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Disaster document center opens on Mack

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS — For those impacted by the June 25-26 rain event, a Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Document Center is settling in the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety building, 17320 Mack, and is available beginning Tuesday, July 7.

Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, the drive-through center is for those who have already completed an application with FEMA and need to supply further documentation after receiving a denial letter. Walk-up visits are not welcome.

The purpose of FEMA grants is to support those who are underinsured, as well as those with no insurance. “Our goal is not to make you whole,” FEMA Media Relations Specialist La-Tanga Hopes said. “We want to make sure that you have a livable, sanitary and safe environment, so we can help with restoration of that process.”

FEMA applications can be completed online at disasterassistance.gov, on the FEMA app or by calling the FEMA helpline at (800) 621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585).

City of Grosse Pointe City Council unanimously approved an agreement, at no cost to FEMA, for the agency’s use of the public safety building during a special meeting Monday night.

As of press time, a FEMA disaster recovery center, where residents can go to complete applications and ask

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Council, judge primary election is next Tuesday

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers

GROSSE POINTE PARK, FARMS AND SHORES — Grosse Pointe Park, Farms and Shores residents may vote in an upcoming primary election to select council members and a judge, respectively, Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Candidates for Park city council include Brian Brenner, Tom Caulfield, Christine Gallagher, Jeff Greer, Tim Kolar, Darci McConnell and Max Wiener. The seven candidates are running for three open seats on council

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Ballots set for November election

By Laurel Kraus and Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writers

GROSSE POINTE CITY, SHORES AND WOODS — Following the July 20 filing deadline in the City, Shores and Woods, candidates now are locked in for the Nov. 2 election.

With the mayoral seat and three council seats up for election in the City, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and council members Maureen Juip, Chris Walsh and Daniel Williams filed for re-election. Resident David Fries also filed to run for a seat on council.

Both the Shores and Woods are set for uncontested elections come November, with exactly the number of candidates having filed as there are open seats.

In the Shores, three full-term and one partial-term council seat are open. Councilman Donn Schroder, who was

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Soak up the sunshine

Whether as a spectator or player, Julius LeBlanc Stewart’s “The Tennis Match” reminds us to get out and enjoy the sun while it’s shining.

Group aims to educate, engage voters

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — With one of the most highly contested elections in recent years in the Park underway, invested residents began an organization, called GreaterGP, to promote engaged and informed voter turnout.

Organization leaders hope to see the group expand to overall city government awareness beyond election season.

Resident engagement seemingly is at an all-time high, as seven candidates filed to run for three open council seats, forcing a primary election in August — the first primary election necessary in the Park since 1987.

GreaterGP board members define the group as “a non-partisan 501(c)(4) that aims to engage, educate and inform the residents on the future of Grosse Pointe Park,” the website reads. “That starts by connecting with you, our neighbors, and reaching out across the community.

“Our community is greater and our voice stronger when everyone is engaged and informed,” it adds. “GreaterGP believes that residents should be up to date on local government issues including protecting our parks, enhancements to our business district, infrastructure improvements, public safety and upcoming

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Assistance options available for flood victims

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

WAYNE COUNTY — To address questions brought forward by victims of the June 25-26 flooding and basement backups, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence hosted a Federal Emergency Management Agency flood assistance town hall last week.

Assistance for this event is moving faster than the 2014 flooding, when the rain event occurred Aug. 11, and a FEMA declaration was not declared until Sept. 25, according to Tadarial Sturdivant, director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Wayne County.

Details regarding available assistance follow:

FEMA

Apply at disasterassistance.gov, on the FEMA app or by calling the FEMA helpline at (800) 621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585).

FEMA funds can cover home damages, repair costs and rental assistance to help renters live somewhere else until the owner is able to fix the damage, but are not all-inclusive and instead are intended to ensure homes are habitable.

“You’re going to hear time and time again that FEMA will provide assistance, but to be clear, that’s not insurance,” Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist said.

Those who receive a denial from FEMA are encouraged to write a letter of appeal, at which time representatives will again

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79% of McConnell \$\$ from outside Park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Nearly 80 percent of contributions to the campaign of council candidate Darci McConnell are from sources outside the city in which she is seeking election.

She was appointed to council in 2020 to fill a vacancy.

Only 30 percent of the \$27,000 in donations McConnell reported receiving are from residents of Grosse Pointe Park.

The \$4,500 in direct donations McConnell got from Detroit residents compares to \$5,700.53 direct and in-kind contributions from Park residents.

Her Detroit support exceeds individual donations to five of six competing council candidates, one of whom wonders who McConnell is running to represent.

“I find it disconcerting where the money’s coming from,” said Max Wiener, funding his inaugural campaign out of pocket. “I don’t know what it says about a candidate to be so willing to take money that’s so disconnected from our city itself.”

Refusing to answer

questions verbally, McConnell responded in writing to the question, “You know what the story’s about. You’ve raised about \$27,000 that I know about, 80 percent of which is from outside the community. What influence do you think that 80 percent of donors will expect of you as a Grosse Pointe Park council member?”

“I’m especially proud of the 25 percent of my supporters who live in the Park, as well as donations I’ve received from family, friends and acquaintances from across the region — people who know my track record and believe in my work,” McConnell wrote. “I will continue to represent the Park with the transparency and integrity that residents expect and that I have always maintained. Accusations to the contrary are patently false and designed to gaslight my campaign.”

Of McConnell’s 11 largest individual donors, one is from the Park. Her greatest contributors are from:

- ◆ Ann Arbor, \$1,050;
- ◆ Detroit, \$1,050;
- ◆ Oak Park, \$1,000;
- ◆ Oak Park, \$1,000;
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park, \$800;

- ◆ Silver Springs, Md., \$750;
- ◆ Beverly Hills, \$500;
- ◆ Detroit, \$500;
- ◆ Detroit, \$500;
- ◆ Grand Ledge, \$500 and
- ◆ Racine, Wisc., \$500.

“That much money is enough to raise eyebrows and cause suspicion by many voters,” said Ed Gaffney, former Farms councilman, mayor and three-term state representative regarding McConnell’s grand total.

The first year Gaffney ran for council in 1997, he raised \$2,200. The figure has the current purchasing power of \$3,756, according to the federal consumer price index inflation calculator.

Some \$1,300 of McConnell’s support comes from the Lansing area, where she grew up. Another \$11,425, in addition to the Detroit money, is from people living in Michigan outside the Pointes. Some \$3,175 comes from beyond Michigan.

“I don’t know the intent of all those parties that are far removed from Grosse Pointe pouring in this much money,” Wiener said.

“The Park has traditionally conducted

small, locally oriented, non-partisan elections that have not been funded by major, outside contributors,” said Christine Gallagher, also a first-time candidate. “My concern is outside contributors will start to play a much bigger role in our elections and, ultimately, seek to influence local decision making.”

“I consider it a larger campaign finance issue that is beyond the purview of local government to fix,” candidate Brian Brenner said. “The whole system in general offends my sense of decency.”

He bears no ill will toward someone able to raise huge amounts money because doing so is legal, but he still has qualms.

“Personally,” Brenner said, “I find it offensive that this kind of money is being spent on a local race. There’s many, many better things that can be done with that money. I was told by a campaign consultant to raise \$10,000 to \$12,000 for local race of this size. It seems grossly inappropriate to spend that kind of money on disposable yard signs and things that are going to end up in a trash heap by mid-November.”

A city-by-city ranking of McConnell’s donors is:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park, 46 donors;
- ◆ Detroit, 20;
- ◆ Southfield, 4;
- ◆ Grosse Pointe City, Farms and Woods, 3 each;
- ◆ Lansing, Oak Park, Rochester Hills and Royal Oak, 3 each;
- ◆ Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Grand Prairie, Texas; Farmington Hills, Madison, Wisc., and Northville, 2 each.

McConnell’s fellow candidates are seeking office for the first time.

Gallagher lists \$3,200 direct donations, three from the Park totaling \$2,150 and one from the Farms of \$1,050.

Thomas Caulfield raised a total of \$1,300, all from five Park residents.

Brenner reported \$2,195 total donations, just under 16 percent from Park residents. The rest is from Grosse Pointe Woods, Northville and out of state.

“I have intentionally not sought many donations out at this point, especially pre-primary,” he said.

Nearly 70 percent of \$4,390 donations to the campaign of Jeffrey

Greer are from the Park. Of 38 individual donors, the largest contribution, \$500, is from the Farms.

Timothy Kolar is the only candidate to raise more money than McConnell did from Detroit. Kolar’s 27 donors gave a total of \$4,646 monetary and in-kind support. Nearly 37 percent is from the Park. Some \$2,200 from Chicago is part of the \$2,921 balance from sources out of state.

If McConnell doesn’t deplete her funds during the race, she can keep them, but not for personal use.

McConnell’s public relations career helps her raise funds, including \$500 from former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard, now working as a lawyer in Washington, D.C.

County donor filings also reveal some candidates supporting each other. Greer donated \$100 each to Kolar and McConnell. Kolar donated \$150 to both Greer and McConnell.

Park Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt contributed \$100 each to Greer, Kolar and McConnell.

Caulfield, Greer and Kolar didn’t respond to interview requests by deadline.

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questions about the process, was not scheduled to come to the Pointes. Area DRCs may be found at the Kemeny Recreation Center in Detroit, Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, Henry Ford Centennial Library in Dearborn and Eton Senior Recreation Center in Dearborn Heights.

Park unanimously passes redistricting resolution

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city of Grosse Pointe Park passed a resolution 7-0 at its council meeting Monday, July 12, asking the Michigan Redistricting Commission to approve a plan keeping the Park and all the Grosse Pointes, as well as Harper Woods, in the same state and federal legislative districts.

“In the redistricting 10 years ago, for the first

time the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods were separated,” Mayor Bob Denner said. “... That resulted in the loss of voice and representation in the view of all of the Pointes. ... This (resolution) formally puts the city council and our city behind the notion that the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods should be united in the result of the

next redistricting maps.

“I think everybody’s violently in agreement that we need to move ahead on this,” he added.

Councilwoman Aimee Fluitt ensured the resolution was kept open to potentially include parts of the east side of Detroit, in the case of population size being too small between the Grosse Pointes and Harper

Woods to make a full district.

“If we’re thinking really strategically about what the primary issues are going to be over the next 10 years when we will reconsider this district again, it will be infrastructure,” Councilwoman Michele Hodges added. “And we want to have the stamina and the strength of collaborative effort to

have the voice that we need to secure resources at both the federal and state levels.”

The Grosse Pointe Democrats and the Eastside Republican Club also stand behind the resolution to keep the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods together in the new redistricting, to take effect in 2022.

— Kate Vanderstelt



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Those who are referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration for disaster loan assistance should follow through with the

application even if they are not interested in a loan.

“If FEMA says go to SBA and apply, and you don’t do that, then you stop moving through the FEMA process,” explained Julie Garrett with the SBA. “SBA’s just a step in the process. If your application is not approved, we’re going to send you back to FEMA (and) they’re going to look at you for more grant assistance.”

SBA

The SBA offers its low-interest disaster

loans for physical damage to businesses, non-profit organizations, churches, homeowners and renters.

While loans are based on the amount of uncompensated losses that FEMA and insurance do not cover, victims do not need to wait for their insurance settlements to apply.

Replacement of property loans can include coverage of decks, fences, walkways, sheds and driveways, which FEMA and private insurance companies do not cover, as

well as vehicle losses.

“You can add 20 percent of the amount of your losses as verified by SBA to your loan, for improvements such as putting in a sump pump or elevating your utilities, such as a water heater,” added Laketa Henderson, SBA district director.

Apply online at disasterloans.sba.gov; call (800) 659-2955; or visit the office in the Caroline Kennedy Library in Dearborn Heights, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for one-on-one assistance.

While officials urge those affected to apply for these programs as soon as possible, the registration deadline for both FEMA and the SBA is Sept. 13.

Wayne County residents still in need of assistance in cleaning out damaged basements can call 211 to be connected with volunteer organizations.

