, “Having an orthodontist in the same office as our pediatric dentist sets us apart from other offices. You have two specialists working as a team for your child and family.”

Growing Smiles offers free orthodontic consultations to find the best fit for every patient. And the St. Clair Shores office is not hard to find: Just look for the angel wings.

“We have beautifully painted angel wings on the outside of the office where kids can have their photos taken,” Slanec said. “Local artist and friend, Beth McKee, painted the angel wings. They are fun and a beautiful piece of art for our patients and community to enjoy. Anyone can tag us with their angel wing photos by using @GrowingSmiles.”

This summer the community also can enjoy the 4-foot ‘Angel Heart’ being placed in front of the practice in support of “The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe” through the Chamber of Commerce.

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I broke up with a guy I dated very briefly and said it'd be best for me if we didn't maintain contact. He respected this for a while, but he's suddenly all over my social media, not just "liking" but often "loving" my posts. I hate being led to think about him. Is there a kind way to ask him to stop?
—Creeped Out

Sometimes a person fails to grasp that “It’s best we don’t maintain contact” means “Go away forever, human stain.” You’re being “orbited,” culture reporter Anna Iovine’s word for when an ex lurks on your social media posts: showing up as one of your “story viewers” on Instagram or liking your tweets or Facebook posts. This sounds benign, but orbiting is a form of stalking.

Stalking is a confusing term because the behavior involved isn’t always considered criminal. The U.S. Department of Justice defines stalking as “engaging

in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others or suffer substantial emotional distress.”

Laws against stalking vary across states, but causing fear in the victim is typically essential for stalking to be a crime. Outside the criminal sphere, stalking is sometimes referred to by researchers as “unwanted persistent pursuit”: repeated behavior that bothers or distresses the victim, often sucking their time and attention and creeping them out.

Noncriminal stalking like this can escalate to the criminal kind -- and can turn deadly, reports evolutionary psychologist David Buss in his new book, “When Men Behave Badly: The Hidden Roots of Sexual Deception, Harassment, and Assault.” Though stalkers are usually male, Buss acknowledges that women become stalkers, too. An infamous female stalker is former NASA astro-

naut Lisa Nowak -- a case you might remember not so much for the crime but for the diapers..

In 2007, Nowak drove from Houston to Orlando wearing an adult diaper to avoid being slowed down by bathroom stops. She was off to confront (and possibly kidnap and harm) Air Force

Captain Colleen Shipman, the slim, pretty blonde 10 years her junior whom NASA astronaut Bill Oefelein had dumped her for a few weeks prior. Gwendolyn Knapp, in *Houstonia* magazine, reports that Nowak was seen in surveillance video disguised in a black wig and hat following

Shipman around the Orlando airport for three hours -- before attacking her with pepper spray in the parking lot.

Shipman told “Inside Edition” in 2017, “I ... still have anxiety,” and media reports often claim stalking is motivated by a desire to cause fear. However, making a victim afraid as the ultimate motivation for romantic stalking makes little sense (save for the few sadists in

the population who get off on causing pain).

Research by evolutionary psychologist Joshua Duntley and Buss suggests romantic stalking is a form of “mate guarding”: evolved tactics -- from coercion to showering affection to gift-giving -- used to keep one’s romantic part-

ner from bolting or being poached.

Understanding, as Buss explains, that a “key goal” of romantic stalkers is to “reunite with the (former) partner” sheds light on your situation. You might be tempted to minimize the guy’s behavior because it’s happening in the virtual world. However, stalkers aren’t just exes hiding in your bushes with binoculars. It’s stalking just the same when somebody’s sitting in the bushes on social media, watching your life and signaling their unwillingness to accept your “no contact” terms by posting “likes” they know you’ll see. The message: “Here I am, refusing to leave you, but in a way you’d probably feel dumb complaining about!”

Sure, you could politely but firmly tell him to stop -- “I’d prefer that you not post anything on my social media” -- and explain why you need this. However, Buss writes that one of the strategies stalking experts most frequently recommend is “ceasing all contact with the stalker.” Because you’re being cyber-stalked, the ideal

way to do this is blocking him on all your social media. Say nothing. Just block.

Buss also advises you consider taking your accounts private for a while or “staying off social media as much as possible.” If contact escalates, shore up security in your home with locks, motion sensor lights, and video surveillance; document all contact; and notify the police.

Blocking without explanation might seem unkind and perhaps a little paranoid. However, Buss explains that “stalkers often construe any interaction” with the person they’re pursuing “as rewarding,” even if it’s negative.

As the romantic cliché goes, “You’ll find love when you’re not looking for it” -- like when it breaks in and stands over your bed, watching you sleep.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak

Is freelance or regular pay better

Q: I work as a full-time employee for the company owner, who is my direct boss.

He has asked me to work on a project outside my job description and he offered to pay me as a freelancer in lieu of giving me a raise. He also told me I could do the freelance work during my regular work hours. My gut feeling is that it’s a bad idea. How should I handle this??

A: Flexibility and cre-

ative workplace management by employers and employees is not necessarily bad news in our new economy. According to “New York Super Lawyer 2017,” Patrick J. Boyd of The Boyd Law Group, New York, “There is nothing unlawful on the employee’s part in accepting money for freelance work, even when it is given by the regular employer. The employee just needs to report that portion of earnings as income (likely

Form 1099 income). There could even be tax benefits if she can put the pre-tax money towards retirement or similar tax deferred vehicle. But as an independent contractor, she would likely be responsible for many extra taxes on the earnings due because no taxes would be removed by the employer. Freelancers often forget that if they are being paid, for example, \$40 per hour, they are not likely to bank that full amount, as they are liable

for income tax and other taxes employers usually cover in a traditional payroll model. If she were instead to receive a raise for the additional work, the funds would be subject to taxes taken from her paycheck for her regular job. In this context, the employee might be best by calculating his/her financial and career goals and openly discussing this freelance work opportunity with the employer to best suit her own economic needs and desires.

This arrangement is not such a bad deal if the boss is asking her to continue in her current job and pay and will pay extra for the additional work. Boyd says, by law, employers are not required to honor a job description (unless there is a contract that specifies and restricts them on the

type of work conducted) and legally, the boss could have asked her to do the extra work without offering any additional pay (assuming it had no overtime implications in the case of an hourly workers).

On the other hand, if the boss was thinking for the future that she stop being an employee and become a freelancer, accepting freelance pay instead of a raise may be opening this worker to a very different change in employee classification and tax treatment. Freelancers often lose out on important benefits like paid vacation, paid medical leave, sick and personal days, and health care coverage.

Changing from a regular employee to an independent contractor could also lessen her ability to negotiate for a severance in the event the company no lon-

ger needed her services. Boyd has observed a noticeable trend towards the freelance or contractor economy. Tens of millions of American workers are currently freelancers according to reputable sources (see Forbes for verification) and some choose to be freelance as opposed to having it imposed upon them.

Freelance positions allow greater flexibility in work schedules and often the ability to work from home. Sometimes it can work quite well.

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Mixed signals frustrate best friend who wants more

DEAR ABBY: There’s a girl I have liked for a little over a month. We are like best friends. When I told her I was attracted to her, she basically friend-zoned me, which hurt.

Then she told a mutual friend she was considering being “friends with benefits” with me, and I got excited. Well, she

changed her mind again because she was afraid it would be awkward.

I still have a crush on her, but I value our friendship. We spend so much time together, and things are easy but also challenging. We snuggle all the time, and she gives me hugs every day.

These mixed signals are killing me. What do

I do? -- DAZED & CONFUSED IN FLORIDA

DEAR DAZED: You’re right. This young woman is giving you mixed signals. That’s why you should put her firmly in YOUR friend zone.

Stop the hugging and snuggling and move on, so you can find some-

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

one who reciprocates your feelings. (Absence has been known to make the heart grow fonder.)

Perhaps when she realizes that you are capable of moving on, her feelings for you will change. However, if

they don’t, you will have lost nothing but more heartache.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my dear mother-in-law passed away. While writing her obituary, it was a challenge to hunt down accurate dates and family information. Many family members chimed in with conflicting information.

To prevent this confusion in the future, would it be tactless to ask relatives for some of this information ahead of time? If so, how would you go about writing something on this topic without offending someone? -- WONDERING IN MICHIGAN

bring some of these questions up in normal conversation? (I assume you know where they were born.)

To ask when people graduated from high school or college isn’t intrusive. What year someone was married isn’t classified information either. If you simply start talking, you may find out much of the information you are after.

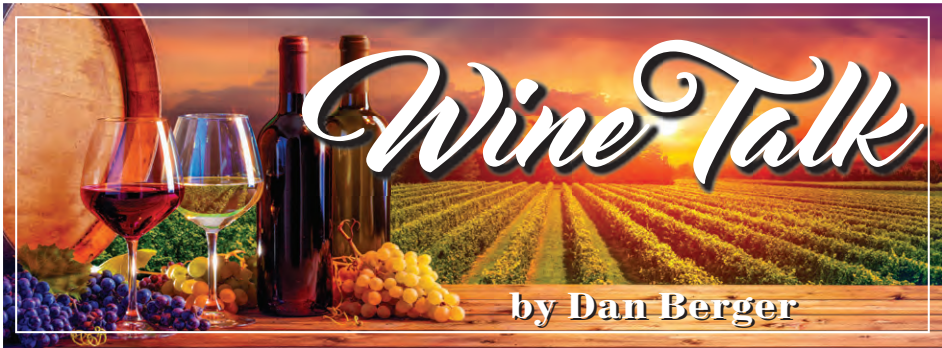
P.S. If your relatives are willing to make the effort to write down their own stories, it could be compiled into a precious family history.

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Tabletop Chemistry

What do you do when you buy a bottle of wine that, for one reason or another, is not to your liking? If the wine is sound and not spoiled in any way, but you just don't like the style, you could always cook with it.

But that's impractical and costly. Instead, what if you could fix it in your own kitchen? Since you bought it to enjoy and don't relish cooking with a \$30 bottle of shiraz, maybe there's a way to make it better.