Upcoming 2021 Elections

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| City of Grosse Pointe (313) 885-5800 grossepointecity.org No salary for Mayor or Council Filing deadline: July 20, 4 p.m. *Terms expiring: Mayor: 2-year term Sheila Tomkowiak Council Members 4-year terms (vote for 3) Maureen Juip Christopher D. Walsh Daniel J. Williams | Grosse Pointe Park (313) 822-6200 grossepointepark.org No salary for Mayor or Council 4-year terms for Council Members; 2-year term for Mayor Filing deadline: April 20, 4 p.m. *Terms expiring: Mayor Michele Hodges Lauri Read Council Members (All face Aug. 3 Primary) Darci McConnell Max Wiener Tim Kolar Brian Brenner Jeff Greer Christine Gallagher Thomas Caulfield Municipal Judge, 4-year term – salary \$23,000. Expires 12-21 Carl F. Jarboe (I) Charissa Potts | Municipal Judge, 4-year term - \$15,000 Charles T. Berschback* Dean C. Metry* Kevin M. Smith* Primary *Aug. 3 |
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| City of Harper Woods (313) 343-2500 harperwoodscity.org Salary: Mayor, \$2,700, Council Members, \$2,400 4-year terms for Council Members; 2-year term for Mayor Filing deadline: April 20, 4 p.m. *Terms expiring: Mayor Valerie Kindle Council Members Ernestine Lyons Vivian Sawicki Ivery Toussant Jr. *Unless otherwise specified, all seats expire in November and will be on the Nov. 2, 2021 ballot. Source: LWV-GP | | |



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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The annual Village sidewalk sale was renamed The Village Sidewalk Sale-ebriation this year as the shopping deals are paired with a celebration of local businesses’ perseverance through the pandemic and the community that supported them.

“Welcoming visitors back to The Village and celebrating that sense of community that exists here is a key focus of this year’s event,” said Lanna Young, Main Street Grosse Pointe board

member and owner of Savvy Chic Boutique in The Village, in a press release.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 31, with the new addition of a community celebration from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29.

Visitors to the celebration on St. Clair north of Kercheval can enjoy music by the Magic Moments Band, food and drinks on the Whiskey Six patio and a kids’ bike-decorating event

sponsored by The Family Center. The return of the Paint the Windows contest also starts at 3 p.m.

The sidewalk sale kicks off at 10 a.m. Friday, with a parade of decorated bikes riding down Kercheval as Village businesses begin offering special sales pricing, exclusive deals and giveaways.

Saturday, themed the dog days of summer, will set off with a pooch parade and offer pet-friendly activities such as a self-serve dog wash, photo booth and give-

aways from Pet Supplies Plus.

Attendees throughout the weekend also can expect a performance by the Grosse Pointe Theatre Singin’ in the Streets team, yoga, crafts, music and sign language lessons, snow cones, samples, games, henna and special guest appearances.

A full schedule of event details is available at thevillagegrossepointe.org and on The Village Facebook event page.

— Laurel Kraus

Shores revamps water billing

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In response to resident concerns over high water bills with unclear charges and in anticipation of funding needed for upcoming capital improvements, the Shores has changed its water billing structure to one currently used by most communities: a variable model rate, with a base charge along with charges for volumetric.

Residents now will see an operational fee of \$79.49 per quarter; a water charge of \$6.27 per unit; a sewer charge of \$9.69 per unit; and a debt service charge of \$46.06 per quarter, increasing and decreasing with the capital improvement bond schedule.

The operational fee will go toward the city’s fixed costs; the water charge toward the Great Lakes Water Authority rate and cleaning of the water; sewer charge toward the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District rate; and the debt service charge toward capital improvements.

The new structure also provides the opportunity to begin building a capital balance of approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 into the fund, as emergency money for unforeseen infrastructure problems that could arise.

While residents who use a large amount of

water are going to see an approximately \$70 increase in 2022, those who typically use less than 15 units of water will see a decrease in their bill.

“That’s kind of important,” Finance Director Candice Giles said, “because I know that a lot of our residents don’t live here year round, so they will probably see a dramatic decrease in their water bill.”

Previously, the rate structure was a combination of a tiered and volumetric charge, meaning residents were charged a base rate of \$235 whether they used no units of water or 15 units, along with a \$15.68 charge for every unit past 15.

Because this type of structure normally is balanced by having a significant commercial base, it doesn’t work well for the Shores, which only has one business within city limits.

While residents may notice their charges are higher than neighboring cities, this is due to the different circumstances.

“We have a \$16 million bond over 30 years and we have about 1,000 residences that have to cover that,” Giles explained. “So that’s what happens when you have a smaller community, is that you just don’t have that base to be able to spread those fixed costs.”

The new bills will have

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department hosted a town hall July 22, to encourage community engagement. Speakers included, from left, Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman, Detective Ryan Willmer, Director Bryan Jarrell, Detective Sgt. Mike Narduzzi and Deputy Director Jim Bostock.

Public safety hosts town hall

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — As part of an ongoing effort to encourage community engagement in the public safety department, Director Bryan Jarrell hosted a town hall meeting at the Tompkins Community Center Thursday, July 22. Jarrell was accompanied by Deputy Director Jim Bostock, Detective Sgt. Mike Narduzzi, Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman and Detective Ryan Willmer.

Jarrell updated the community about departmental efforts to enhance communication. The department is looking into possibilities of using the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, which would allow the department to send out emergency communications to phones based on location and would require no sign-up on the residents’ part.

“If you live in the Park and you’re vacationing in Florida, you’re not going

to get the alert,” Jarrell said.

The department also is looking to establish a list of residents who would need assistance in the face of a disaster.

Bostock addressed the safe routes to school program as well. Crosswalks have been shortened and some sidewalks have been repaired. According to Bostock, all crosswalks part of the safe routes to school program now have traffic control or signage.

Residents were encouraged to ask questions

and converse with the five members of the department throughout the event. Jarrell emphasized his door is always open to any questions and concerns residents may have.

The next town hall is tentatively planned for later this year or early next. In continuing efforts to promote openness between the department and the community, Jarrell’s second “Coffee with a Cop” event will occur at Atwater in the Park at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12.

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, AUG. 2**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 3**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority board meeting, 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY, AUG. 7**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city picnic and fishing derby, all day at Lake Front Park.

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election information.”

Board members hope the group’s launch encourages voters to educate themselves and turn in their ballots this year.

Matt Evans, GreaterGP board member, said if he could sum up the mission of the organization and its message to residents, it would be to “get involved, get informed and participate.”

According to Evans, GreaterGP aims to bring people together, regardless of political viewpoints, to engage in city government and be aware of what is happening at the city level.

“It doesn’t matter what position politically you’re coming from. You should be aware of what’s going on,” he said. “And I think GreaterGP is an excellent example of having diverse political, social, personal backgrounds coming together to have constructive and sometimes critical conversations to understand where people are on the spectrum of issues and experiences.”

“When I say I may not have the same political affiliation or ideologies as other members in the

group,” he added, “I still find it valuable to hear, from people that I respect and like, why they think differently than me. I may not agree with them, but at least it gives me, for my own edification, a clear understanding to have constructive conversations and come up with solutions, because in a lot of cases the differences aren’t as great as we perceive them to be and a lot of times it just takes that connection to have conversations ...

“At the core, fundamentally, that’s why the group started.”

Evans joined GreaterGP as a board member because of its non-partisan, apolitical affiliation focused on engaging residents. Though there has been criticism of the group on social media for leniency toward one political party, Evans hopes residents can set aside biases and see what the group is all about.

“From my position within the group,” he said, “it is a seven-candidate race and, again, I support certain candidates or a candidate (and) other group members may support others, but the objective of the group is to have an informed voter base in the Park.”

GreaterGP is using group events and block leaders to encourage

residents and neighbors to engage in local government and get out to vote this election, especially in the Aug. 3 primary.

Looking forward, board members hope the group will extend beyond the Park and into the other Grosse Pointes. Evans said ultimately he hopes it can serve as a model for other communities to engage residents in the same type of way.

“I think with the people that are involved in it, in the organization, there’s a very strong potential to grow it into something that can be extremely impactful,” he said. “Look, it’s not a Republican, Democrat, Independent, conservative (or) liberal agenda. Let’s look at the issues in the community. Let’s get a diversity of thought. Let’s get people who come to the table who have different experiences. (How) can we address that and how can we be productive in assisting government in addressing it when necessary? I think that’s key; it’s very important.”

For more information about GreaterGP, residents may visit greatergp.com or email info@greatergp.com.

“Get involved, get informed and participate,” Evans said. “The door’s open.”

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Love of learning, history leads Pointer to leadership roles

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dr. Leslie Wagner was halfway through an around-the-world trip when she was told of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

“I heard there was a historic home in danger of getting knocked down,” she said. “And I heard there were 100 people vying for it. And I was looking for my next chapter.”

Wagner put herself in the running for the historic 1850 Cadieux Farmhouse, then-situated on Jefferson and scheduled to be razed by Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe in preparation for the construction of its parking structure.

“I found this empty lot in the middle of the City of Grosse Pointe,” Wagner said. “I thought if I don’t get the house, I can still build here. So I committed to restoring it. It probably helped this was the closest lot.”

The structure, including a 1991 addition, was moved to Wagner’s lot at 533 St. Clair in 2014.

Wagner went to work restoring the house, working closely with restoration architect Tamara Burns of HopkinsBurns



Dr. Leslie Wagner sits near her fireplace, which is decorated with Pewabic tile and features a mantelpiece plucked from another historic home.

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“She taught me how to preserve the historic structure and how to make it beautiful,” Wagner said.

During the process, Wagner added a wrap-around porch and landscaping, as well as several interior design touches of her own. It took four years to get the final certificate of occupancy.

Though there still is work to be done, Wagner

said, in the meantime, she has filled up the historic section of the house with antique store finds and family heirlooms. She also worked with Habitat for Humanity to secure a chandelier and mantelpiece from other houses that were torn down for the Beaumont project.

Though the historic house was the impetus for her introduction to Grosse Pointe, once here, the Chicago-born Wagner fell in love. The community is one in a long list of places she’s called home.

From Chicago to Sterling Heights to New Baltimore, Wagner hopped around during childhood, graduating from Anchor Bay High School before studying dance and theater at Michigan State University. After graduation, she spent seven years acting in New York, Los Angeles and overseas.

For someone who loves to learn, the pull for more education was strong and she went back to school, this time earning a Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute, then a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Southern California.

Her extended education also helped fulfill a love of travel, as she spent a semester in Hawaii study-

ing Hawaiian mythology and a semester in Greece studying Greek mythology, then took an internship with McGill University Health Centre on the campus of Montreal General Hospital and a two-year fellowship at Massachusetts General.

“I love to learn,” she said. “I absolutely loved college. I didn’t want it to end.”

Through her graduate training, she stayed involved in the arts. She loves to sing and is passionate about photography; some of her work is on display with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. Her fifth short play recently was produced by Grosse Pointe Theatre.

The daughter of a doctor and an artist, Wagner said she got the best of both worlds.

“I practiced (psychology) a long time,” she said. “Working as a psychologist was great and rewarding. Then I spent time working as a pastoral counselor, using spirituality to help (clients) through difficult times.”

While she enjoyed her practice, the artist in her needed a different outlet, she said, because, “sitting in clinic didn’t fulfill all of me.”

Wagner next became a Realtor at Sotheby’s International Realty in Grosse Pointe.

“I’m still helping people, but I’m out in the world looking at beautiful architecture, helping people with the biggest transitions of their life,” she said. “A lot of it is my pleasure. What better way to spend the day than looking at architecture here and interior design?”

“So I’m a psychologist who works as a Realtor and artist,” she added. “I think I always knew it was never going to work for me to do just one thing.”

A member of the World Mental Health Coalition, Wagner said throughout her career changes she didn’t want to take herself totally out of psychology.

“I closed my practice,” she said, “but then opened it (during the pandemic) for frontline healthcare workers, via telemedicine.”

Additionally, Wagner is calling 2021 her year of leadership. In February, she was named commodore of the Grosse Pointe



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Wagner added a porch to the house a couple years ago.



The exposed ceiling in Wagner’s dining room displays historical details of the Cadieux Farmhouse.



Wagner’s piano adds elegance to an otherwise rustic room.

Boat Club. This spring, she was sworn in as president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

“This is a leadership year for me,” she said. “These are jobs. They need to be well-led.”

Her efforts don’t end there.

Last February, Wagner formed Lady of the Lake Ministries, which she funds with her real estate work and through donations.

“Travel and hosting other cultures has been the very best part of my life,” Wagner said. “While doing my around-the-world trip, for example, I got to do art therapy in Kenya with Maasai girls at risk for early childhood marriage and genital mutilation. ... I hope to use my ministry to continue to do my psychology mission travel, counseling for those in crisis and to lead retreats to bring people to different parts of the world.”

A poetry buff — Edna St. Vincent Millay tops her list of favorites — Wagner enthusiastically enjoys travel. Her favorite stops include India, Bali and Moscow.

She also enjoys bringing bits of the world to her backyard.

“I love thinking about the global village,” she

said. “I like to host state department guests from around the world. I host them and teach them about American culture through Global Ties Detroit. ... I get to travel vicariously through their lives.”

A former vice president of the organization, Wagner has lost count of how many guests she’s hosted, but knows she has the perfect place for them to stay.

“This is a great house for entertaining,” she said. “I like sharing its history.”

Rescuing the Cadieux Farmhouse also brought Wagner closer to family. Her parents live in New Baltimore, her siblings in Clarkston, Bloomfield Township and Ferndale.

“Twenty years is a long time to be away from them,” she said. “Plus, I’ve lived in some pretty cool places: Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Naples, Fla., Paris, the south of France. With this, I can have a bit of history and be near my family.”

The move to Grosse Pointe expanded her family as well. During the restoration process, she met and fell in love with engineer and executive Alan Wagner. The couple married two years ago.



Wagner sits near a display of tokens she collected during her world travels.



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Grosse Pointe Park

Fraud from Craigslist

A resident in the 1300 block of Harvard received a check for an item off Craigslist at 12:01 p.m. Monday, July 19. The bank informed the resident the check was fraudulent.

Stolen 2021 car

A blue 2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk, with the license plate 039G181, was taken from a driveway in the 500 block of Barrington between 12:30 a.m. and 1:35 p.m. Thursday, July 22. The Jeep was locked when it was stolen. There was broken glass on scene.

Stolen 2020 car

A blue 2020 Dodge Durango, with the license plate DUA1068, was taken from a driveway in the 500 block of Barrington between 1 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 24. The car was locked by the owner prior to its disappearance.

Felony warrant arrest

A 20-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding at Mack and Bishop at 10:44 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

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The man had a felony warrant for larceny. — Kate Vanderstelt Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drag race

A public safety officer attempted to stop two cars and two motorcycles from drag racing on Mack and Oxford at 2:49 a.m. Sunday, July 25. He stopped one of the cars. The 20-year-old Detroit driver gave the officer his license, which showed he was suspended and had a warrant for larceny out of Romulus. His license plate also was expired. The driver was issued several citations. He claimed he met the others involved at a party, but did not know them personally.

Eggs in the morning

A resident in the 1900 block of Severn woke up Saturday morning to find eggs covering one of the back windows of her house. She said to have egged

the window, an unknown suspect must have entered the backyard. The resident does not know who could have thrown the eggs.

Paper plate

An 18-year-old Warren driver was pulled over on Mack and Lochmoor at 1:04 p.m. Saturday, July 24, for driving with a temporary paper license plate that had no information on it. Upon stopping him, the officer found the driver had a suspended license. He was issued several violations and his vehicle was impounded. — Kate Vanderstelt Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

City of Grosse Pointe

Repeat dog attacks

Two pit bulls running loose near Kercheval Avenue and Notre Dame attacked a goldendoodle at 5:51 p.m. Tuesday, July 20. The dog received two lacerations, while the owner of the pit bulls, a 67-year-old Park man, told officers his dogs

escaped when a contractor left the back gate open. The man has been issued two citations in the past out of the Park for a dog running at large. He has an additional report of a pit bull escaping the backyard and attacking another dog. — Laurel Kraus Report information about this and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen paddle

A black Slingshot paddle is suspected to have been stolen from where it was stowed with a 68-year-old Farms woman's paddle board at an area park in early July.

Joyriding theft

Between 1:30 and 3:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, a dark blue 2021 Dodge Durango Hellcat with a black racing stripe down its middle was stolen from a driveway in the 200 block of Moran Road. At 3:38 a.m. officers saw the vehicle traveling on Mack Avenue around

120 mph and did not pursue due to the high speed. The same vehicle had been targeted for an attempted but unsuccessful theft mid-June. Drag race. Pt. 2

Of the three vehicles that began a drag race on Mack Avenue at Kerby Road at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, July 24, a 24-year-old Romulus man eventually was pulled over after initially fleeing. The man, who has numerous misdemeanor traffic warrants, was cited for drag racing and driving while license suspended. The vehicle was impounded. Bullet wounds

While officers were on a traffic stop at Mack Avenue and East Warren at 1:56 a.m. Monday, July 26, another vehicle pulled up alongside and the occupants began yelling for help, saying they had been shot. While the driver, a 20-year-old Detroit man, was unharmed, the front seat passenger was alert and conscious, but had been shot in the abdomen and left arm. Officers applied a tourniquet to a passen-

ger in the backseat who had been shot in the leg, before both men were transported to an area hospital. Officers later counted 16 bullet holes in the vehicle. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Duckling rescue

Officers used a fishing net to rescue seven ducklings that had fallen into a Blairmoor Court sewer drain at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 21. The ducklings were safely reunited with their mother.

Downed wire

Traffic had to be diverted on northbound Lakeshore Road at 4:46 pm. Saturday, July 24, when a DTE secondary line was damaged from pole to pole and arcing in a tree. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

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appointed in mid-June to fill a resignation, filed for the partial-term seat he currently occupies. Incumbents Robert Barrette and Sandra Cavataio filed for the full-term seats, along with resident John Dakmak, who recently joined the city's infrastructure committee. Councilman Matthew Seely, who sat on council one term, did not file for re-election. "Every goal that I had set personally to achieve while I was on council, I feel like I reached and I feel like the city, I'm leaving it in a better place than it was when I came on council," he said of his decision. "I have other things that I want to pursue and I would never just run for council if I couldn't give 100 percent of my effort and time. So I'm grateful to the people for

allowing me to serve and I hope that they were satisfied with my effort over the last four years." In the Woods, the mayoral seat is open, as well as three full-term and one partial-term council seat. Councilwoman Angela Coletti Brown filed for the partial term to which she was appointed in March, and Councilman Thomas Vaughn filed for the term to which he was appointed, which is set to expire this fall. Current council members Todd McConnaghy and Vicki Granger filed for the remaining two full-term seats. Mayor Arthur Bryant, who stepped into the role after Robert Novitke died in March, filed to run for the mayoral seat. The Woods also will have two proposed charter amendments on the November ballot. If approved, the city clerk and treasurer will report to the city administrator rather than council.

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cil. Voters will be asked to select three at the primary. Six candidates will move on to the November election, where the mayoral seat also will be contested. As the Farms and Shores share a municipal judge, Charles T. Berschback, Dean C. Metry and Kevin M. Smith are running for the joint

position. Two candidates will move on to the November ballot. The Farms and Park city clerk's office will be open and available to residents for election-related business 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31, with Shores city hall open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the same day. Voters must be a Park, Farms or Shores resident for at least 30 days prior to election day, a U.S. citizen,

not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison and at least 18 years old by election day, per Michigan voting rules. Anyone not yet registered to vote must register in person at city hall to be eligible to vote in the primary election. Residents will have to show proof of residency at this time. If registered voters wish to vote via absentee ballot, they are able to request and fill one out in one trip

by visiting their clerk's office. If residents already have filled out a ballot but have not yet mailed it, they are informed at this time to drop off the ballot in person, rather than via mail, to ensure it is counted in the primary election. To track mailed absentee ballots, locate a polling place or check where they are registered to vote, residents may visit mi.gov/vote.



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OUR VIEW

G.P. athletes:
Olympians all

What a thrill it is to watch success come to so many Grosse Pointers this summer as sports competitions of all sorts resume. The limitations of the COVID-19 pandemic, mostly now in the past, stoke everyone’s appreciation for the joys of participation, win or lose, but it’s particularly exciting to acknowledge the top-notch achievers.

Grosse Pointe Little League softball team

The newly crowned state champions won six straight games in the state tournament to emerge as the victors, demonstrating the strength of their pitching. They allowed just eight runs, while scoring 51 of their own, over those six matchups.

The final games were tight. The team eked out a 1-0 semifinal win, and then later in the day went into the finals, where opponents on the St. Clair team got off to an early two-run lead. But the Grosse Pointe girls came back with oomph, finishing the game with a 6-2 victory.

“I try to tell the girls they left an indelible mark on Grosse Pointe softball that is going to be felt long after they’re done playing here,” said team manager Adam Stemmler.

He’s right — what a terrific source of pride this is for local softball and for all Grosse Pointers.

Jeidus DeSerrano, fencer

Young Mr. DeSerrano, who previously held the Y10 national championship, competed and took gold in both the Y12 and Y14 brackets at the USA Fencing National Championships in Philadelphia.

Having now turned 13, he was competing for the last time in the Y12 bracket. The championship match found him battling a fellow Michigander and frequent competitor, Luao Yang, because they both train at the Renaissance Fencing Club in Troy. The Grosse Pointe Shores native won 15-8.

In the Y14 bracket, he went up against Liam Bas of New Jersey, winning 15-4 — and still managed to keep an eye on the future, when he and his current competitors will be old enough to join teams headed for international tournaments. “It’s nice to see and compete with people who could be your future teammates. ... But we still have to see who comes out on top,” he said. And on top he is!

Timothy LaRiviere, at the helm of Eagle One

The Grosse Pointe resident had amazing performances sailing up both sides of Michigan to Mackinac Island this month. Heading out of Chicago, for the Race to Mackinac presented by Wintrust, he won first overall and took first in Cruising overall and in Cruising 1.

Eagle One took its class again in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac race, which finished as fast for most sailors as the Chicago race had gone slowly. “I think it was just our year. ... Conditions were perfect for our boat in both races,” Mr. LaRiviere said.

In other classes, Bradford Kimmel of Grosse Pointe Park led Class C with Diablo. Wick Smith of Grosse Pointe Woods took Class G with Mostly Harmless; Eric Gutermuth of Grosse Pointe, with Shamrock, took first in Class J, and the Class L lead went to Paul VanTol and Bruce Vandeusse, both of Grosse Pointe

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| Vaccinations | 600,698 | 551,509 |
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| % 12-15 years old | 36 | 30.4 |
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OUR VIEW

Partisan \$\$ back Park’s McConnell

Not since Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Pro Tem Patti Kukula Chylinski challenged incumbent Mayor Robert Novitke for his seat in 2005 have we seen so much outside partisan money enter a nonpartisan municipal election here in the Pointes.

Ms. Kukula Chylinski back then had the backing of the Democratic machine of county executive Edward McNamara, who in 1994 appointed her director of the Wayne County Patient Care Management System.

It appears Grosse Pointe Park city council incumbent Darci McConnell has some big-time backing as well.

Ms. McConnell raised \$27,000 as of the July 18 pre-primary campaign finance report filed with Wayne County and the Michigan Bureau of elections. In fact, she brought in more contributions than all six of her fellow candidates combined.

Candidate Tim Kolar came in at a distant second with \$4,646, followed by Jeff Greer, \$4,390; Christine Gallagher, \$3,200; Brian Brenner, \$2,195; Thomas Caulfield, \$1,300; and Max Wiener, \$250. (Totals do not include loans by the candidates.)

Of Ms. McConnell’s take, 70 percent of it originated from outside Grosse Pointe Park.

Among the dozen of pages of contributors to Ms.

McConnell’s campaign included Tara Young, a coordinator with the Service Employees International Union; Mark Bernstein, of Sam Bernstein Law Firm fame; 2nd District State Sen. Adam Hollier, D-Detroit; Gary Torgow, chairman of Huntington Bank; UAW Michigan V-PAC; Grosse Pointe Democratic Club; Teamsters Local Union #1038 PAC; former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard; and Thomas “T.J.” Bucholz, president of Vanguard Public Affairs, who was kicked off his own board due to sexual harassment complaints. (The McConnell campaign further engaged Mr. Bucholz on March 24 for \$500 for unspecified services.)

Ms. McConnell reminded our reporter that 25 percent of her supporters came from Grosse Pointe Park.

It is not that the McConnell campaign has done anything untoward. It is just unusual to have that kind of money in a municipal city council race. Some fear the funds come with strings attached. We count on Ms. McConnell’s integrity to prevent that.

We have heard on the political grapevine that the Democratic Party, both in Michigan and nationally, have big plans for Ms. McConnell. It appears she is off to a good start.

PS: Ms. Kukula Chylinski lost that race. in 2005.

OUR VIEW

Berschback leads \$\$ in Farms/Shores judge race

If dollars and number of donors were votes, Charles “Chip” Berschback would win the race for Grosse Pointe Farms/Shores municipal judge by a landslide.

As of the July 18 campaign finance filing deadline with the Michigan Elections Commission, Mr. Berschback reported \$24,725 in donations, including \$8,100 out of pocket.

In comparison, fellow candidate Kevin Smith reported \$13,275 in contributions, including \$100 out of pocket — not counting miscellaneous expenses. Other than family, Mr. Smith reported 27 donors, averaging \$140 per donor.

Mr. Berschback had 84 individual donors, averaging \$210 per donor.