This happens to me often, especially with bottles that are not undrinkable, simply disappointing. In such cases, I resort to old tricks, ones I've used often.

In one recent case, a wine was both a little high in alcohol, so it burned my mouth and throat, and a little sweet from the high alcohol. It tasted like it was close to 16%. (The label said 14.5%, but I seriously doubt that.)

I added about a tablespoon of spring water to our glasses: Problem solved.

Purists might be aghast at the notion of doctoring our wine, but we weren't about to drink it the way it came out of the bottle. Water solved two problems: It didn't alter the wine's aroma, other than making it a little fruitier because it lowered the alcohol, which was masking some of the fruit. And it cut the heat.

Caution: Avoid using tap water. Some tap water contains chlorine and can change wine in unattractive

ways. The same applies to ice cubes -- a strategy that works especially well on hot days.



No, I would not put chocolate sauce in my cabernet sauvignon, but adding a little water or an ice cube isn't very invasive.

Decades ago, I knew a woman who added a little sugar to her bone-dry white wine. It made her happy. The "sour" wine was \$1.99 a bottle, and adding a bit of sugar gave her a palatable drink that was satisfying. (I do not do this!)

There is a history here. For the last 70 years or so, a drink from France called kir has been a popular aperitif. When a white wine is too tart, a tiny dose of either creme de cassis, a blackberry liqueur, or occasionally some other fruit-flavored brandy makes a delightful kir.

This same tactic also works to enliven the neutral taste of inexpensive, ordinary sparkling wines. Such drinks are called Kir Royales.

As for wines that are too soft and lack acidity, I simply chill them further or add acid

back into them.

It's easy to determine if a wine is balanced for our palates: Just take a sip. If it seems flabby and/or sweet, one trick I've used is to add a tiny bit of citric acid to each glass.

Citric acid is inexpensive and may be found in stores that cater to home canners. A quarter teaspoon of citric acid stirred into a four-ounce glass won't change the aroma or taste of a wine, but it will make it a bit crisper, allowing it to work better with food.

Also, some restaurants serve red wines far too warm, so we often ask for an ice bucket. The idea is not to chill the red wine, just to get it closer to "cellar temperature," which is more appropriate for proper enjoyment.

I've often been chided by snooty waiters, who think I'm a heathen for wanting my red wine "chilled." I ignore such ignorance. (I've tried educating them, but that too often fails miserably.)

Wine of the Week: 2020 Rodney Strong Rose of Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley (\$25): Delicate aromas of stone-fruit florals, blossoms and cherries, and a relatively dry midpalate and finish. Serve chilled on a patio in summer. Often seen for less than \$20.

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Meatless weekday dinner Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Meat is a staple in my house. One night a week, I put my foot down and make them eat a vegetarian meal.

In this dish, the sweet potatoes and black beans are a perfect match. They are paired with pickled red onions, crunchy red cabbage and a smooth, citrusy lime crema.

I prefer flour tortillas. Use corn if that's what you like. There are a few extra components to this dish but I promise that they're easy. If you don't have ancho chili powder, double up on regular chili powder. I just want to inspire you all to cook!



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Fresh cilantro	2 tbsp brown sugar
Lime Crema	Pinch of salt and pepper
Spice Mix	Heat the vinegar and sugar together until they boil and the sugar dissolves. Pour over the onions in a medium sized glass bowl. Cover with plastic wrap for at least 15 minutes.
1 tsp each of garlic powder, onion powder, chili powder, ancho chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper	
¼ tsp cayenne pepper	
Pickled Red Onion	Lime Crema
	2/3 cups sour cream
1 medium red onion sliced thin	Zest and juice of 1 lime
	Pinch of salt
¼ cup apple cider vinegar	Mix to combine.

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SEE MENU

Amoritas Vineyards announces new Father's Day promotion

Flying in the face of the stereotype that Moms drink wine and Dads like beer, the Amoritas Vineyards team decided to celebrate Father's Day with a Beef Jerky and Wine promotion.

The promotion runs June 18 - 20, and costs \$18 (\$8 for Wine Club Members). While some might consider it a knee jerk reaction to pair a three-glass flight with beef jerky, the idea of three different jerks facing off in a wine-centric competition was too tempting to resist.

The beef jerky comes from Dock Side Market, Deering's Meat Market and Max Bauer, all of Traverse City.

"What started out as a joke turned into a surprising discovery after I brought a selection of jerkies to one of our staff meetings," noted Grosse Pointe born Matthew Goodell, one of the owners and CJP (Chief Jerky Procurer). "The jerky paired remarkably well

with a broad range of our wines."

Amoritas Vineyards staff will pair a three glass flight with three different jerkies, and each participant can vote on which jerky they like the best. Those who vote

for the most popular jerky will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to the winning provider.

Go to amoritasvineyards.com to reserve a spot for this crowd-pleasing event.

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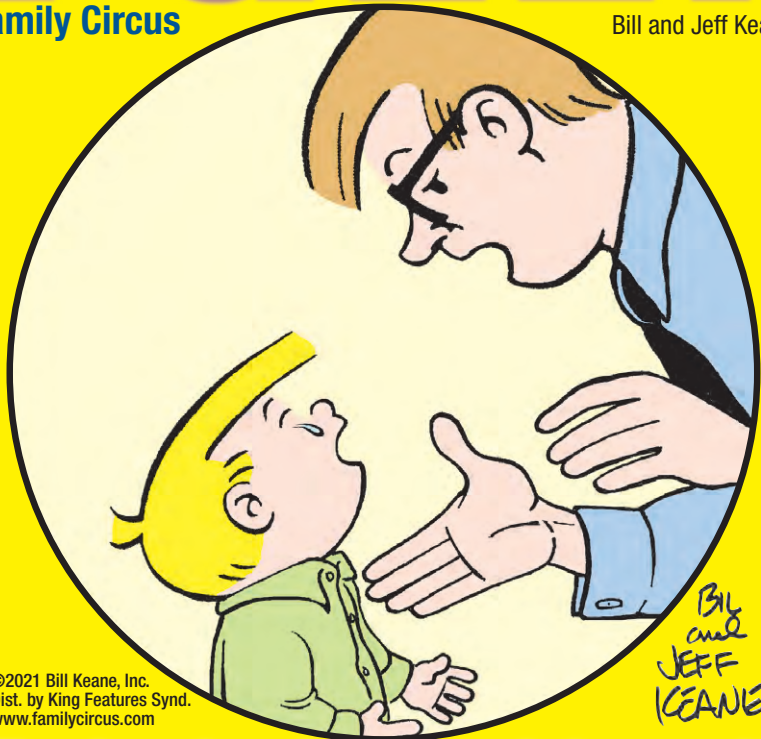
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“How do you know I’m going to pinch your neck?
I haven’t even started to **BUTTON** it yet!”

Garfield

Jim Davis



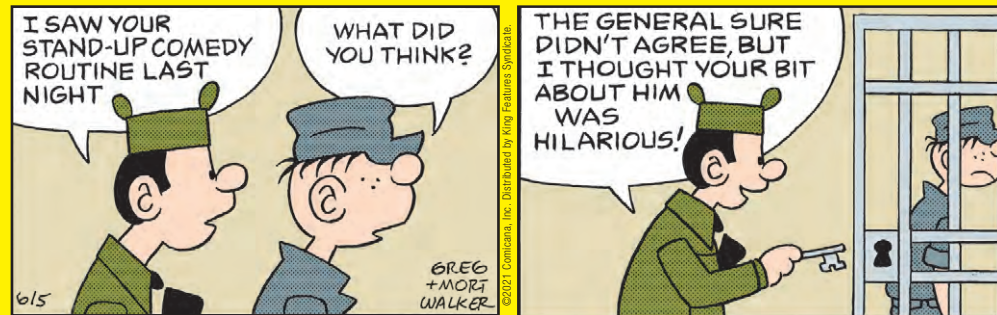
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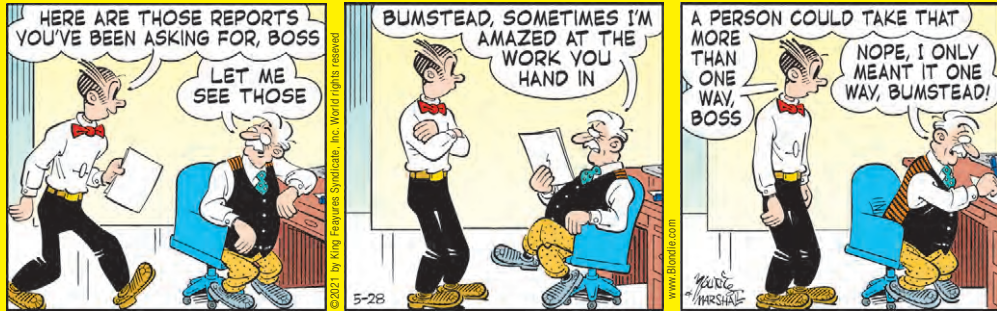
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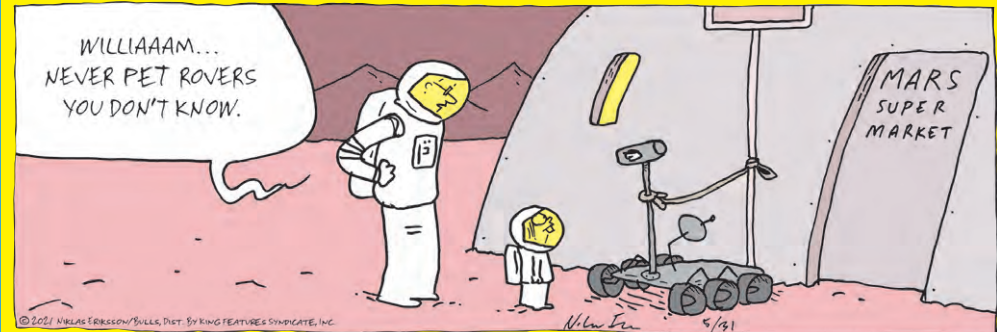
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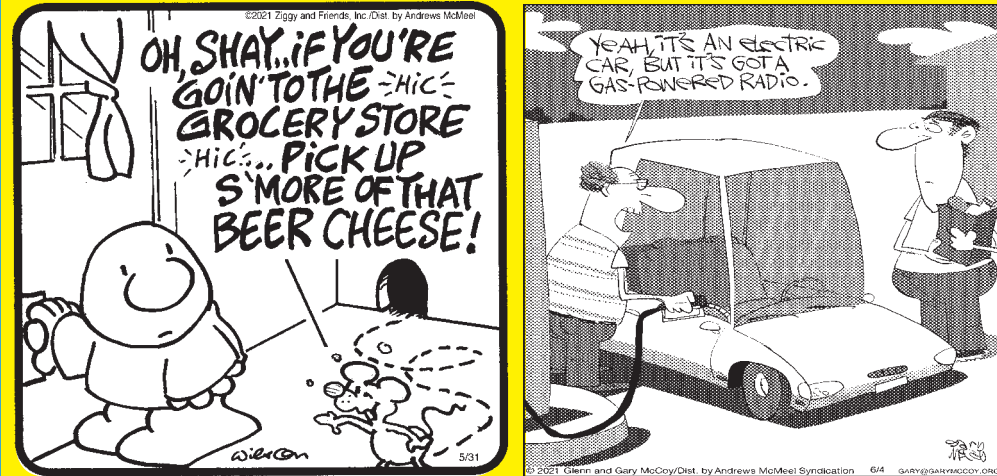