Besides the extended Berschback family, donors to the Committee to Elect Charles Berschback

included City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Judge Russell Ethridge; former City attorney Chuck Kennedy; Ed Gaffney, former state representative and Grosse Pointe Farms mayor; Bill Giovan, retired Wayne County chief judge; Dr. James Cooper, former Grosse Pointe Shores mayor; and noted local defense attorney David Draper, who held a fundraiser for Mr. Berschback, raising \$2,400.

Of course, dollars aren’t votes. So we encourage Farms and Shores voters to turn out for the Aug. 3 primary to pick who will dispense justice for decades to come.

As of press time Tuesday, the Friends of Administrative Law Judge Dean Metry, the third judicial candidate on the ballot, had not filed a campaign finance report with the state.

LETTERS

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To the Editor:

As the Aug. 3, 2021, primary election approaches, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe urges voters to make informed decisions about voting and to know the positions of the candidates on their

ballot.

One of the best resources available is Vote411.org. This website is all inclusive and allows voters to determine their registration status, where their voting precinct is located and what’s on their ballot. By entering their address, voters can actually view all candi-

dates/ballot initiatives that will appear on their ballot, along with responses provided by candidates to a series of questions about their qualifications and vision as a candidate. This site is confidential and does not retain any personal address information.

Vote411.org also contains the recordings of the LWVGP’s candidate forums conducted in June for Grosse Pointe Park City Council and Grosse Pointe Farms/ Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Judge.

Absentee ballots are also available. Registered voters can still request them from their local clerk’s office. Absentee ballots can be filed right up until 8 p.m. on Election

Day.

Make a plan on Aug.3 to be an informed voter. Questions can be directed to Mary Zahler, VP for Voter Services, at lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com

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Ms. McConnell, why outsiders?

To the Editor:

Councilmember Darci McConnell was appointed to the Grosse Pointe Park council in November to fill a vacancy. She now seeks election to a four year term.

With several days left before the Aug. 3 primary, she has already raised a whopping

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Light at the end of tunnel for Detroit sports



For anyone who has been a life-long Detroit sports fan like me, the last few years have been particularly tough. The regime of Bob Quinn and Matt Patricia plunged the Lions back into mediocrity; the Pistons were stuck in a difficult spot of not being good enough to compete for an NBA title, but not bad enough to get the best young talent; the Red Wings became a shell of the top-tier NHL franchise they used to be; and the Tigers were in the depths of a seem-

ingly endless rebuild. However, this summer has started to bring a new feeling that Detroit sports fans have not felt in quite some time. A feeling of hope. Something has happened in the last few months to make it feel like new life has been breathed into Detroit sports. All four major sports teams in this city have had something positive go their way recently that is finally making fans like myself hopeful for the future. The main thing that gives me hope has been the overall performance of the Detroit Tigers so far this season. Even though at the time of writing this the team is still seven games below .500, this team has shown it will have the capability to compete for the postseason maybe sooner than some of us thought. Pitcher Casey Mize

and outfielder Akil Baddoo could both be considered legitimate contenders to take home the American League Rookie of the Year award at the end of the season. Tarik Skubal and Matt Manning look like they can become cornerstones of the pitching rotation in years to come. To top it all off, top prospects such as Spencer Torkelson, Riley Greene and Dillon Dingler are putting on a show in the minor leagues and can be the pieces that come to the majors in a year or two to finally complete the rebuild. No, there is not much hope of the Tigers making it to the MLB post-season this year, but nobody really expected that. However, not all fans might have expected this Tigers team to be as exciting as they have become. Every night you

can turn on a Tigers game and see the foundations of a promising future starting to come together. The other most exciting news in Detroit sports came a few weeks ago when the Pistons were awarded the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft Lottery. Regardless of the swirling rumors the team might trade away the top pick, winning the lottery has served as an extra boost for this organization that has desperately needed something to get fans excited about. With the No. 1 pick, the Pistons are poised to take the top college prospect from Oklahoma State, Cade Cunningham. Cunningham looks to have that elite, top-pick talent that can immediately have an impact on an NBA team. To go along with the promise of Cunningham, the Pistons already have

a few young names who are starting to make noise. Saddiq Bey was named to the NBA All-Rookie First Team while Isaiah Stewart made the All-Rookie Second Team and despite injury issues, 2020 top 10 pick Killian Hayes showed flashes of promise on the court this season. The recent developments for the Pistons and Tigers are probably the two biggest things for fans in the Motor City to get excited about, but even the Lions and Red Wings have made recent moves to improve their future outlooks. Just last week, Red Wings GM Steve Yzerman made a blockbuster trade with the Carolina Hurricanes to acquire goalie Alex Nedeljkovic. The 25-year-old started 23 games for Carolina this year and had a 1.90 goals allowed average while being a finalist for the

Calder Trophy for NHL rookie of the year. Last week also brought the NHL draft, where Yzerman and the Wings selected a crop of prospects who have earned the organization some pretty good draft grades from the experts. Lions fans can enjoy the hope and promise of a new GM and head coach with Brad Holmes and Dan Campbell. The team was able to snag offensive lineman Penei Sewell in April's NFL draft and looks to have a vision for the years to come. It has been a long road for Detroit sports just to get here, a place where fans can start to feel some hope again. There is still a ways to go before teams in the Motor City can say they are championship contenders in their sports, but right now it seems like we can start to see light at the end of the tunnel.

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Park, in Eliminator. All the other skilled sailors of the Grosse Pointes — and there are a bundle of them — deserve a salute no matter how they finished.

Catie DeLoof, Olympic swimmer

The Grosse Pointe South alum helped boost United States swimmers in the 4x100-meter freestyle relay to their bronze medal finish at the Olympic games. Ms. DeLoof did not swim in the finals but demonstrated her prowess in the semifinal heat, helping to ensure the spot in the finals. Her medal in Tokyo came after she qualified at the U.S. Olympic Trials — an event where her sisters, Ali and Gabby, also competed. Catie DeLoof swam at the University of Michigan and became the university's seventh swimmer with an Olympic medal. She's now someone to boast about in the Pointes, among her fellow U-M alums and around the world. Ms. DeLoof joins Olympic swimmer Carly Piper, 2001 Grosse Pointe North alumna, who won a gold medal in the 2004 Olympics.

Little League State Tournament hosts

District 6 and the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League put together the fields to provide for the 29 games that determined the state champion. It wasn't always easy. Weather damage hurt the playing conditions at the newly refurbished Kerby Field and the first three days of competition had to be moved, with University Liggett School providing the crucial backup diamonds. For the final three days, players returned to the Kerby site. Taylor North Little League proved victorious through all the changes in landscape, but the time and talent that went into hosting the events make the Grosse Pointes a winner, too.

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\$27,991.51 in primary campaign contributions. This is more than any of the other 6 candidates. In fact, it's actually more than all six candidates raised (\$27,517.18), combined. It is a war chest, indeed. I ask: to what purpose? Especially concerning is that 90 percent of the contributors/organizations do not list Grosse Pointe Park as their address. I repeat, 90 percent do not list the Park as their address. National contributors include the UAW PAC and Teamsters PAC. While Ms. McConnell is raking in major

amounts from these outside sources, one has to wonder what "influence" they will seek. Will their agenda become the Park's agenda? Large amounts of outside campaign contributions from across the United States in a small, local, non-partisan election does not make sense. Granted, she is a remarkable leader, but councilmember Hodges won her seat in 2019 without any campaign contributions. Perhaps Ms. McConnell can explain this peculiar anomaly to the voters of Grosse Pointe Park. We deserve an answer. KAROLE STEEN Grosse Pointe Park

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

people of Grosse Pointe Shores think they can save themselves some money by giving up their village status and taking unto themselves the dignity of a city, they have another guess coming. **BOARD APPEALS APPLICATION:** The Board of Education has forwarded an appeal to the Civilian Production Administration to reconsider its denial of a permit to construct one section of 18 classrooms which would be the beginning of the Vernier-Mack combination elementary and junior high school. *Obituaries: Esther Wager, Albert V. Lancaster, Walter L. Flemming, Anna Craft*

1971
50 years ago this week

TEENS GIVE VIEWS OF EARLY ADULTHOOD LAW: Pointe teens strongly favor the new bill to make 18, 19 and 20-year-olds adults, a survey shows. But most of them think these young people must be prepared to accept responsibility. The 26th amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives people in that age group the right to vote. A Michigan bill, if signed into law by the governor, will give them, among other things, the right to buy liquor and drink in bars, buy property on time, sue and be sued and marry without parental consent. **CITY CONSIDERS CHANGING LAWS:** The City of Grosse Pointe Council requested City Attorney Richard Hinks to draft two documents for consideration, including an amendment to the City Charter which would provide for one judge for the City's Municipal Court and set the age limit for that position at 70. Presently, the City Charter provides for two municipal judges, but one position has been vacant since the resignation of Malcolm J.

Sutherland in May. *Obituaries: Stuart A. Friedrich, Eugenie D. Hunt, Adeline Berns, Florence Hansen, La Verne Lounds, Nicholas S. Manteris*

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25 years ago this week

ESTATE TO BE DEVELOPED INTO SUBDIVISIONS: After many months of planning, local developers are ready to begin with the first phase of a project that will create several new homes in Grosse Pointe Park. Blake Construction is expected to begin demolition of the main house as well as a smaller house on what is commonly called the Morrison Estate at 16500 E. Jefferson. The property stretches from Jefferson to Lake St. Clair and is situated between Bishop and Ellair. **WOODS JOINS SEMCOG:** Deciding that it was time, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council voted to join the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, a regional organization

dedicated to promoting the interests of southeastern Michigan communities. *Obituaries: William G. Ehrlich, Nancy Griffith Peirce, Elena Ackerman, Barbara V. Conway, Benjamin N. Hall Jr., Charlotte Elizabeth Haberkorn Court, Paul G. Tocco, Mary Grace Command, Elaine Granville Jacobs, Gay Snyder*

2011
10 years ago this week

JOINT DISPATCH NEARS: The public safety dispatch center at Grosse Pointe Shores city hall could close a month after state officials approve its relocation to Grosse Pointe Farms. The Shores and

Farms are the first of what is expected to be additional partnerships between individual Grosse Pointes to operate dispatch centers. **FANTASTIC FINISHES:** The 87th Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race featured more than 200 sailboats and little wind at times. The two courses featured some excitement. The Cove Island Course record was broken and the overall winner for the Shore Course was Courtesan, a Farr 49 owned by Dave Lockhart of Grosse Pointe Park and Dane Christy of Bloomfield Hills. *Obituaries: Angelo J. Colombo, Deborah Ann Dubai, Margaret Mary Haas, William Karl Koch, Ryan "Crare" McCrary, Francis J. Weskel, Evelyn M. Wildi, Mary Gray Zedan*

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Woods investigates flooding

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods city administrators announced plans to investigate the flooding incidents spanning the end of June and into July at a committee of the whole meeting Monday, July 26. Included are plans to televise sewers, televise properties which reported flooding and repair sewers throughout the city.

Televising and cleaning sewers is a yearly project in the Woods. This year, the project already was set to take place in the most severely impacted areas in the

community — Torrey Road and Ida Lane. According to administration, the bid for televising and cleaning the sewer lines is out. Once awarded, the project likely will start two to three weeks later, with a completion time of three to four months.

The department of public works has been inspecting homes reported to have flooded during the rain events. According to Department of Public Works Director Frank Schulte, 96 homes inspected so far have connected downspouts, which should be dis-

connected to prevent flooding.

City Engineer Scott Lockwood is working through reports of what happened during the June 25-26 event. Lockwood explained his current hypothesis is flooding would be most effectively prevented by adding a stormwater outflow for the Girard Drain into Lake St. Clair, though this option would have to be approved by multiple entities. He also discussed potential benefits of installing backflow preventers into all residents' homes.

— Kate Vanderstelt

Farms updates fire code, talks permits for bonfires

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The International Fire Code was the last fire code adopted by the Farms, back in 2008. During its meeting in mid-June, city council unanimously approved the adoption of the National Fire Protection Association 2021 edition of the Fire Code.

The action follows Michigan becoming an NFPA state in 2018, and mirrors the Farms' NFPA building code.

What may be most of interest to residents within the new code is language on permits for bonfires within the city.

"The reason that this is changing is before, for Grosse Pointe Farms' ordinance, it was actually illegal to have any type of recreational bonfire or to start a fire anywhere in the city," explained Kris Desmadryl, Farms fire inspector. "We understand that people are going to have bonfires in their backyards, so ... having some type of permit process is the best way to control (safety regulations). As people apply for them, that's when you give them the list of the rules and regulations to do it safely."