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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6/17

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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6/10

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 17, 2021

ACROSS

- Ethane or methane
- Move like a supermodel
- Little League gloves
- Play a part, or part of a play
- Give an address
- Allergy season sound
- Vote in favor
- French city known for its mustard
- Commit to memory
- Leftover bit
- Part of an Instagram feed
- One may be sprayed on
- Easy-_____
- Oven
- French wine valley
- Like an uncleaned barbecue
- Standing upon
- Grp. that monitors pollution
- Diva's chance to shine
- Weightiness
- Lion's lair
- '60s Supreme Court justice Abe
- Dreamed big
- Flips one's lid
- Type that's not upstanding?
- Texas Longhorn's sound

- Clear on a snowy day?
- Vampire's target
- Use a plus sign
- _____ known as
- Secretly emails
- Be part of reality
- Toonie, e.g.
- Crossword solver's cry
- Organization that seeks pledges?
- Not subtle
- Cyclist
- "Jerry Maguire" director
- Cameron
- _____ sum
- Alternative to Advil
- Doctrine
- Peron
- who was Argentina's first lady
- Change back to zero
- They stink
- Roulette color

DOWN

- Like Alvin Ailey or Lil Nas X
- Gets 100% on an exam
- IHOP offering
- Word after "club" or "cream"
- Sandwich that shares a name with an apartment building style
- "The Big Bang Theory" astrophysicist

- Like a perfect world
- George Michael, vocally
- Ingredient in the candy Whoppers
- Champagne bucket filler
- "Not sure it's possible," or an observation about 3-, 5- or 23-Down
- Bat mitzvah text
- Young fella
- Cold-blooded critters
- One may contain crab legs
- Faith founded in Persia
- Column with a view
- Where planes can fly
- Expensive eggs

- Second most common blood type
- Affix, as a patch
- The Cars' Ocasek
- Jupiter and Saturn
- Headwaiter
- Literary king of the elephants
- Santiago's country
- Crafter's knife brand
- Lose sleep (over)
- Docs for dachshunds
- Day before the big day
- Anti-war activist Yoko
- Longtime satirical magazine

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Solution to 6/3

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Chow Down by Daniel Grinberg

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Comics

Peanuts
Charles M. Schulz

Kitten Kaboodle was a lazy cat. Actually, all cats are lazy.

Kitten Kaboodle was also ugly, stupid and completely useless.

But, let's face it, aren't all cats ugly, stupid and completely useless?

I LOVE WRITING ANTI-CAT STORIES!

Hagar The Horrible
Dik Browne and Chris Browne

TAKE THIS INSIDE ?

OKAY, BUT I USUALLY DON'T TAKE GARBAGE INTO THE HOUSE

I GET IT. YOU HATE VEGETABLES!

The Lockhorns
Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

"CAN IT WAIT UNTIL I'M DONE PRETENDING TO READ THE PAPER?"

Crankshaft
Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis

WHERE'S THE NEWSPAPER?

THEY ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WEREN'T GOING TO BE ANY HOME DELIVERIES ON MONDAY'S OR TUESDAY'S, REMEMBER?

NO PAPER? HOW AM I GOING TO EAT MY BREAKFAST?

Crock
Created by Bill Rechlin and Brant Parker

UNCLE EARL GOT FIRED FROM HIS JOB AT THE CHICKEN PLANT

THEY CAUGHT HIM STEALING CHICKEN PARTS AND SELLING THEM FROM HIS HOUSE

HOW WAS HE CAUGHT?

WHEN THE COPS KNOCKED, HE ANSWERED 'WHITE OR DARK MEAT?'

F Minus
Tony Carrillo

YOU KNOW, I CONSIDER IT AN INVASION OF PRIVACY WHEN YOU READ MY BODY LANGUAGE.

Wumo
Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler

WOW. This is insane. That fakir is lying on Lego blocks! Imagine the pain!

B.C.
Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni

WOOSH

THAT REMINDS ME. I'VE GOT YOGA THIS AFTERNOON...

Mother Goose and Grim
Mike Peters

THEY ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT MY NEW, EXPLOSIVE TELL-ALL BOOK

Reality Check
Dave Whamond

SOME PHARMACISTS JUST LIKE TO MESS WITH US:

THE VACCINE MICROCHIP WON'T INSTALL OR TAKE FULL EFFECT UNTIL YOU RESTART

JUST CLICK YOUR NOSE & FOLLOW THE PROMPTS...

Bizarro
Dan Piraro and Wayno

Let's go, or we'll be late for the heist. And stop that giggling.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

ARREST ME

Close To Home
John McPherson

SPLAT! SPLAT! SPLAT! SPLAT!

BRAP!

"Yes, indeed! It sure is great that you saved us the \$65 installation cost for the new garbage disposal."

Marmaduke
Paul & Brad Anderson

MEAT DELIVERY

"Marmaduke knows the meat delivery schedule better than I do."

Grosse Pointe News

SUMMER FUN

STARTS

HERE



Exciting new calendar keeps Pointers apprised of local happenings all year!

Summer is just a smooth breeze away, so it's time to start dotting your calendar with the season's choice local events. There is much to do this year as Grosse Pointers eagerly get out and about again.

From fairs to music, kid events to grownup date nights, the area caters to a variety of entertainment interests. Here's a sampling of some of the summer fun. Starting this week, the Grosse Pointe News now

has a complete, robust online calendar to help you stay on top of the best happenings in your neighborhood through the summer and beyond. Check out full event details at grossepointenews.com/calendar.

JUNE

17 Mad Science of Detroit presents "Tails & Tales" at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Library. Learn about animals' amazing features by exploring how they move, see and evade predators with defenses like toxic venom, gooey slime and more.

18 Dave McMurray at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe | 97 Kercheval Grosse Pointe.

Jurassic Quest Drive Thru at 11 a.m. at DTE Energy Music Theatre through Sunday, July 4. Over 70 MOVING and ROARING dinosaurs, including all your favorites. Tickets will be sold ONLINE ONLY at JurassicQuest.com.

19 2021 African American Leadership Awards Celebrates Juneteenth 6 p.m. at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts at 350 Madison St. Detroit.

Chalk the Walk 8 a.m. at the Ford House | 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Decorate our many paved pathways at Ford House.

Life Ain't Like The Movies Premiere at 7 p.m. | 211 South Old Woodward Avenue at the Birmingham Theatre. This will be a black tie event. Dress to impress.

Thrift Shop Cowboys at Cabbage Patch Saloon 8 p.m. 15130 Mack Ave. Grosse Pointe Park.

21 Kids Club Summer Break Week 1 at 9 a.m. at the Neighborhood Club | 17150 Waterloo St., Grosse Pointe. Get kids on the move with swimming, playing active games!

22 Story Studio at Ford House 1100 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores. Join us for a new story and art project each week.

26 Maker Studio: Reverse Glass Painting 1 p.m. at the Ford House 1100 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores. Try your hand at the art of reverse glass painting.

28 Chef's Wine Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Khom Fai Thai Dining Experience | 48856 Romeo Plank Rd. in Macomb. Join Chef for dinner.

JULY

06 Stream Science at 1 p.m. Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm | 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills. Free, donations appreciated.

07 Total Strength & Stretch 5:30 p.m. at Ford House | 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Space will be limited to ensure safe social distancing for all. You must register in advance.

Sheila E at 7 p.m. The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre | 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit.

08 Myth Crackers with the Howell Nature Center at 4 p.m. This Grosse Pointe event is offsite. Are owls truly wise? Do turtles come out of their shells? A fun investigation into common animal myths. Registration is required.

12 Pocket Friend or Fiend - Sloth or Zombie Kit. Offsite, Grosse Pointe. Sign up to receive materials, sewing instructions and a video to follow along. Registration required. Kits will be available to pick up from the Central Library starting 7/12.

15 E. Warren Farmers Market starting at 3 p.m. | 16835 East Warren Avenue, Detroit.

19 Fore The Helm Golf Outing at 7 a.m. 1018 Sunningdale Dr. in Grosse Pointe Woods. Lochmoor Club. www.helmlife.org.

22 10th European American Networking & Wine Tasting 6 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall at 350 Estate Dr., Rochester.