Such regulations may include approved burn-

ing containers, how far fires need to be from structures and having a garden hose nearby. As the details still are being worked out, Desmadryl said, it is yet to be determined when the permit process will go into effect.

While the previous code noted businesses in the city were meant to be equipped with a secure access device — a box containing a key fashioned to the outside of a business, so firefighters can get inside without waiting for the owner or breaking in the door — by 2011, the NFPA code sets an update to the timeline of requirements.

Businesses which have an adjoining wall with another business must comply immediately upon the annual fire safety inspection; those who wish to pull a permit with the city to do any type of work will be required; and any remaining will need to do so by Dec. 31, 2021.

The adoption makes the new code evergreen, meaning updates won't need to be continually brought before council for approval.

"As time progresses and technology progresses and changes," Desmadryl said, "we'll just naturally start adhering to the new code as they become available and are rolled out."

City facilities complete, under budget

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With the City of Grosse Pointe's new public safety, public works and court buildings all placed under the same contract with Partners in Architecture in 2018, the now-completed projects have come in under budget, returning \$96,676 to the city.

The unanimous authorization by city council of the final change order set the total cost of the work at \$12,627,938.16.

"I'm very proud that we got the buildings that we wanted; they're done very well; they're attrac-

tive; and they were finished, even despite all the crazy things that happened over the last couple years, under budget," City Manager Pete Dame said.

Plans along the way were adjusted due to the public works building location change, steel tariffs altering the cost of construction with the public safety building and rising construction costs for the court as the project was pushed back because of the pandemic and time it took to complete the other two buildings. However, use of a guaranteed maximum price contract allowed the city to adjust plans and designs for the buildings

based on actual bid-out costs for construction and plan alterations.

"It was the right format to be able to accomplish this," Dame said, "because there were three projects all starting at different times with different construction periods and issues that came up unexpectedly over the course of construction that did impact both the designs and the construction costs."

While the final project cost proved to be \$160,000 below the 2018 agreement, 40 percent of the savings were allocated to PIA and DeMaria, as set in the contract.

Outdated infrastructure ill-equipped for climate change 'rain bombs'

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Detroit Regional Chamber President and Grosse Pointe Park resident Sandy Baruah was one of countless victims of a severe rainstorm that left residents of metro Detroit scrambling through sewage-filled basements and flooded streets overnight Friday, June 25.

"A lot of people were impacted," Baruah said. "We're no different than so many of our neighbors that lost things and memories. In the big scheme of things, we're

incredibly fortunate because of either insurance or resources or whatever."

While dealing with the devastation of the flooding, Baruah has shifted his focus to the cause of the event: according to him, climate change and outdated infrastructure.

"Regardless of if you believe it's manmade or not, the climate is changing," Baruah said. "The evidence is all around us, regardless of where you live. One of the impacts of climate change are these 'rain bombs' that we have, where the cloud formations can now

pack enormous amounts of rain. It's not that we didn't ever see them before, it's just that we're seeing them so much more frequently than we did before."

"You combine that issue with the fact that the infrastructure that was built, essentially by our grandparents, wasn't built for that kind of volume and you couple that with the fact that these municipal systems were built by our grandparents and just like the rest of us, they have aged and they don't work like they did when they were first built."

In other words, the glory typically goes to new infrastructure being developed, not old infrastructure being redone.

"No one goes to a ribbon-cutting of a resurfaced roadway, or new sewer lines being developed, but those things are just as, if not more, important than building new," he said. "So for really generations, we as a country, let alone this region or this state, have chronically underinvested in physical infrastructure. And that's why the roads are the way they are, the bridges are the way they are, the sewer systems are the way they are. You name it and the United States, when we built all of our infrastructure ... we kind of built it and let it sit there."

But, infrastructure updates are a costly expense; something that has been preventing progress, Baruah said.

"Infrastructure gets more expensive to build with each passing year," he said. "Infrastructure's not cheap and it never has been cheap and ... there's very little political payoff for that."

"And people need to be willing to pay for it," Baruah added. "(As) public officials, you kind of respond to what the voters are looking for. And even if they're looking for something, if they're not willing to pay for it, it's hard to do something."

According to Baruah, poor infrastructure could prove an economic disaster for the region.

"It is an economic competitiveness issue," he said. "As an organization (the Detroit Regional Chamber) that has the state's overall economic health and business competitiveness kind of at the core of its mission, it is really difficult to attract new businesses to a region

or a state that doesn't have modern and reliable infrastructure.

"This flooding incident ... people are going to spend a lot of money just to make themselves whole. And this money could have been spent to upgrade their homes so their homes would be more valuable and therefore the neighborhood becomes more attractive. ... When you have to spend money to replace something that you already had ... it's not the most optimal economic outcome."

While many residents at the Park's July 8 town hall regarding the flooding event demanded Park administrators take matters into their own hands and separate from Detroit systems, Baruah said he isn't sure this would work.

"Everyone needs to address it," he said. "The federal government needs to play its part, the state needs to play its part and the local communities need to play its part. And the fact that the Grosse Pointes are connected to the Detroit water system theoretically makes a lot of sense, because Detroit is a large city. ... It makes no sense, not

only for each one of the individual Pointes to have their own systems, I'm not even sure it makes sense for the Pointes as a whole to have its own kind of underground infrastructure system. ... It makes sense to work kind of within the larger region for these things."

"But people need to be willing to pay for it. There needs to be a vision which is set forth by governmental leaders. There needs to be a plan that people can react to and say, 'OK, that's going to be worth my tax dollars to pay for.'"

And while Grosse Pointe took a hard hit from the intense rainfall, so did many metro Detroit regions.

"This is something that we all want to address," Baruah said. "The current situation, clearly with how our environment is changing, is clearly untenable. We need to do something and do it collectively. We need to do it smartly and we need to put the dollars behind whatever that plan is to make it happen, because it's not going to happen by magic and it's not going to happen for free."

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broken-out line items so residents can see exactly what they are being charged for.

"The idea is that everyone's aware of what's happening and that we're really transparent," Giles said. "My goal is always to be as transparent as possible and to run everything with integrity. So

while for some people, this might not be the greatest news, it is equitable for everyone."

City council unanimously approved the changes during its Tuesday, July 20 meeting.

District works to finish projects by start of school

By Michael Hartt
Staff Intern

At Grosse Pointe North High School, Brownell Middle School, Richard Elementary School and Maire Elementary School, students and faculty will return in the fall to buildings with extensive cosmetic and structural upgrades, as part of the 2018 bond resolution.

In addition, extensive flood mitigation work will take place at Grosse Pointe South High School, following record-breaking flooding that caused many areas of the school's underground tunnel system to retain water.

According to Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Amanda Matheson, the

work being done at each building varies, but many of the same projects are happening at multiple buildings.

Boiler replacement, asbestos abatement and bathroom renovations are occurring at multiple sites while parts of each school also are getting new ceilings, floors, lighting and/or paint, depending on the condition of the space where updates are being considered. New smartboards and low-voltage cabling are being widely installed as well.

Security at each school also is being worked on extensively, as classroom door hardware is being replaced so doors can lock from the inside rather than the outside and new secure vesti-

bules are being configured at buildings that do not already have them. At Brownell, a front parking lot is being constructed to further the use of the new secure vestibule as the entry point for all guests to the building.

Although sizable work is being done at all district buildings worked on this summer, the renovations at Grosse Pointe North are the only ones to extend over five phases and well into the 2022-23 school year.

Along with North getting many of the structural and cosmetic upgrades the other schools are getting, much of the building is being reconfigured as the district administration offices are moved from

their current location at 389 St. Clair to North. The current counseling center and some classrooms on the first floor have been demolished to make way for new offices for both the district administration and counseling staff.

President of North's Student Association, Shannon Kane, said while students are happy with the updates taking place across the building, they also are concerned about navigating spaces to which they are unaccustomed, as a result of the building's interior reconfiguration.

“A lot of us are a bit worried about what everything will look like when we return and (how) we will have to figure out where the new

classrooms are because everything is moving,” Kane said. “(However), I am excited to see the updates to the building and I am hoping everything works out well.”

At Grosse Pointe South, phase two of the initially planned bond work is being completed this summer, along with some originally unforeseen flood mitigation work.

According to Matheson, water retention in South's basement tunnels has been a long-term problem, but after record-breaking flooding this summer, it appeared the water had the potential to damage HVAC equipment and air handlers, which is why water sealing is being done.

"The contract that was

just approved by the board was for water mitigation in an additional interior space (of the tunnels)," Matheson said. "We addressed the problem (where) we were working last summer and now we are working in a different area and there was water there as well."

After this interior water mitigation work is completed this summer, an additional bid will go out for exterior water mitigation work for next summer, according to Matheson. With interior water sealing and exterior work that will allow water to drain away from the school rather than into it, Matheson is confident flooding will be much less of a problem in years to come.

Six Monteith Elementary School students organized a lemonade stand to raise funds to take their teacher to lunch. Pictured in back, from left, are Mitchell Pope, Alex Turner and Yianni Bittas; in front from left are Elle Rainbolt, Evelyn Vandenberghe and Zoey Reed.



When life gives you lemons, take your teacher out to lunch

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Six Monteith soon-to-be third graders loved their second-grade teacher so dearly they committed their Friday afternoon to paying her back — by planning and working a lemonade stand in hopes to raise enough money to take her to lunch.

After a year of mixed virtual and in-person learning, the students — Mitchell Pope, Evelyn Vandenberghe, Alex Turner, Elle Rainbolt, Zoey Reed and Yianni Bittas — and their parents said Pam Liagre made the year, which could have been overwhelming and stressful due to COVID-19-related concerns, extremely enjoyable.

"She was a really good teacher and she cared about us," Pope said. "She was nice to us and ... sometimes she let us put our feet on other people's chairs."



Roy Bishop, an assistant superintendent with the Grosse Pointe School System, stopped by the lemonade stand to purchase snacks and lemonade. Mitchell Pope hands Bishop a lemonade.

Other favorites about Liagre's class included reading stories, watching movies, fun Fridays, parties, making crafts and extra recess, according to Vandenberghe, Turner, Rainbolt and Reed.

Their parents said the six students spent a lot of recess time meeting and

lunch expenses, would go to Liagre for basement repairs.

The kids stocked the stand with ice-cold lemonade, chips, Keebler Fudge Stripes, Cheez-Its and more Friday, July 23. They lined up on the curb of Torrey Road in Grosse Pointe Woods and spent hours selling goods. A bell could be heard ringing from the stand every time a purchase was made.

At the beginning of lemonade stand working hours, Bittas said they would pick where to take their teacher based on how much money they made.

"It's from a McDonald's \$1 meal up to the WaterMark (Bar and Grille), up to \$100," he said. "It depends how far the money train goes."

The money train went far; the six students made \$470 by the end of the day. They plan to take Liagre out to Pepperoni Grille in St. Clair Shores.

Informal poll: 404 respondents oppose mask requirement

By Michael Hartt
Staff Intern

After several weeks with no decision from the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration on whether or not students would be required to wear masks to school in the fall, frustrated parent Leo Nouhan created a survey to show the community's opposition to the requirement.

From sharing the survey on several Facebook groups and through word of mouth, Nouhan was able to collect — as of July 22 — 404 names of parents, guardians and community members who are opposed to requiring students wear masks in school this fall.

Among the 404 responses, 111 indicated if masking was required they would not send their children to the school system in the fall; 18 indicated they already have pulled their children out of the district with no plans to re-enroll them; and 34 indicated they would consider re-enrolling their children in the district if the mask requirement was

dropped for the upcoming school year.

Nouhan is concerned that following the results of the survey — and news that many private schools in the community will not require masks in the fall — the district will see further enrollment declines.

After sharing the survey with the Board of Education and district administration, he received a response indicating they are still planning to release guidance on masking by Aug. 9.

While Nouhan believes his survey shows extensive community support against requiring masks for the upcoming school year, he knows there still are many more residents who support the topic, but are not included in the survey.

"I think that (the survey) is probably a much smaller representation than the true feeling out there, because this is a very hot topic," he said. "This is very divisive and people that I know that agree with me are hesitant to attach their name to this thing because of the backlash (they may receive)."

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Corner clients slow down, feel the burn with Lagree

By Ana Dragovic LoVasco
Special Writer

Lagree Fitness, a training method that souped up the traditional Pilates reformer with more bells and whistles and a whole new way to work out, has Grosse Pointers shaking — literally.

That’s a normal occurrence in a Lagree Megaformer class at The Corner Studio Pilates & Lagree, where fitness clientele — both men and women — endure a challenging low-impact, high-intensity workout centered around core, strength and endurance.