30 Detroit Whiskey Festival starts at 6 p.m. at Eastern Market located at 2934 Russell St., Detroit.

31 Movie Nights in the D: Nomadland at 8 p.m. at Campus Martius Park, 800 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. The whole family can enjoy super first-rate, award-winning films on the big screen during our free outdoor movie series. Bring your own chair or blanket. Popcorn is available for purchase.

Cadieux Cafe Presents: Jim McCarty and Mystery Train at 7 p.m. at the Cadieux Cafe | 4300 Cadieux Road, Detroit.

AUGUST

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10 Green Day, Fall Out Boy and Weezer at 7 p.m. at Comerica Park | 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

11 Dave Matthews Band 7:30 p.m. at DTE Energy Music Theatre, Detroit.

12 Piquette Summer Craft Fair at 7:30 p.m. 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit.

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14 Corvettes America, displayed at 5935 Clarkston Road in Clarkston. 20th anniversary celebration. One of the largest all Corvette shows within a 200 mile radius of Detroit! Rain or shine. www.corvettesamerica.org.

Kenny Chesney: Chillaxification Tour at 5 p.m. Ford Field at 2000 Brush St., Detroit.



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By Meg Blondin Leonard
Guest Writer

GROSSE POINTE – It all comes down to the thrill of the grill. That’s what countless dads throughout Grosse Pointe said fires them up as they make preparations to wow their families with a Father’s Day feast, hot off of the coals.

But for a select set of local dads, becoming a killer grill master is a passion not exclusive to the third Sunday in June — it’s a year-round labor of love. For Michael Bartoszewicz of Grosse Pointe Farms, grilling is a skill he learned early on from his dad. As the eighth child in a family of nine siblings, Bartoszewicz took to the barbecue when his friends would come over hungry.

“Coming from such a big family, my mom would always have hamburgers in our freezer,” he said. “My friends could always count on coming over and me grilling them ‘Michael Burgers’ in high school.”

Today, Bartoszewicz’s culinary range has become rather sophisticated. He rotates cooking steaks, ribs, lamb chops, stuffed jalapeno peppers and pork tenderloin on his gas grill; pulled pork in his smoker; turkey in a deep fryer; and burgers, hot dogs and seafood on a hibachi he bought in San Diego for \$8 while stationed in the Navy in 1986.

“Grilling just reminds me of the outdoors, summertime, the park, picnicking and family,” he said. “When it comes to food, everybody wins.”

For one particular dad in town, however, becoming a master grill master has taken time and practice, sometimes at the expense of his family’s taste buds.

Take Andy Bedsworth of the City of Grosse Pointe, who only started grilling after he got married in 2000. Roughly four years ago, Bedsworth said he believes his wife, Christy, along with their four kids, ran a sort of “barbecue intervention” on him. “They bought me a smoker for Father’s Day,” he said. “I saw it more as an intervention to stop me from grilling, more than a gift. Basically my family was saying, ‘Your grilling sucks.’ “I was blindsided by the bad reviews.”

Wife Christy confirmed her family’s motivation. “Andy would try to create his own apparatus on the grill to capture that smoky flavor and it just didn’t work,” she said. “We would start to smell the grill around dinner time and say, ‘Oh my gosh, is he doing that again?’”

Self-deprecating humor aside, his family now enjoys Bedsworth’s creations, especially his ribs, chicken and potatoes. “I have improved since the intervention,” Bedsworth said, who estimates he now barbecues at least two times a week in the summer months. “I read articles and follow directions a little more closely.

“I just like the process. When you do it right, it takes all day. You get to be outdoors and hang out in your back yard.”

Is there anything Bedsworth doesn’t enjoy grilling? “It’s a little tough to finish your beer before the tilapia is already cooked,” he said.

City of Grosse Pointe’s Steve Young, also a dad and prolific grill master, is a friend of Bedsworth. It was Young’s grilling knowledge and adept hand at using a smoker that influenced the Bedsworth family’s Father’s Day gift.

Stuffed burgers a new spin on an old American classic

Barbecue season has arrived! It’s fun to expand your culinary horizons over the open flame of a grill with a new take on a traditional favorite.

Herb Cheese-Stuffed Garlic Burgers

Makes 6 servings
2 lbs lean ground beef chuck
2 tbsp chopped garlic
1/2 tsp kosher salt
1/4 tsp ground black pepper
3 tbsp herbed garlic cream cheese, such as Boursin
6 hamburger buns, split
Oil for coating grill grate

The Grill

Gas: Direct heat, medium-high 425F to 450F; clean, oiled grate.

Charcoal: Direct heat, light ash; 12-by-12-inch charcoal bed (about 3 dozen coals); clean, oiled grate on lowest setting. Heat the grill as directed.

Using your hands, mix the beef, garlic, salt, and pepper in a bowl until well blended. Form into 12 patties 1/2-inch thick.

Put about 1 1/2 tsp of cream cheese directly in the center of each of the 6 patties; top with the



remaining patties and press together, taking care to seal the edges well. Refrigerate the burgers.

Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the burgers on the grill, cover and cook for 9 minutes, flipping after 5 minutes, for medium (150F, slightly pink). Add a minute per side for well-done (160F). Enjoy!

You know the grill

Local dads impress with BBQ culinary skills



Far left, Andy Bedsworth captains the coals while Matt Blythe waits to enjoy some hot dogs, burgers, chicken or fish right off the grill.

Left, Michael Bartoszewicz grills up a full rack of chicken thighs for sons Matthew (left) and Chase (right). He enjoys working with a gas grill, hibachi, deep fryer or smoker, depending on the meat he is preparing.

Along with Young’s legendary chicken wings on the smoker and a charred New York strip, done rare on the grill, he is known among family and friends for his brisket. Brisket, Bedsworth said, is something every dad works up to attempting and is a dish Young has perfected.

“It’s considered ‘the Super Bowl’ of meats” to master in a smoker, Bedsworth said. Young concurred.

“It took me six or seven tries before it was edible. Now, everyone loves it, until I walk inside and you can smell me,” Young said, who owns a 22-inch, two-rack charcoal and wood fire smoker.

A fan of using a hickory rub, Young injects this brisket with apple cider vinegar along with the surprising ingredient of soda pop (“Whatever we have in the house,” he said.). He lets it sit in the fridge 24 hours, before beginning the all-day affair of smoking it the next day.

Young’s son, Alex, a sixth grader at Brownell Middle School, said his dad keeps a recipe book of sorts to continue improving his craft. “My dad takes notes about how things turned out,” he said. “He’ll write things like, ‘I cooked this one for three hours on medium heat, but next time, I’ll try a lower heat.’

“But I think the main reason my dad grills is to help my mom not to have to cook as much,” he added.

Another dad planning to chill and grill on Father’s Day is Andy Vyletel of Grosse Pointe Shores.

A year-round grill master, Vyletel said he loves using his four-burner Weber grill to make family favorites like steaks, sausage, peppers and onions, and corn in the husk. He also enjoys watching shows like the Food Network’s “BBQ Pitmasters” and Chef Bobby Flay’s barbecue competitions.

But he said his main inspiration comes from childhood when watching his dad work the grill. “Most Sundays, my dad would get T-bone steaks and I was just fascinated by the process,” Vyletel said. “He was really into it. He would spray the meat with apple cider vinegar and water from a spray bottle to prevent flame ups. I got to flip the steaks, so he got me involved and I loved it.”

Vyletel said he does not mind helping out friends who are less than enthusiastic about sweating over a hot grill. “We all know that look in a dad’s eye when you walk into a barbecue and they want to hand the spatula over to you,” he said chuckling.

One thing all the dads agreed on was the importance of proper hydration while grilling.

“Cold beer is an essential item to incorporate,” Young said. “Anything cold is required,” Bartoszewicz added.

Most of the dads also voiced an interest in trying a new challenge, whether it’s getting into the smoker game for Vyletel, who just ordered a Traeger Ironwood 650 smoker, or for Bedsworth who joked, “I haven’t barbecued a squirrel in a while.”

But ultimately, the process, final product and tradition involved with grilling is what these dads appreciate most. “My dad and grandfather all grilled. I just grew up around it,” Young said.

“Every Sunday, they fired up the charcoal on a Weber grill. It’s what the dads in my family did.

“There’s a nostalgia aspect, but I also love being outside and doing the experimentation. I also love the satisfaction of creating a meal that my family enjoys.”

Where’s the beef?

Butcher recommends best meats for backyard grilling

For Nathan Mansour, meat and seafood manager at Village Market, there’s likely not a more fun time to be a butcher than around Father’s Day.

“We are always busy, but obviously with Father’s Day, everyone is grilling,”

Mansour said customers buy the gamut of foods to put on the grill, including kebobs, chicken breasts and seafood. But steaks continue to top the list. The most popular cuts of steaks he sells are:

- **Choice:** a leaner cut of steak for those who like less fat.

- **Dry-aged:** a process where after meat is sealed 25 days, it “dry-ages” in a temperature-controlled cooler with salt blocks 45 more days. Mansour said the process breaks down the fat so the steak “tastes like butter” when cooked.

- **Wagu:** a cut of meat that is higher in fat, which results in better flavor.

- **Prime:** a type of meat produced from young, well-fed beef cattle, with a lot of fat interspersed in the cut, called “marbling.”

Mansour estimates at least 50 percent of his customers ask him for cooking tips when making their purchases. He highly recommends using olive oil to tenderize any meat.

“I use olive oil, salt and pepper when I grill,” he said. “No searing, and I bring it to an internal temp of 110 degrees. Comes out perfect every time.”

Village Market is located at 18330 Mack, in Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information and store hours, call (313) 882-2530 or visit villagemarket.net online.





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It's 'game on' as bass, pike, muskie and more take the bait

The first-ever Grosse Pointe News Inshore Fishing Classic is in full swing, drawing seasoned anglers as well as newbies thrilled with the excitement of their first catch. Adult and kid divisions have weekly and grand prizes for catching the longest fish from the shoreline. Rain or shine, true fisherman aren't discouraged from casting their lines and seeing what awaits. For full contest rules and a complete list of prizes, visit grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic/rules.