“People typically think it’s Pilates, but Lagree is more cardio focused,” said Whitney Stines, a trainer and co-owner of the Lagree Loft, the second-floor studio of The Corner’s Grosse Pointe City location dedicated to Megaformer group fitness classes.

Walled with full-length mirrors on one side and windows that invite plenty of natural light, the Lagree Loft houses five Megaformer machines. The M3 model features a bed-like carriage that slides back and forth along two rails between two fixed platforms. Attached is a row of eight springs offering varying resistance. Adjustable handlebars are located at the front and back, plus a set of



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Clients in Lagree Megaformer classes endure a challenging low-impact, high-intensity workout centered around core, strength and endurance.

pullleys and straps.

At first glance, the apparatus seems exceedingly intricate — and a little intimidating. After a few classes, though, students learn to navigate it, securely adjusting springs and maneuvering their bodies with ease while heeding the instructor’s precise verbal cues.

“We deliberately say the names of the exercises so the student learns them and can get into

them easily,” Stines said.

With obscure names like “scrambled egg” and “dancing bear,” transitions can be stiff at first. The goal is less downtime between exercises to keep the muscles constantly working through the duration of the 50-minute class.

The class flow, which is designed to deliver a full-body workout, starts with a core warmup then incorporates legs,

obliques and arms. The exercises can take on a variety of different forms and the difficulty changes based on where you are on the machine.

“We mix it up so that the client is not in one position the whole time,” Stines said. “You work every area of the body.”

The uniqueness of Lagree can be partly attributed to the endless variations of movement done on the machine to

effectively target specific muscles groups, while making you shake, sweat and burn fat. The exercises are dynamic, alternating between full-range movements, pulses and static holds.

Stines noted the subtleties of the workout: “In some positions you’re pushing, so you can handle more resistance, and in others you’re pulling, so you want less resistance. It’s all about the

nature of the exercise and what muscle groups you’re targeting. For example, in ‘standing inner thighs,’ you want less resistance; if you increase the spring load, you automatically start to work the outer thighs.”

Aside from exercising your listening skills, what’s perhaps most challenging about the workout is the pace. A steady count of four to flex and extend, pull and push, can seem grueling, but that’s where the magic happens.

“People struggle to slow down,” Stines said. “Traditionally we’re used to going fast and hard in workouts.”

In class, the music is upbeat, your heart is pumping fast, but the movements are intentionally slow. Call it sneaky cardio: The measured tempo recruits slow-twitch muscle fibers, which use oxygen for fuel and are considered aerobic. Exercises that focus on sustained isometric contractions with little to no joint movement, like the ones done on the Megaformer, keep the slow-twitch muscle fibers under contraction for an extended time. It also forces students to pay more attention to their form, which promotes safer and healthier movement overall.

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Grosse Pointe Historical Society to break ground on new building

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

If all goes according to plan, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society will break ground on its new headquarters the second week of August.

The project was meant to begin last year, but was put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This is the biggest move the society has made since it purchased the Provencal-Weir House,” said Leslie Wagner, the new president of the historical society. “... It’s an exciting time for Grosse Pointe, with The War Memorial reconstruction, the Schaap Center, the Ford House. There’s so much investment going on to make this a world-class village. It makes me happy.”

The 5,002-square-foot building will house the society’s administrative offices, as well as archives and a gallery for exhibitions.

“We expect it to be done by the first quarter 2022,” said Stuart Grigg, vice president of development. “I’m thrilled we’re so close.”

The project has been a long time coming for the society, which first purchased a house at 375 Kercheval in 2016, in hopes of renovating it.



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A rendering of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s administration building, which breaks ground in two weeks.

Feasibility studies determined the structure wasn’t a match for the society’s needs and the building and a nearby outbuilding were razed in 2019.

“We were all so disappointed the house that we purchased for this purpose didn’t work out,” Wagner said. “It was a painful decision to have to raze the building, but it was not going to work in the long run. We felt it was best to build a building specific for this purpose.”

Other aspects of Phase 1, which was complete by the end of 2019, included developing architectural plans, getting approval from Grosse Pointe Farms City Council and grading the lot following

demolition.

“Thanks to the generous support of donors to ‘The Future of Grosse Pointe Past’ campaign, we accomplished and paid for all of this and ended the year with a strong balance sheet for the society — no debt and assets including the ‘shovel-ready’-approved project and funds in our capital campaign accounts to begin construction in spring 2020,” read a letter to supporters from Wagner and capital campaign chairman Mason Ferry. “However, as COVID-19 struck early that year, GPHS closed down the offices for a few months and put procedures in place for the safety of our staff and

Back to Work grant.

Despite the forced hiatus, Wagner said the community continued to show support; its annual appeal was its most successful to date and important gifts were made to the capital campaign.

“We have seen a lot of generosity from the community over the years in anticipation of this,” Wagner said. “We do plan to come back to the community for some support” as the project moves forward.

Currently, most of the society’s archives and support material are housed in the basement at Eastland Center in Harper Woods and most of its blueprints are housed with the Grosse Pointe Public

patrons.”

Though society events — including its spring gala, tours and programs — were canceled, it was able to reopen in summer thanks to a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Endowment at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and a Wayne County

Library.

“We need to bring all of those things in house,” Wagner said. “It will solve a real need. We don’t have a place for rotating exhibits and there are so many things we’d like to put out. Grosse Pointe’s rich history begs to be shown.”

Not only will the new building provide the space for exhibits and public activities, but the appropriate environment as well.

“We will have a steady temperature, no moisture,” she added. “And everything will be in archival boxes.”

Wagner said the society already has plans for its first exhibition, which will focus on Native American heritage.

“We have some beautiful artifacts we’ve never had room to showcase before,” she added.

The building is just one of several new steps the society is taking. It has developed a YouTube channel, formed a partnership with University Liggett School — two of its board members are Liggett students — and is digitizing its archives. It also has a podcast in the works.

Wagner said she is overwhelmed and excited about

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Woods native publishes books for young readers

Grosse Pointe-born author Ken Priebe has independently published a new children's book called "The Ice Cream Truck at Midnight: Stories & Sketches."

This is his third self-published title, starting with his poetry collections "Gnomes of the Cheese Forest" (2018) and "Let There Be Owls Everywhere" (2019), whimsical collections of poems and drawings for young people of all ages.

Now residing near Vancouver, Canada, with his wife and two children, Priebe has been an animator more than 20 years, teaching at several colleges and animating on several short films for Scholastic/Weston Woods through BigFott Studios. He also has written two

published textbooks on the art of stop-motion animation and done animation workshops for children, all alongside his day job in communications at Vancouver Institute of Media Arts.

His new book is available to order online or wherever books are sold; copies of his first two books may be found at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. He has other books planned and in progress, including his next one, "GOBLABET," which will be published by Bandersnatch Books.

Priebe attended Mason Elementary School, Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School before earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan School of Art & Design in 1997.

WEDDING

Kauth—Warren

Anne Kathryn Kauth and Charles Holton Warren were married Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020. The private civil ceremony in Sonoma County, Calif., was followed last month by a celebration of marriage and reception with family and friends Saturday, June 5, 2021. The Rev. Sarah A. Dunn officiated the Episcopal rite of marriage; the celebration and reception took place at Martis Camp near Lake Tahoe in Truckee, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth C. and Elizabeth Kauth of St. Paul, Minn. The groom is the son of Anne Widlak and John B. and Anna Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms. The couple met in San Francisco in January 2018, on the dating app Bumble, and discovered a network of over three dozen mutual friends dating to their overlapping years in Cambridge, Mass.

The bridal gown, designed by Reem Acra in New York, was a column silhouette of pearl silk organza with strapless neckline, empire waist and single-panel back train. The chapel-length oval veil, designed by Peter Langner in Milan, was hand-embroidered with Rebrodè lace with blusher in tulle. The bride carried a delicate bouquet of lily of the valley and sweet pea.

The bride was attended by the groom's sister, Elizabeth Warren, long-time friend Whitney Rauschenbach and Bryn Mawr classmates Antonia Kerle, Sundes Kazmir, Mary Florence Sullivan



Mrs. and Mr. Charles H. Warren

and Briana Bellamy. The bridesmaids wore hunter green sleeveless column dresses with a high neckline and carried bouquets of garden roses, ranunculus, peonies, lisianthus and lily of the valley.

The groom was attended by the bride's brothers, Gunnar and Henry Kauth, Bowdoin classmates Michael Schember, Michael Eldridge and Daniel Levis, and graduate school classmates Sven Linsmaier and Federico Weis. The groom and his groomsmen wore black tie.

Mrs. Warren earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bryn Mawr College, a diploma from L'Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (SciencesPo Paris) and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California, Berkeley Haas

School of Business. She is the chief of staff for marketing at Lyft, the ride-sharing technology company in San Francisco.

Mr. Warren earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowdoin College, a Master of Public Administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. He is the co-founder and CEO of Convex, a software company in San Francisco.

The couple honeymooned in Iliamna, Alaska, in June with a week of guided fly-fishing on the Copper, Kijik and Alagnak rivers. They make their home in Mill Valley, Calif.

ENGAGEMENTS



Dr. Morgan Ellis and Dr. Iain Decker

Ellis—Decker

Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Ellis of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Morgan M. Ellis, to Dr. Iain W. Decker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Petersen Niles Decker of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Dr. Ellis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in science-business from the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Science degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and a Medical Doctorate degree from WSU School of Medicine. She is a dermatology resident physician at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Decker earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public health-natural sciences from Johns Hopkins University and a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Michigan State University. He is a practicing ophthalmologist at Beloit Health System.

A May 2022 wedding is planned in Tuscany, Italy.

Leto—Held

Julie and Peter Leto of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Maresa Leto, to Michael Held, the son of Sherry and Mike Held of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Miss Leto earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology & Information from Michigan State University in 2013. She currently works as an account manager at Twitter.

Dr. Held studied biology at the University of Michigan and went to medical school at Creighton University School of Medicine. He is in his third year of Orthopedic Surgery residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

A February 2022 wedding at Detroit Athletic Club is planned.



Dr. Michael Held and Maresa Leto

Warren—Giorgio

Mr. and Mrs. G. David Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandria Kay Warren, to Frank Michael Giorgio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Miss Warren earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early education from Michigan State University and currently is employed in corporate sponsorship sales at Benzinga Detroit.

Mr. Giorgio earned a Bachelor of Science degree in entrepreneurship from the University of Dayton and currently is a key account specialist at Vintage Wine Company.

A December 2021 wedding is planned.



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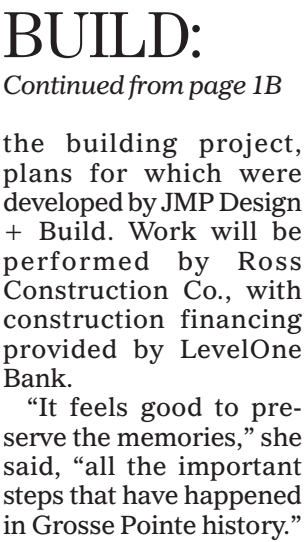
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the building project, plans for which were developed by JMP Design + Build. Work will be performed by Ross Construction Co., with construction financing provided by LevelOne Bank.

"It feels good to preserve the memories," she said, "all the important steps that have happened in Grosse Pointe history."

PAATS fees waived through end of 2021

The Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, or PAATS, Board of Directors recently voted to continue to suspend fees for all rides through Dec. 31. This includes the Friday “Shop the Gratiot Loop” service.

PAATS riders must be residents of Harper Woods or the Grosse Pointes and at least 60 years of age or a disabled adult. It is a curb-to-curb service. Passengers are picked up at their home, taken to their appointment, picked up and brought back to their home. All buses are sanitized before and after each pickup and at the end of every day. All riders and drivers must wear a mask while in the bus. Physical distancing is maintained within the bus as well.

The PAATS service area is any location bounded by 11 Mile Road, Gratiot Avenue, Alter Road and Jefferson Avenue. Additionally, PAATS will take passengers to appointments at Ascension St. John Hospital Health Center and the Shores Professional Building on 12 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores, Henry Ford Main Campus, Detroit Medical Center, VA Medical Center, Detroit City County Building and The New Center.

PAATS will continue to operate its “Shop the Gratiot Loop” service every Friday until further notice. Riders are picked up at home and brought to their choice of five stops in the Gratiot shopping corridor.

The five stops are:

- ◆ Wal-Mart at 12 Mile

- and Gratiot;
- ◆ Meijer at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Kroger at 13 Mile and Little Mack;
- ◆ Macomb Mall at Masonic and Gratiot;
- ◆ Target on Gratiot north of 14 Mile.