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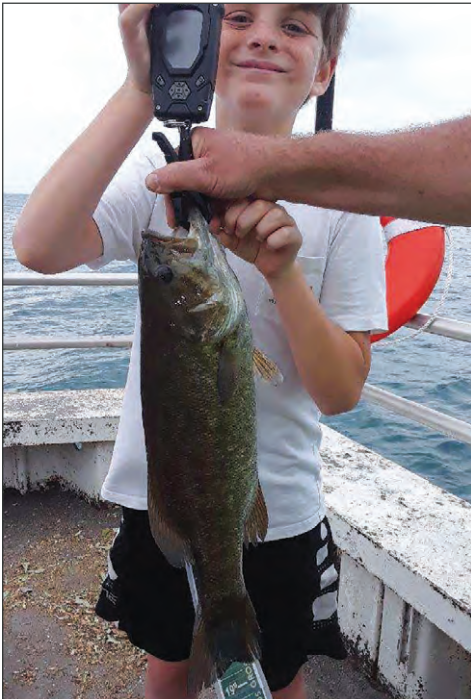
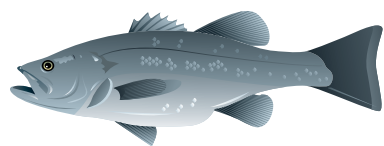
Above, Ella Jo Schomer, age 9, reeled in an 18" redhorse from the dock at Harsen's Island.



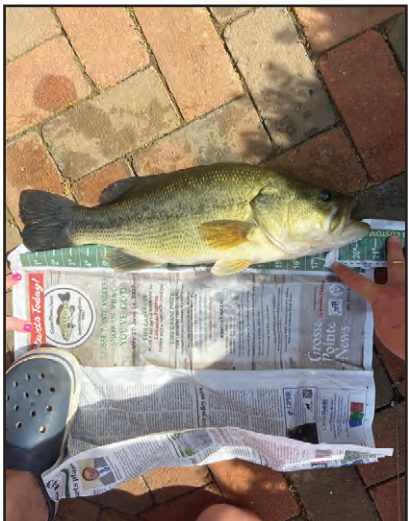
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Above, a well-stocked tackle box is a true sportsman's treasure chest.

At right, Graham Welsch, age 9, from Grosse Pointe Farms, snagged this beautiful 14.25" large mouth bass off the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier.



Above, It's all in the family with fishermen Patrick Clark, age 12, and Bob Clark. Patrick's 18.5" bass and Bob's 16.5" bass are both healthy specimens of the small mouth breed found in Lake St. Clair.



Above, this 19.75" large mouth bass was caught at Pier Park by Tom Kolojeski, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Last week's winners

Each weekly division winner receives \$100 and a \$25 gift certificate to:

Lakeside Fishing Shop

Weekly division winners are also entered to win the \$500 GRAND PRIZE!

DIVISION A
12 and under



Henry Logan
Grosse Pointe Farms
21" Pike

DIVISION B
13 - adult



Brian Thompson
Grosse Pointe Farms
24" Pike

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This week's RAFFLE WINNERS:
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- Patrick Clark



Above, Brian Thompson with his 24" pike, caught off of the pier in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lakeside Fishing Shop

FISHING REPORT

Bass action all over the shoreline. Muskies reported near the GPS park/GPYC. Walleyes still coming in near the Detroit River. Lakeside Fishing Shop is loaded to the gills with jigs and even have a kayak for sale - buy one and get a free paddle & life jacket!

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“Prince Avalanche”
2013 - 1hr 34min

The buddy film is one of my favorite genres. So many classic ones come to mind. “Midnight Cowboy”. “Thelma & Louise”. “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid”. Gee, they all seem to be dark films. Well, that’s not the case with “Prince Avalanche”. It’s a charming indie film that deserves a five-star rating. (Yes, I indeed own a copy). I decided to rewatch it recently to see if it’s held up and it certainly does.

After a series of disastrous fires decimate Texas in 1987, the state began the huge task of rebuilding. This included repaving its roads and highways. So Alvin (Paul Rudd) and Lance (Emile Hirsch) leave their lives, and their girlfriends in the city to work out in the country, restriping the roads. Talk about a couple of misfits.

Alvin is a quiet, studious type who’s constantly reading and trying to better himself. Lance is a younger kid who’s still sowing his wild oats. Alvin got Lance the job because he’s dating his sister. What a dream job. The two work and camp out in the sticks and are totally unsupervised. What young person wouldn’t want a dream job like that?

Needless to say, the two have lots of time for conversation. Their discussions range from picking

up girls to the meaning of life, and everything in between. As you’d expect, the writing is exceptional. There are times you want to replay parts of the movie to hear something you might have missed.

While the film is certainly dialogue heavy, there are plenty of amusing antics as well. The duo tangle and bicker, and there’s one incredible scene where they go on an epic bender that borders on an acid trip.

I thought their chemistry was remarkable, especially when you consider they’re pretty much the only ones on screen for 95% of the movie. A couple of minor characters make brief appearances. But the movie would be just as entertaining without them.

The writer and director, David Gordon Green is better known for films like “Pineapple Express” and “Snow Angels”, but this one certainly deserves wider recognition. And it’s from Magnolia Pictures—just about everything I’ve ever seen from them has been outstanding. I always keep my eye out for their films!

Streaming on Kanopy.com.

★★★★★

My rating system:

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

★★ So-so. Not a total



waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

While I watch a lot of streaming movies, this column will feature those offered by Kanopy.com.

If you’re not familiar with this great service, it’s offered through the Grosse Pointe Public Library system with your library card. Sign up online in less than a minute, then stream six movies a month for free.

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

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



From left to right, Emile Hirsch and Paul Rudd.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 9 p.m. Pacific time. The Moon is in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 17, 2021:

You are witty, entertaining, creative and adaptable. You have a debonair, outgoing style, and yet you are a serious person with serious concerns. You can be impulsive. In a nine-year cycle, you are now in a one year, which means this a time of fresh beginnings and new starts. Be receptive to all possibilities. Open any door!.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today you are aware of your health. Or perhaps your pet. (Woof!) More likely, you will have to work for the benefit of someone else, and, furthermore, you might not get credit for what you’re doing. (Whaaat?) Bummer. Tonight: Patience.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This is a relatively easy-going day. If you can, schmooze with others. You’re also interested in the arts, music, movies and fun outings. Romance will be more passionate and involved today. You also feel protective of someone. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Today you want to retire by yourself in a private place because it feels good. It’s the perfect day for some navel gazing or pleasant relaxation in a private way. (You might realize how much your habits dictate your life.) Tonight: Domesticity.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

In conversations with others today, you feel the need to establish an emotional bond. You want the real thing -- the nitty-gritty.

You don’t want superficial chitchat. You need a meaningful conversation. Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Anyone? Tonight: Be curious..

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

You might identify with your possessions today, which is why you might want to show something off. Or perhaps you won’t lend something to someone because it’s too precious. You’re focused on your money today, which is why you are also more aware of your spending habits. Tonight: Watch your spending.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today you feel more emotional than usual -- no question. You are emotionally giving and also emotionally demanding. This is because you feel a strong need to relate to others today. Note: It’s good to know that your luck is slightly better today, which is why you can ask the universe for a favor. Tonight: Explore.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your pace has been a tad hectic and busy lately, which is why today you will welcome solitude in beautiful surroundings, preferably with a nice snack, something tasty. You will also have a chance to collect yourself and pull your act together before you take it on the road. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

A conversation with a friend, possibly a female, will be meaningful for you today. No doubt you will feel a bonding with this person that is reassuring to you. In fact, this increased trust or closeness will encourage you to share your dreams for the future with them. Why not? Tonight: Be friendly.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You should be aware of the fact that people notice you more than usual today. Do you need to do some damage control? Check your zipper? This is the kind of day where you might have a public argument with a loved one. (People can hear you hissing.) Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Because you long for some stimulation and adventure today, you want something to happen! You don’t want the same old, same old. Obviously, if you want a different result, you have to do something different to make this happen. Go someplace you’ve never been before. Meet people from different backgrounds. Tonight: Test new ideas.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Although this is a playful, fun-loving time for you, you can’t ignore business. What’s happening with your bank account and other red-tape matters? Take care of loose details or, at least, check them out so you know what’s happening. Tonight: Do homework.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today you have to be cooperative with others, especially those who are closest to you. Make nice with them. That’s because the Moon is opposite your sign. In two weeks, when the Moon is in your sign, they have to make nice with you. Tonight: cooperate.

BORN TODAY

Actor Thomas Haden Church (1960), actress Rebecca Breeds (1987), actor Greg Kinnear (1963).

Contract Bridge

CARD-READING

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 5 2
♥ J 10 2
♦ A 9
♣ Q 9 3

WEST
♠ 8 7 6
♥ 9 7 6 3
♦ Q J
♣ 10 8 7 2

EAST
♠ A K 4
♥ 4
♦ 8 7 3 2
♣ A K J 5 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 3
♥ A K Q 8 5
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 6

The bidding:
East 1 ♣ South 1 ♥ West Pass North 2 ♥
Pass 4 ♥
Opening lead — two of clubs.

One of the keys to good card play is the step-by-step process by which declarer gradually learns how the adverse cards are distributed and then proceeds to take full advantage of this knowledge.

Consider this deal played by Bob Hamman, one of the world’s top players, in a match some years ago between Australia and the United States.

West led a club, won by East with the jack, and East cashed the king of spades before continuing with the ace of clubs. Hamman ruffed and played

the queen of spades, taken by East with the ace.

East led a third round of clubs, ruffed by South, leaving Hamman in a position where he had already lost three tricks and West — although Hamman did not yet know it — held four trumps to his three.

Had Hamman decided to draw the opposing trumps at this stage, hoping to take the rest of the tricks on the assumption that the trumps were divided 3-2, he would have failed in his mission. Instead, he cashed the K-A of diamonds in that order, bringing forth West’s Q-J.