Reservations for all PAATS rides must be made at least 48 hours in advance. To reserve a ride, call (313) 394-9712 between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The PAATS mission is to provide safe and reliable transportation, ensuring area residents continue to live their daily lives with independence and dignity. PAATS is funded through the five Grosse Pointe municipalities, as well as the city of Harper Woods. Its office is located in The Helm.

First English Lutheran celebrating 125 years

Community invited to Aug. 1 worship

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Significant celebrations were planned at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in honor of its 125th anniversary, including a full banquet with special guests late October, in line with Reformation; however, after a late-June deluge of rain caused part of its roof to collapse, the church is looking at several months of construction.

Though Mother Nature may have damped its

plans to a degree — the building was off limits two weeks, but worship has resumed in the sanctuary — the church is moving ahead with plans to celebrate its history.

All are welcome to attend a special worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at First English, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Worship will be conducted as it was in 1896, using the Evangelical Lutheran hymnal of the Ohio Synod.

“Back in 1896, the services were much more

formal and while the Lutheran services are not as ritualistic as other denominations, there was a set form that was followed in the hymnals,” explained Mark Berkesch, church council president. “The services were also written using more of the archaic King James Version of the English language — thee, thou, shall, shalt — and only made mention of men in any of the liturgy. The music was also taken from hymns written in the 1700s to the 1890s.”

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Reunion

Grosse Pointe North High School’s Class of 1971 is hosting its 50th reunion at 6 p.m. Sept. 18, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$45 each before Aug. 1, and \$55 after. Tickets and additional information are available online at gpn1971.org

The Helm

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

- ◆ Creating Confident Caregivers, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 to Sept. 2, with facilitator Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited.
- ◆ BBQ on the Lawn, 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 30. Cost is \$12 for members, \$18 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, with Jessica Malfa.

- ◆ Butterflies and Bees 101, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Detroit Abloom. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers.
- ◆ The movie “The Life Ahead” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Canasta Club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays.
- ◆ Texas Hold’em Poker, 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays.
- ◆ Knitting for Charity, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ Bridge Club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
- ◆ 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.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs:

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

- ◆ Ask the Astronomer — Meteors, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Thursday, July 29, via Zoom.
- ◆ Basic Cartooning, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, via Zoom, for ages 10-18.
- ◆ Glow-in-the-Dark Constellations, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Fairy Tale Trivia, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, via Zoom, for ages 6 and older.

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

Ford House

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

- ◆ 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.

The Helm hosts book sale

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a book sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 2 to 6.

Books in more than 20 categories, from classic works to recent bestsellers, will be for sale. Genres include history, science fiction, mystery and

thriller, self-help, business and money, sports and art, among others.

Cost is \$1 for paperbacks, \$2 for hardcovers and \$3 for oversized print. Payment may be made via cash, check or credit card.

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

Tuesdays, through Aug. 17, for ages 8 and younger.

- ◆ Teen Workshop, 1 p.m. Fridays, through Aug. 13.
- ◆ Meadow Games, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 30.
- ◆ Family Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, for ages 6 to 12.
- ◆ Fresh Air Painting Club, 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 8 and 22.
- ◆ Maker Studio, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.
- ◆ 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.

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free

yoga at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, under the tent from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4 and Aug. 11.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Men’s Club

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Club hosts its next

meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Fishbone’s at 9 Mile and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. David O. Egner, of the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation, speaks.

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 lisa.jonesmentalhealth@gmail.com.

LAGREE:

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“This is a mentally focused workout,” Stines said.

The Corner offers 29 Megaformer classes each week and, with a max of five students per class, they fill up quickly. The business has welcomed more than 100 new clients of all ages and abilities since opening in May.

Husband and wife, Glenn Sheets, 62, and Patricia O’Kelly, 57, take Lagree classes together twice a week at The Corner.

“It helps to have a little friendly competition when working out, even if I generally end up on the losing end,” Sheets joked. “We both really like the balance to our weekly exercise routine that Lagree offers.”

Sheets also noted that Lagree meets his need to limit the impact on his body without sacrificing the intensity of the workouts he’s used to doing,

like HIIT.

“I have experienced more muscle definition and added strength, especially to my core, and that’s after only three months,” Sheets said.

Twenty-nine-year-old Brooke Damon, a lifestyle blogger, took up the Megaformer three to four days a week leading up to her wedding in early July. She saw results quickly.

“My abdominal muscles and my flexibility improved quite a bit,” she reported.

Damon likened the workout to “Pilates on steroids. It completely takes my breath away,” she said. “Sebastien Lagree doesn’t mess around.”

The French-born bodybuilder-turned-fitness-visionary Sebastien Lagree introduced his eponymous brand in the early 2000s in Los Angeles, Calif. Over several years he launched the first iterations of a nuanced reformer, which later became the Megaformer. Hundreds of

studios worldwide use his method and he continues to evolve the machines.

The Corner Studio is no stranger to West Coast influence. Retail items in the studio’s Grosse Pointe Woods location are heavily California based, including athleisure apparel brands like Avocado, Alo and Beyond Yoga.

“We’re always bringing fresh ideas to our clients,” said Aimee Shortz, manager of both studios. “Whether it’s the clothing or the type of fitness, we like to stay on trend and a step ahead in the area.”


Lagree rounds out The Corner Studios’ fitness offerings and more instructors there are training to teach the method.

“The ‘newness’ and ‘coolness’ factor definitely brings people in,” Stines offered. “Then clients feel sore in new places and realize the effectiveness of the workout. They see a noticeable difference in their bodies.”

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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.

Earl Joseph Wakely

Earl Joseph Wakely, 94, passed away peacefully Monday, June 8, 2020. He was born Aug. 28, 1925, in Grosse Pointe.

A 1944 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Earl served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II.

In his career as a building inspector, Earl provided more than 50 years of service to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and telling a good joke.

Earl was the beloved husband of the late Joan (nee Athman) for 53 years; loving father of Michael (Pam); cherished grandfather of Sarah (Bryan) and Annie (Monte); and great-grandfather of Ivy and Eden. He also was the close companion of Barbara Marrs in recent years.

A memorial Mass will be held at noon Saturday, July 31, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The family will receive guests at 11 a.m.

Donations in Earl's memory may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207, or online at cskdetroit.org.

Judith Bracken

Judith Bracken, 85, of Traverse City, passed away Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at the Grand Traverse Pavilions.

She was born Aug. 14, 1935, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Lt. Col. Paul G. and Edna Tossy (nee Schroeder), both now deceased. She was one of two children. Her sister, Nancy Hackett, preceded her in death.

Judith is survived by her children, Lisa Chimner (Jeff), Paul Bracken (Annette), Ray Bracken (Liz), Pam Devlin (Jim) and Lynn Wehnes; along with 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Prior to living in Traverse City, Judith lived in Grosse Pointe, Detroit, Battle Creek, Niles and Houston. She married Bruce Bracken, her late husband and love of her life, Feb. 6, 1970. Together they raised a family and enjoyed many happy times.

Her personality was infectious, her fishing skill was unbeatable and her love for a good glass of vino legendary. Judith was funny, flirty and just enjoyed people. She had no barrier on her compassion for people and was drawn to those who were seemingly less fortunate. A smile or salty joke from anyone turned them into her friend.

The family extends sincere thanks to the staff at Grand Traverse Pavilions for the compassion and care provided to their mom throughout her stay, especially during the COVID-19 lockdown when they were unable to visit in person.

A memorial service is planned to honor Judith

and will be announced at a later date.

Those wishing to express sympathy in Judith's honor may choose to contribute to AC PAW online at acpaw.org

Judith and her family are being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Irving Theodore Winkler Jr.

Irving Theodore "Pete" Winkler Jr. passed away Sunday, July 4, 2021.

He was born Jan. 10, 1928, to Irving Winkler Sr. and Freda Mitchell Winkler, both now deceased. His early years were spent in various locations, including Louisiana, Virginia and California, before his family landed in Grosse Pointe for the rest of his growing up years.

He married his high school sweetheart, Lois Ann Neumeyer, in 1949; they were married 56 years before her death in 2005. They began their life together in St. Clair Shores, in a house they built themselves, until they moved back to Grosse Pointe to raise their family.

Pete started as a finish carpenter and eventually owned his own successful industrial building company, including building his own subdivision of light industrial buildings.

He retired at 55 and was able to pursue the things he loved best, which included biking, boating, traveling and building boats—many of which he donated to organizations.

He became a Christian as an adult and loved going on mission trips and helping at Vacation Bible School. Although he was self-educated, he had a great love of learning and encouraged education, including quietly paying for college for several people in need. He had a great zest for life and his humble beginnings made him extremely generous to those for which he cared.

Pete was predeceased by his beloved wife, Lois; dear son-in-law, Steven Tucker; dear cousin, Mary Printz; his parents, Irving and Freda Winkler Sr.; brother, Richard; and sisters, Janice Graham and Jean Allor. He leaves behind his beloved daughters, Sharon Moren (Anthony), Constance Tucker (the late Steven) and Nancy Spalding (Albert); grandchildren, Peter Brown (Annette), Richard Spalding (Ju hyung Kim), Pamela Moren (Craig Pratt), Patrick Brown (Megan), Philip Moren, Lea Ann Martinico (Michael) and Abigail Burkum (Brian); 12 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and dear friend, Sharon Packus.

A memorial service took place Saturday, July 17, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a ministry to rural teens that was close to Pete's heart, Crossroads Farm, 5520 W. Card Road, Reading,

MI 49274, or crossroads farm.org

Arrangements were handled by Kaul Funeral Home, St Clair Shores.

Jean Downer Hodges

Jean Downer Hodges, 100, passed away Thursday, July 22, 2021, at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Jean was born April 30, 1921, to Dr. Ira George and Jessie Andrew Downer at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit. She was the first of four children. Jean attended old Monteith Elementary School and graduated in 1938 from the Liggett School on Burns Avenue. She attended Duke University two years and graduated in 1943 from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in medical technology. Jean was an active member of her college sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, throughout her life.

The highlight of her life was her marriage to Theodore R. Hodges Jr. Jean and Ted were married on a snowy day, March 1, 1947, in Detroit, with daffodil bouquets. Ted had recently returned from serving four years overseas in the U.S. Army during World War II. After their wedding, they spent a year in Bethlehem, Pa., while Ted completed his degree at Lehigh University. In 1948, they moved to Grosse Pointe where they lived out their lives. Ted predeceased Jean in 2014.

A great love of Jean's was the Downer/Hodges/Howard family cottage on the shores of Lake Erie in Ontario, Canada, where she, as well as her children, spent summers growing up. "The Lake" was a special gathering place for family and friends. Many summer afternoons were spent on the beach after doing projects in the morning.

Jean had many interests. She was an accomplished seamstress, knitter, needle pointer and genealogist. She loved working in her flower and vegetable gardens. She loved having fresh-cut flowers and was skillful at arranging them. She enjoyed making jams and relishes from Canadian produce. She played tennis many years. She was a die-hard Tigers and Spartans fan. She actively supported her children's and grandchildren's activities. Ted and Jean loved to travel both internationally and domestically, especially after Ted's retirement. Jean was an ardent supporter of Detroit and always saw the positive activities going on in the city.

She was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church from the time she and Ted joined in 1956. Through the years she volunteered in many capacities: ordained deacon, tutoring at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, working at the



Earl Joseph Wakely



Judith Edna Bracken



Irving T. Winkler Jr.



Jean Downer Hodges



Elizabeth Scudder Ledyard



Anne Dingeman

food pantry at Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church, sewing for the church fair and other assorted activities. Jean was especially interested in and supported the church's outreach programs for people in Detroit.

She was predeceased by her parents, Ira and Jessie; and siblings, Virginia, George and Harry. Jean and Ted are survived by four children, Theodore III (Kathy) of Pinehurst, N.C., George (Diane) of The Woodlands, Texas, Elizabeth (John) of Clarkston and Judy (Peter) of Durango, Colo.; as well as seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Jean touched many lives and will be missed and remembered by all, her family said.

A memorial service celebrating Jean's life will be held at a later date at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family would like to extend a special thanks to all of the caregivers who made Jean's end of life so full, rich and fun.

Donations may be made in Jean's memory to the Belle Isle Conservancy, 300 Riverplace Drive, Ste. 2800, Detroit, MI 48207, (313) 331-7760; or Historic Elmwood Cemetery Foundation, 1200 Elmwood Ave., Detroit, MI 48207, (313) 567-3453.

Visit verheyden.org for service updates.

Elizabeth Scudder Ledyard

Elizabeth Scudder Ledyard, 84, of Park City, Utah, died Sunday, July 11, 2021, in Tucson, Ariz., after living with Alzheimer's for 15 years.