Hamman now had solid grounds for suspecting that the trumps were divided 4-1. West had shown up with just two diamonds, at most four clubs (he had led the deuce at trick one) and probably had three spades, judging from the earlier spade plays.

So Hamman played dummy’s spade jack at trick eight and discarded a diamond, finding the suit divided 3-3, as he had expected.

He then cashed the ace of trump and proceeded to make the last four tricks on a crossruff, trumping dummy’s 10-9 of spades with the K-Q of trump, and his 10-6 of diamonds with the J-10 of trump. In the process, West’s apparently certain trump trick — which would have come into its own had Hamman drawn any more than one round of trump — simply disappeared.

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by Steve Becker

Classic

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I’ve read many letters in your column from children who wonder how to get elderly parents to quit driving. I need to tell you about my dad. On his 89th birthday, he was still driving and doing a good job of it. His request for his birthday was that I go with him for a ride and buy him a cup of coffee. We had a wonderful time together.

When we arrived home, he handed me the car keys and said, “I’ve driven more than 70 years and have never had an accident, and now, it’s time to quit.” It was his birthday, but what a gift he gave to us.

You can sign this letter -- Proud To Be Rudy’s Daughter, Jamestown, N.Y.

Dear Jamestown: What a sweetheart your dad is. I hope his example will encourage other elderly

drivers to do likewise. It would be the best gift their concerned children could ever receive.

Dear Ann Landers: Two weeks ago, when I came home from the supermarket, I found a note from my husband saying there was too much pressure in his life and he needed to get away. I immediately checked our bedroom and found that all his clothes were gone.

A few days later, I learned he already had another apartment and a new phone number, which proved he had been planning his escape for quite some time. I had an awful feeling of betrayal when I realized that the person I had been sleeping next to for so many years would plan to sneak off and leave me without saying a word.

The note he left said he would contact me in a few days. It has been nearly a week, and I haven’t heard from him. My friends tell me I should phone him and find out exactly what he has in mind, but I don’t want to do that. After all, he is the one who left, and I think he should make the first move. Please give me some advice. -- Confused in the Midwest

Dear Midwest: Don’t rush. Let the dust settle. Wait another week. If you don’t hear anything by then, call and tell him you need to know what his plans are so you can make yours.

You gave me no clue as to your age, how long you have been married or what your financial status is. If I knew more about your situation, I could be more helpful. Good luck.

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Knights punch ticket to East Lansing

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Following their district championship win against Detroit Edison, the University Liggett School Knights baseball team marched into the second week of playoffs looking to secure a spot in the state semifinals in East Lansing. After a dominant win over Detroit Cristo Rey in the regional semifinals Wednesday, Liggett picked up another pair of wins Saturday to claim a regional championship and advance to the final four.

Saturday's first contest saw the Knights facing off against Blissfield in the regional finals. Liggett found itself in its closest matchup of the playoffs so far against the Royals, with the game locked in a scoreless tie heading into the seventh inning.

In the top of the seventh, Liggett's Ryan Jones became the hero at the plate, knocking a two-RBI double to put the Knights in front 2-0. Blissfield was able to put runners on first and second in the bottom of the seventh, but a great



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Kurt Barr pitched seven shutout innings in the Regional championship against Blissfield.

defensive play by shortstop Jarren Purify secured a 2-0 win for the Knights.

"We kept grinding and grinding and we were leaving guys on base and we were doing the things we were supposed to do," Liggett coach Dan Cimini said following his team's regional championship victory. "We just

couldn't get a big hit, but Ryan Jones came through in a huge way for us and that's what we were waiting for."

The Knights also were helped in their regional title win by a shutout performance on the mound from Kurt Barr. Barr pitched a full seven innings allowing just three hits while striking out nine Royals hitters.

"We don't even get in that situation if it's not for Kurt Barr and the way he pitched today. He was phenomenal," Cimini said. "That's why we're here. Defense and pitching. We get some hitting — that's great — but that's why we're here and I'm proud of the boys."

The Knights had little time to celebrate with

their regional championship trophy before playing in the MHSAA Division 3 state quarterfinals, also Saturday. Liggett's state quarterfinal matchup saw the Knights taking on familiar CHSL foe Riverview Gabriel Richard. The Knights were victorious in all of their four previous matchups against the Pioneers this season

and Saturday was no different as Liggett punched its ticket to the final four with a 6-1 win.

Liggett got out to an early lead in the first inning with an RBI single by Oliver Service. The Pioneers evened things up at one run apiece in the bottom of the second, but the Knights were able to pull back out in front for good in the third.

Purify scored on a sacrifice fly hit by Matthew Greene, followed by Joey Randazzo stealing home and an RBI single from Jones giving the Knights a 4-1 lead. Liggett added two more runs to its lead in the top of the seventh with an RBI triple by Service and a sacrifice fly by Barr to secure the 6-1 victory.

The Knights advance to the state semifinals for the second season in a row and will face Buchanan Thursday at John H. Jobs Field in East Lansing. Liggett lost to Homer in the 2019 Division 3 state championship game, but is on the hunt for a fifth state title under Cimini after winning championships in 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Liggett finishes fourth, South 14th at golf state finals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After clinching spots in the state finals, the University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe South High School boys golf teams hit the course last week for their respective state final meets. Neither the Knights nor the Blue Devils were able to come away with a state championship, but the teams and golfers put together some great performances while competing amongst the best in the state.

Liggett traveled to The Meadows Golf Course in Allendale for the Lower Peninsula Division 3 State Finals. Grand Rapids Catholic Central emerged as the state champs, but the Knights put together a combined two-day score of 649, putting them in a tie with Ann Arbor's Gabriel Richard for fourth place.

Tommy Gebeck had the lowest combined

score for Liggett, shooting 76 on both days for a total of 152 that earned him a 10th place individual finish. Sean Sullivan shot 75 and 81 for a total of 156. Junior Jack Estes finished with 161, while Bennett French shot 180 and Matthew Holder had 193.

This state finals appearance was the second in a row for the Knights, who finished in second place in the Division 4 state championship in 2019.

South made the trip to East Lansing for the Lower Peninsula Division 1 Final. With a young team made up largely of sophomores and freshmen, the Blue Devils tallied a two-day total of 653 to earn a 14th place finish.

Freshman Brennan Sullivan had South's low combined total with 154. His 73 score on day two also was the lowest single-round score of the

tournament for the Blue Devils.

Corbin Ifkovits shot 79 and 85 for a combined total of 164. Alex Blyth finished with 167, and Thomas Ciconte had 168. Sophomore William Jordan and junior Jack Jones combined for 176.

"These boys worked so hard all season, earning their way to the highest level of competition available for high school golf," South coach Rob McIntyre said. "Making it to the state championship in Division 1 is an enormous accomplishment, one that every boy on this team should be very proud of. I'm proud of every one of them, especially for representing Grosse Pointe South with integrity and great sportsmanship."

This was South's 10th consecutive trip to the state finals. The Blue Devils finished second in 2019 and won the state championship in 2018.



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The Liggett Knights boys golf team finished in a tie for fourth place at the Division 3 state finals. From left: Matthew Holder, Jack Estes, Tommy Gebeck, Bennett French and Sean Sullivan.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTEN IFKOVITS

The Grosse Pointe South boys golf team finished 14th at the Division 1 state finals. From left: Tommy Ciconte, Brennan Sullivan, Will Jordan, Corbin Ifkovits, Alex Blyth and Jack Jones.

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Norsemen win Regional title, fall in quarterfinals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Heading into Saturday, the Grosse Pointe North baseball team looked to carry its strong playoff momentum into the regional finals and state quarterfinals. The Norsemen were able to add a regional championship trophy to go along with a district title, but their postseason run came to an end shortly after.

The Norsemen made the journey to Port Huron for the MHSAA Division 1 Regional final and state quarterfinals Saturday. North's first matchup of the day was a regional championship showdown against Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

In a largely evenly matched regional final, it took just one big inning for the Norsemen to secure a 4-0 shutout vic-

tory over the Cougars. Locked in a scoreless tie, North finally broke things open in the bottom of the fourth inning. Jake Tedesco got on base with a double and was brought in to score when Nic Good followed up with another double to put the first runs on the board.

Brennan Hill made it a trifecta of doubles and brought Good home from second to make it 2-0. Shortly after, North catcher Luke Babcock brought in a pair of runs with a single, giving the Norsemen a four-run lead that led them to lift the regional championship trophy.

The Norsemen were treated to another gem on the mound by Hill in the regional final. Through a complete seven innings, Hill allowed just three hits while recording 10 strikeouts.

After winning the

regional championship, the Norsemen faced a quick turnaround with a state quarterfinal meeting with Grand Blanc Saturday night. It was another close contest for North against the Bobcats, but the Norsemen's postseason run came to an end with a 2-0 defeat.

"I'm super proud. It's a journey to climb the mountain and it's not about where you start, it's where you end and sometimes the hardest steps are the ones in between," North coach David Martin said. "These guys have come out every day to just get better and better. We've had great starting pitching and getting timely hits during the playoffs starting to click at the right time. ... Obviously, we'd love to go farther, but baseball is that game where it's a great equalizer."

Grand Blanc took an early one-run lead in the bottom of the first inning. North's bats did not have as much success as in Saturday's first game, with the Norsemen unable to score despite managing four hits.

Despite his team's loss, Martin said he is thankful for the impact his players have had on him throughout the season.

"I've been coaching this game for 30-some-odd years in pro ball and college baseball and I've never had more fun around a team than right here in high school baseball," Martin said. "You think about the impact these young men make. It's why you keep coming back as a coach."

The Norsemen's regional championship win was its first since 2015, when they defeated Anchor Bay in the regional finals.

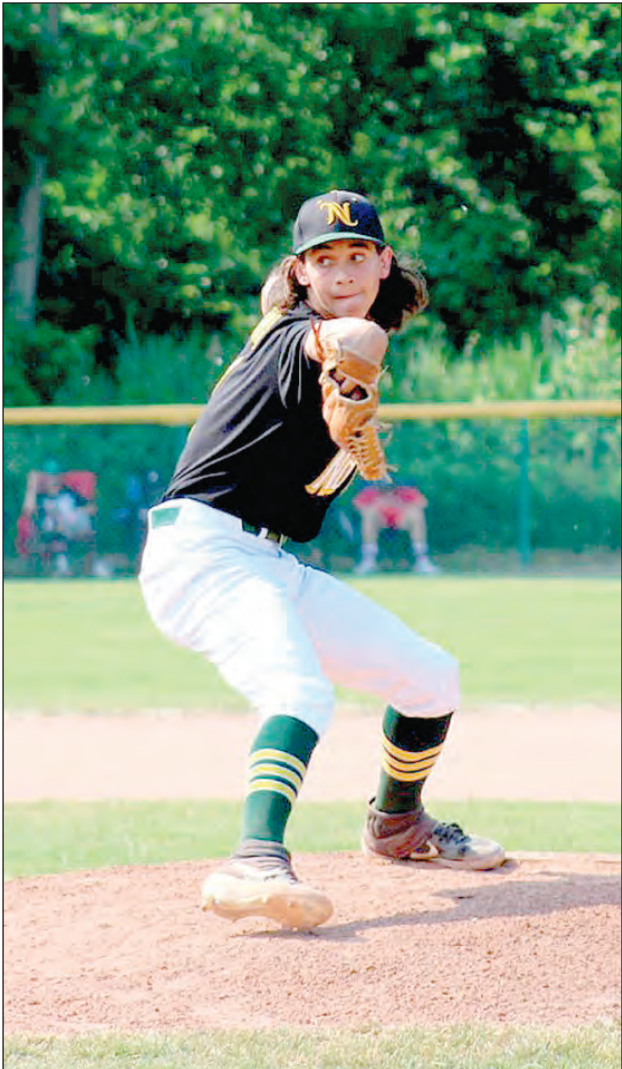


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North's Brennan Hill pitched a complete game shutout as the Norsemen defeated Stoney Creek in the Regional championship.

South baseball awards postseason honors

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With the season coming to a close for the Grosse Pointe South baseball team, some Blue Devils are beginning to collect postseason honors.

South's season came to an end in the first round of district playoffs with a 13-12 loss to St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

In a game that saw the Blue Devils losing a lead, then nearly coming back, South coach Dan Griesbaum has enough experience to know that sometimes that's just how baseball goes.

"It was one of those games where you just wonder what happened, but you just have to chalk it up to bad breaks and the baseball gods not being with you,"

Griesbaum said. One of the biggest moments in the playoff game against Lakeview was the unexpected appearance of South senior Jacob Harris. Harris was injured and not expected to play, but the captain suited up and entered the game in the late innings to try and help his team in the clutch.

"What he did coming



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Ryker Mazey was a MAC Red All-Conference selection.

on in that game was unlike anything I've ever seen before," Griesbaum said. "Guy breaks his nose the day before and then ends up saying, 'Coach, I want to come in and help the team' and promptly hits a double on the first pitch. He was amazing all year long and the guts he showed that day was really something."

This year, Harris earned Academic All-State honors alongside teammates Nate Stiyyer, Jordan Bruetsch and Leo Leone. Harris also was named to the MAC Red All-Conference team, as were Alex Tigges, Wells Graham and Ryker Mazey.

Mazey and Harris were two of South's senior captains this season, with Liam Kaiser the third. This year, Griesbaum said he is especially proud of the values his senior captains were able to demonstrate to the younger members of the roster.

"All three of them were very, very good captains and leaders and mentors who set an example for the younger players," he said.

With his outstanding year in the field at shortstop, Mazey earned the award from his team as best defensive player. After a remarkable senior season, Griesbaum holds Mazey

in high regard with the best he has coached.

"Mazey had one error all year long in 81 chances and he's no doubt the best defensive shortstop I've ever had," Griesbaum said. "He saved so many games and runs for us with his defense and people focus so much on offense. ... His defense was just automatic. Anything that was hit to him was going to be caught."

Mazey and Harris shared the award for team MVP. Graham was awarded best pitcher, Stiyyer was named most improved player and Harris was voted best offensive player.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Blue Devils senior captain Jacob Harris earned Academic All-State and MAC Red All-Conference honors.

South freshman baseball finishes season to remember

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The future is looking bright for Grosse Pointe South High School baseball after the Blue Devils Junior Varsity B, or "Freshman," team completed an extremely successful season. The team collected nearly 30 wins, but what stood out even more was the character of the players getting the job done on and off the field.

"It was kind of interesting to see some freshmen come in that were really mature as this group was," South JV B head coach Rich Smith said. "There was a cer-

tain amount of leadership right from the get-go. It was obvious very early on that we had some very good athletes and some very good leaders."

The young Blue Devils team was led by captains selected during the course of the season, including CJ Schervish, Andrew Huffman and Jack Kendall.

Throughout the season, the batch of young players learned to work together and emulate the values their coaches preached. That sort of character and love for the game is something that certainly shows among players who grow

up in a strong baseball community like the one that exists in the Pointes.

"It's something that Grosse Pointe South has and the Grosse Pointe baseball community has instilled in them," Smith said. "These kids understood a lot of these things we were telling them and maybe they were just nodding their heads at the time, but as the season went on they started to repeat these things."

The JV B Blue Devils finished 2021 with an impressive 28-4-1 record. To go along with a strong record on the diamond, the team also is showing a bright future in the classroom with a team



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Blue Devils freshman baseball team finished the season with an impressive 28-4-1 record.

grade-point average of more than 3.4.

As these players go on in their high school careers at South, Smith said he knows they will continue to build on the

bonds established during an incredible first season and can carry on the legacy of the Blue Devils baseball program.

"We have an extremely bright group of kids who

just love playing baseball and love each other," Smith said. "They played for each other and they were always willing to do what needed to be done."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE FOX

Former University Liggett football player Mike Fox now runs Detroit Thrive Training Systems.

Local trainer works with the pros

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Despite his background playing high school and college football, Mike Fox could have never predicted he would one day be training some of the most recognizable faces in sports. The Harper Woods resident and University Liggett School alum is the founder of Detroit Thrive, a training facility on Marseilles Street in Detroit, where clients come from around the state and country to train.

“I never really wanted to be a trainer,” Fox said. “I interned with my mentor in my sophomore or junior year of college in the weight room. ... It was just a summer job for me. I was working as an engineer and the owner called me into her office and asked me to train her son. By the end of the year, I was probably training 30 people from the company.”

Fox, a Detroit native, played football at Liggett before playing college at Boston University. He returned to Michigan after college and worked as an engineer, and even joined the teaching staff at Liggett, a place that still holds a special spot in his heart.

“I’m very grateful for

the friendships I established at Liggett and I talk to a lot of those people still today,” Fox said. “I definitely stood out. I know I did big time there dress-wise and whatnot, but I was never made to feel like an outsider and that’s why the place is still very special to me.”

Eventually, Fox did become a full-time trainer. Over the years, his training methods have attracted everyday clients and pro athletes from the NHL, NFL, MLB and NBA.

No matter the client, Fox centers his training around helping people reach their goals and show consistent improvement.

“It allows us to see clients and see people all the time, from start to finish,” he said, “and sometimes there’s no finish line and you like to see people just keep improving and keep improving. It became less about, ‘Oh, how do I look?’ and more of a lifestyle.”

Some of Fox’s clients include former Michigan Wolverines basketball captain Derrick Walton Jr. and former Michigan football tight end Khalid Hill. He also has worked with NHL skaters like Woods native Corey Tropp and football stars like the Chiefs’ Mike Danna and Seattle’s

Cedrick Lattimore.

“I’m blessed and I’m very happy because they can take their money and time and trust anywhere, but they choose to put it with me and I’m honored with that,” Fox said. “But it is a job and I don’t confuse friendships with my job and if they’re not performing, then what’s the purpose?”

Currently, some of Fox’s most notable clients include LaMelo, Lonzo and LiAngelo Ball. His relationship with the Ball family came to be because of his longtime friendship with LaMelo Ball’s manager, Detroit native Jermain Jackson.

Fox and Jackson met playing hoops against each other at rec centers, which led to Fox helping train Jackson for part of his professional basketball career. As Jackson remembered the benefits of Fox’s training, he brought some of the biggest names in basketball today to Detroit for Fox to work with.

“We started working out and he remembered how the training style was different and he said it prolonged his career by about five or six years,” Fox said. “He said, ‘I bet you can do the same thing for this kid’ and introduced me to LaMelo. ... Next thing you know, you have LaMelo here

and you have his brother, Gelo (LiAngelo) and the Zo (Lonzo) here.”

LaMelo Ball was drafted third overall by the Charlotte Hornets in the 2020 NBA Draft and averaged 15.7 points per game in his rookie year. Despite a wrist injury that sidelined him nearly a month, Ball is a finalist and odds-on favorite to win this year’s NBA Rookie of the Year award.

Ball’s move to North Carolina did not stop Fox, who relocated to Charlotte for the basketball season to continue working with the rookie. Continuing to work with Ball, especially through his injury, highlights one of the philosophies around which Fox centers his training.

“The recovery aspect of training is just as important as the actual training,” he said. “They played 72 games in 143 days. That’s a lot of wear and tear on the body. ... Prior to the injury he had, he was the only rookie who didn’t miss a game and that came from the preparation we put in all summer and fall getting his body ready.”

Detroit Thrive is located at 4300 Marseilles, off Mack Avenue. To learn more about in-person and virtual training sessions, visit Detroitthrive.com.

Knights softball postseason run ends in regionals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School Knights softball team looked to collect another trophy in 2021 Saturday at regionals. After claiming CHSL and district championships this season, the Knights’ fell just short of adding a regional title to their resume after winning in the semifinals but falling to Riverview Gabriel Richard in the finals. Liggett opened Saturday with a regional semifinal matchup against Detroit Cristo Rey. Despite finding themselves down by four runs after just the top of the first inning, the Knights rallied back with ease on their way to an 18-4 win.

Down 4-0 in the first inning, Kia Borum scored off of a wild pitch that began Liggett’s rally. The Knights continued piling on runs, with a two-RBI single from Safiya Butler putting them up 7-4 by the time the first frame ended.

In the second, Liggett scratched across nine more runs, followed by two more in the third to take a commanding victory in the semifinals. Eight of the Knights’ nine starters recorded at least one RBI, with

Natalia Dragovic leading the pack with four, while Butler and Victoria Nugent each had two.

Sasha Deimel was the starter on the mound for Liggett in the semifinals. Through three innings, she allowed four runs on five hits with three strikeouts.

The Knights advanced to the regional championship game Saturday where they faced a matchup with Riverview Gabriel Richard. After a dominant victory in the semifinals, Liggett was unable to keep its momentum rolling in the finals, falling to the Pioneers 12-2.

Gabriel Richard established an early lead, jumping ahead 3-0 after the first inning while adding six more runs to its lead in the second. The Pioneers made it 12 unanswered runs in the third. Liggett put its only pair of runs on the board in the fifth when Borum hit an RBI single, then came around to score later on a passed ball.

With the loss in the regional finals, Liggett’s postseason run came to an end. The Knights finish the year with an 18-12 record while winning the district championship and their first ever CHSL Cardinal Division championship.



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Mike Fox has trained several college and professional athletes, including 2021 NBA Rookie of the Year award nominee LaMelo Ball.



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A lifelong Wolverines fan, Blue Devils junior Joey Klunder has committed to play college football at the University of Michigan.

South’s Klunder commits to U-M

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Like countless other football players around the state, Joey Klunder grew up dreaming of running out of the tunnel and touching the banner at the Big House. Klunder’s dreams soon will be a reality as the Grosse Pointe South junior announced his commitment to play football for the Wolverines at the University of Michigan. “My whole family all went to Michigan and growing up, we always went to Michigan games,” Klunder said. “Going to the Big House is a core memory for me growing up and I always dreamed about playing for the Wolverines, so this was a dream come true.” Klunder, a junior defensive end for the Blue Devils, made his commitment to

Michigan as a preferred walk-on, meaning he is guaranteed a spot on the Wolverines’ roster despite not receiving an athletic scholarship right away. With offers from programs including Army West Point, Air Force Academy and Yale University, Klunder is confident he can have a big impact for the Wolverines in his future. “Earning a scholarship is still on the table and I’ve been successful my whole life betting on myself and that’s not something I want to stop doing,” he said. “Michigan is home and it’s for me, something I’ve always dreamed of. ... When I heard from Coach (Jim) Harbaugh, there was no turning back.” As he gets ready to head to Ann Arbor after next year, Klunder is not the only Blue Devils football player from the

class of 2022 joining the Wolverines. Klunder will be joined by Will Johnson, a defensive back who announced his commitment to the University of Michigan earlier this year. Both Klunder and Johnson were MAC Red All-League football selections in 2020. As the defensive partners look to head from South to Ann Arbor together, Klunder is excited at the possibility of continuing success with his teammate. “It definitely helps team chemistry at the high school level and at the college level,” Klunder said. “I told him when I first got the offer and he was like, ‘Are you coming with me?’ and I texted him an hour later after talking with my family and told him, ‘I sure am,’ and we’re going to make things happen this year and for years to come.”

When it came to making his decision on where to play college football, Klunder had no shortage of options. However, Michigan is the school where the defensive end can live out his childhood dreams — and for Klunder, making this decision was all about family. “My whole family is super excited about it and super supportive,” he said. “When I told them, my mom jumped up in the air and we just went nuts. It was the best feeling ever.”

Sailing race results

Lake Shore Sail Club Summer Sunset Series	Multihull 1. Unleaded	3. Stinger
June 8	Mills Race June 11-12	PHRF E 1. Peacemaker 2. Advantage 3. Bad Habits
Class M 1. Hardly Tri-ing 2. Unleaded	ORC A 1. Evolution	PHRF G 1. Hillbilly Deluxe 2. Discover 3. Zephyr Hawk
Class A 1. Phoenix 2. Brandilee 3. Mongo	ORC B 1. Hot Ticket 2. Proof 3. Pterodactyl	Doublehanded 1. Sweet Carmela 2. Blitzkrieg 3. USA 39
Class B 1. Just Chill 2. Baron 3. EyeMElectric	PHRF D 1. Viva Las Vegas 2. Menace 3. Surfin Bird	PHRF I 1. InfraRed 2. Orange Whip 3. Spageeto Byte
Class C 1. Solo Cup 2. Quadrophenia 3. Aurora	PHRF B 1. Hot Ticket 2. Viva La Vida 3. Proof	Cruising and Classics
Wednesday Night Bandaidd Series June 9	PHRF A 1. Flat Stanley Racing 2. Arctos 3. Chico2	1. Valkyrie 2. Irish Mist 3. Y Knot
J-120 1. Hot Ticker 2. Night Moves 3. FUNTECH Racing	PHRF C 1. Synchronicity 2. Consig 3. Wing Jammer	Jam C 1. B-4 2. Aloha 3. Ms. T
PHRF Spinnaker 1 1. Manitou 2. Bad Habits 3. Solution	Multihull 1. Panic Button 2. Morticia	Jam B 1. Orange Crate 2. Vivant 3. White Star
PHRF Spinnaker 2 1. Regardless 2. Avatat 3. Eliminator	PHRF H 1. Scoop 2. Wildcat 3. Camelot	Jam A 1. Hellion 2. Hissy Fit 3. J Hawker
PHRF Non-Spinnaker 1. Perversion 2. Bubba	PHRF F 1. Abracadabra 2. Bandit	— Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki



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Aurora racing at sunset at the Lake Shore Sail Club.



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From left, Pahl Zinn, Christie Zinn, Kendall Zinn, John McSorley and Jerry Bourke.

Jack R. McSorley Bulldog Hockey Club scholarship awarded

The Eastside Youth Sports Foundation Bulldog Hockey Club recently announced that Kendall G. Zinn is the 2021 recipient of the \$2,000 Jack R. McSorley Scholarship. Zinn is a 2021 graduating senior from University Liggett School and will attend Bucknell University this fall. Zinn maintained a 3.95 cumulative grade-point average at Liggett while being active in athletics and school service activities. She played five years in the Bulldog Hockey program, followed by three years on the women’s varsity ice hockey team at Liggett. She served as captain of her varsity hockey team 2019-21, and was a member of two state championship teams. Zinn also played three seasons on the Liggett women’s varsity lacrosse team. Her school service activities included membership in Liggett’s French Club, media coordinator and board member for Sigma Gamma and student mentor. She also served as a counselor at the Country Club of Detroit Day Camp, a community service member for The Summer in the

City program and, for three years, a coordinator for the Instagram Child Development program in Detroit. Zinn fully achieved the level of excellence in academics, athletics, school service and community outreach, which is recognized by the qualifications for awarding the Jack R. McSorley Scholarship. The scholarship, presented annually since March 1994, is named after former Grosse Point Park resident and 1990 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School Jack R. McSorley, who played hockey with the GPHA for 10 years; was active in student government and activities at South; was involved in community affairs, including as student board member for Grosse Pointe Inter-Faith for Racial Justice; achieved exceptional academic performance; and was an accomplished member of the Detroit Boat Club Crew as coxswain. McSorley died during his junior year in a pre-law program at the University of Pennsylvania of a congenital heart condition.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the following three projects will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud:

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Lisa Kay Hathaway
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Around Little League: Playoff Edition

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Woods-Shores

The Minor Division championship was decided Sunday when the Mud Hens faced off against the Bulls. The Bulls rode an eight-game win streak into the playoffs and advanced to the championship after beating the Loons 5-4 on a walk-off by Corbin Ruttan.

The Mud Hens marched to the finals after a 6-2 win over the Red Wings in the first round and 12-10 victory against the Ironbirds in the semifinals.

Sam Loflin took the mound for the Bulls Sunday against Dorian James of the Mud Hens. With the Bulls trailing 8-5 in the sixth inning, it was more clutch hitting by Ruttan that helped spur his team to victory as the Bulls took the title with a 9-8 win.

In the Collegiate Division, the Illini claimed the champion-

ship with a 21-20 win over the Badgers.

The Majors Division will hold its best-of-three championship series this week with the A's taking on the Angels.

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In AAA, the Mud Hens defeated the Knights 15-3 Sunday. The Mud Hens were led by a strong performance on the mound by J.R. Crandall, who struck out six batters in four innings. The Bulls won against the RiverCats 10-8 thanks to some key hits at the plate by Sophie Brink and Grayden Waterson.

The Majors continued playoffs with the Dodgers defeating the Astros and the Red Sox winning against the Cubs Friday. On Sunday, the Red Sox picked up another win, defeating the Astros 5-3.

The Cubs faced the Padres Sunday. Henry

Danielewicz and Jackson Miller combined for a complete game on the mound for the Padres, while Drew Brown tossed a complete game for the Cubs. JT Ricci, Charlie Bedsworth, Jack Babcock and Henry Danielewicz led the offense for the Padres, all reaching base three times.

Park

In the Majors, the Yankees defeated the Tigers 12-1 Thursday.

In AAA action, the Marlins defeated the Phillies 12-10, despite a strong comeback bid from the Phillies. Rocco Deschaine helped the Marlins on offense putting the first runs on the board while also being the game's winning pitcher with 14 strikeouts. Gordon Williams and Nick Andrews had two RBI each for the Phillies during their attempted comeback rally.



Angelo Haynes scores the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning for the Bulls.



Brody Vinyard scores for the Red Sox against the Cubs.

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Correction

In the June 3 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, the story "North narrowly defeats South, advances in districts" should have read North keeper Grace McCormick was able to secure a clean sheet in a crucial playoff game.



Griffin Boedeker at bat for the Mud Hens.

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