Elizabeth was born in 1937, in Detroit, to Elizabeth and Henry Ledyard.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Vermont College and an associate degree from Colby-Sawyer College. Lib worked in the hotel industry for more than 30 years. Her principal hotel was the Birkenhaus Inn at Stratton Mountain, Vt.

Elizabeth is survived by her partner of 45 years, Pamela Levesque, of Kamas, Utah, and countless friends from

around the globe. She was predeceased by her parents and brothers.

A Celebration of Life takes place Saturday, Aug. 14, at Starks Funeral Parlor, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Masks are required if not fully vaccinated.

In lieu of flowers, donation in Lib's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, act.alz.org/goto/libled yard; or Huron Mountain Wildlife Foundation, c/o Theodore A. McGraw, 71 Links Rd., Hobe Sound, FL 33455, or hmwf.org.

Arrangements entrusted to Starks Funeral Parlor. Share memories with the family at starksfuneral.com.

Anne Fisher Ford Dingeman

Anne Fisher Ford Dingeman, 79, a longtime Grosse Pointe resident and wife of the late James H. Dingeman, died Thursday, July 22, 2021, peacefully after an extended illness.

Anne was born in Detroit. She was the daughter of Louis and Virginia Fisher of Grosse Pointe Shores, and granddaughter of William A. and Lura M. Fisher of Detroit and William J. and Jennie C. Nesbitt of Detroit. William A. Fisher was a founder of Fisher Body Co., which supplied motor vehicle bodies to General Motors Corp., beginning in 1910.

Anne was a wonderful mother of three children, a Junior League of Detroit volunteer and a member of Bayview Yacht Club, Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and The Old Club.

Anne loved to play tennis, travel and boating. She and her husband, Jim, traveled worldwide and enjoyed trips on their boat to many ports.

Anne is survived by her son, Christopher Benkert (Patricia) of Santa Cruz, Calif.; daughter, Brooke Benkert of Fort Myers, Fla.; stepchildren, James Dingeman III (Bronwen), Michael Dingeman, Anne Dingeman and John Dingeman; and step-grandchildren, Lily Dingeman and Miles Dingeman.

Anne was predeceased by her son, Lawrence Benkert; and her second husband, Emory M. Ford Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, at alz.org; American



Christopher J. Rousek

Cancer Society, at cancer.org; or Planned Parenthood, at plannedparenthood.org.

Christopher James Rousek

Christopher James Rousek, 51, loving brother, son and uncle, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 18, 2021, after a lengthy battle with multiple myeloma.

Chris endured the many complications that accompanied the disease, including dialysis and other treatments, with positive energy and a good attitude.

Chris was born Jan. 11, 1970, and grew up in Grosse Pointe. He attended Grosse Pointe South High School and graduated from Notre Dame High School. Chris attended the University of the Virgin Islands for a few semesters. He loved the islands and identified with the relaxed culture.

Chris had an infectious and vivacious personality and loved to engage people in laughter and conversation. He expressed his creative talents through photography, guitar and storytelling. He was an out-of-the box thinker and early adopter of new technologies. He loved to talk about politics and challenge the status quo.

Chris is survived by his father and stepmother, Melvin and Charlotte Rousek; sister, Kimberly Rousek; stepsister and brother-in-law, Laura and Fabien Mousseau; and nephews and nieces, Robby, Jon, Madeleine, Anne-Claire and Benjamin.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, at themmrf.org.



Myron Everett Ranney

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Myron Everett Ranney

Myron Everett Ranney, 87, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at Ascension St. John Hospital.

He was born in Harvey, Ill., to Col. and Mrs. Ralph Ranney, both now deceased. He moved to Grosse Pointe with his parents in 1947, and graduated in 1952 from Grosse Pointe High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1956, and a Master of Arts degree in social studies in 1959, from Michigan State University.

A retired public school teacher, Myron taught fourth grade and substituted in local school districts for 39 years. He taught children of U.S. service personnel at U.S. military bases in the Philippines and West Germany for four years. He also served as a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and the Michigan Air National Guard for 22 years.

He was a member of several Masonic Fraternal Lodges, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, Eastside Republican Club, MSU Alumni Club of Eastern Wayne County, Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and Delta Chi.

Myron will be remembered for his kindheartedness, integrity, genuine interest in others and ardent patriotism. He was an avid skier, birder, photographer, traveler and war historian.

He is survived by his sister, Beatrice Wuerfel, and niece, Anna Wuerfel.

Viewing is at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment is at Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield, Beverly Hills.

Memorial donations



Carolyn Mary Meldrum

may be sent to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Carolyn Mary Meldrum

Carolyn Mary Meldrum, 85, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2021. Carolyn was a woman of great passion and opinion.

She was born in Detroit in 1936, the first daughter of John and Ida Weeks and sister of Marilyn. Carolyn loved her husband, gardening and those few who were lucky enough to be her close friends. She found joy and constant laughter with her children, usually in front of the stove cooking together with an immaculately set family dinner table. Presentation was everything.

Her greatest joy was her grandsons; nothing else mattered when they were with her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters, Christine and Carron; son, Gordon Charles; and grandchildren, Gordon, Lester, Harrison, Mitchell, Harmon and Myles.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Richard Meldrum and sister, Marilyn Schupholm.

A memorial service takes place at noon Monday, Aug. 2, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Viewing is at 10 a.m., followed by Words of Joy and Laughter with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Correction

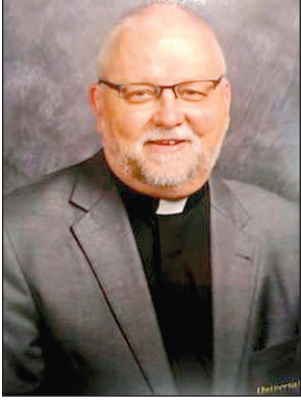
The obituary for Sally Ann Duff, published in the July 15 Grosse Pointe News, should have listed the email address for Kathy Rines as kathyrines3@gmail.com

Ulmanis rejoins St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday, Aug. 1, members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church welcome the return of the Rev. Krister Ulmanis as interim pastor.

“It is my privilege and honor to return to St. Paul as an intentional interim pastor,” Ulmanis said. “This is a congregation and people that I love. Metro Detroit is a part of the USA that I love, love, love and pastor is a vocation that I’ve always wanted to have.”

Ordained 1991 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Ulmanis came to the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA in 2013. He served congregations as intentional



The Rev. Krister Ulmanis

interim pastor in Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Woods, Livonia, Sterling Heights and Royal Oak before returning to St. Paul.

Born and raised in Sweden, Ulmanis also has lived in Canada, Latvia and the U.S. He

has a son, Niklas, from a previous marriage. In 2015, he was remarried to St. Paul member Lela, a visual arts teacher at Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School in the Detroit Public School System.

Ulmanis’s church passion is liturgy and church history, but more than anything he loves people and most definitely loves to laugh.

“You should know that the door to my office is always open, so feel free to drop in for a chat any time,” he said. “People see me as a walking, talking multicultural kind of a person with a thousand stories (or so) to tell. Those who know me know I am a total sports

nut — especially soccer, hockey, baseball and curling. I do have a particular passion for the Red Wings; you will notice that in a big way when you stop by the office. Other hobbies include reading, travel, history, opera, theater and music — ranging from classical to punk rock. I am also a passionate patron of the DSO and a huge Eminem fan.”

St. Paul welcomes worshippers back into the sanctuary Aug. 1, for the first time since COVID-19 shuttered inside worship. Ulmanis will preach at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship. All are welcome.

For more information, visit stpaulgp.org.

WORSHIP:

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A brief history

During the late 1890s, Berkesch noted, most Lutheran churches conducted services in German with the occasional English service. At the time, 50 to 60 percent of households along Gratiot Avenue on the eastside of Detroit were headed by German-born immigrants.

First English was established as a mission church of St. Luke’s German Evangelical Lutheran Church to gather an English-speaking congregation. First English was so named because it was the first church in Detroit not only to conduct services in English, but all formal church business as well.

During the foundation of the church, the American economy was experiencing the Panic of 1896, which put a financial strain on American citizens. Despite this and other economic hardships, with help from its congregation, First English was able to purchase two plots of land near Mount Elliot and Pulford Avenue, in 1897, on which it built a chapel. The church’s rapid growth allowed for the purchase of another lot in 1900, where a parsonage for the pastor was built.

By 1907, the congregation of 800 outgrew its building and constructed a larger chapel, which was dedicated in 1910, and served as First English’s home for 47 years. In the mid-1950s,

the congregation moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where it has been ever since.

In honor of the church’s 125th anniversary, fifth-generation parishioner Eve Feldman researched and wrote a detailed history of First English’s origins. Copies of the booklet are available at the church and likely will be available online as well, said the Rev. Sean Motley, senior pastor.

The celebration

Motley is the sixth senior pastor to serve First English in its 125-year history.

“Many pastors here had significant longevity,” he said, noting his predecessor served the congregation more than 25 years and the pastor before him served more than 30. “This congregation has not had a lot of turnover in that regard.”

For the 1896 service, the Rev. Dr. Walter Schmidt will lead worship.

“He was the preceding pastor before the current pastor ... and was the senior pastor for over 25 years until his retirement six years ago.”

Motley said while the special service will include a few “thee’s and thy’s,” the Lutheran Church as a whole has maintained consistency over time.

“It’s comforting to know you can go from this Lutheran church in the Detroit area to one in

Idaho and have the same setting,” he said. “There’s comfort in the liturgy as well, because it’s repeated and used week after week. It’s something that can be pressed into our hearts and minds that is a comfort to us. It’s neat that we have that liturgy that’s familiar to people.”

The Aug. 1 service is open to anyone, Motley said, noting indoor worship currently is “mask optional” and the church asks one household sits per pew.

“But there’s plenty of room for anybody who’d like to come and worship with us,” he added.

Motley noted the church’s resiliency over the years, surviving the Great Depression, two World Wars and at least a couple pandemics.

“Anything that ravaged us, this congregation has been through,” he said. “It all falls down to this is a place that built itself on a solid foundation and that is Christ.”

“Even though COVID had a significant effect on the community, our goal is to continue to worship and move forward in our mission,” he continued.

CHURCH EVENTS

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St. Clare of Montefalco Parish and the city of Grosse Pointe Park host Espero, a drive-in circus

show, at 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, in the church’s parking lot, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Guests are asked to bring lawn chairs to comfortably view this free show, which includes aerial performances, dance numbers and clown acts. Food and beverage options will be available starting at 6:30 p.m.

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Cruising the Pointes : Classic Cobras wind their way to historic homes

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Classic car lovers throughout the Grosse Pointes are in for a treat this weekend when around 20 Mustang Cobras cruise through the area in search of historic homes.

The Great Lakes Cobra Club will snake through more than a dozen Grosse Pointe streets, starting around 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31.

Cruising through a community is a new route for the club, which in years past has enjoyed winding through backroads to reach a destination.

“The theme for this year is, we’re visiting interesting towns and creating interesting routes to get through town,” said Jeff Grice, club president and a Grosse Pointe native.

Club member and Grosse Pointe resident John Scholtes suggested his historic community would fit the bill.

“There are not many



COURTESY PHOTO

The Great Lakes Cobra Club, pictured at a past event, will snake through Grosse Pointe this Saturday morning.

members from the east-side,” Grice said, noting Cobra-enthusiasts from Oakland County, Ann Arbor and even Ohio make up the club roster, “but everybody knows about Grosse Pointe.”

Even so, he added, they may not have an appreciation for its history.

The route takes club

members to historic houses that were selected from the book “Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe,” by Katie Doelle.

Scholtes and his wife, Becky, chose the homes and designed the route for the cruise.

A detailed description of the route, as well as a downloadable guide of

the houses and their histories, may be found online at bit.ly/3kHkcaY

Grice said 18 Cobras carrying 34 people have registered for the cruise, though he anticipates that number will grow by Saturday. The group will assemble across the street from Cornwall Bakery in Grosse Pointe Park around 9:30 a.m.,

then take to the streets, eventually ending up at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, where each car will be photographed in front of the estate.

“The cruise plots at about 70 minutes,” Grice said.

He encouraged classic car enthusiasts to watch for the caravan as it passes through the

Pointes.

“You’ll probably never see 20 Shelby Cobras together like this in Grosse Pointe again,” he added. “It’s a unique event, like your own private classic car show going by your house. It would be great to have fans of classic cars wave as we go by and we’ll do the same.”

Woods man honored as top karate master

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michael J. Schaefer, a ninth-degree blackbelt and a trial lawyer for AAA of Michigan, was promoted to one of the highest honors of the Karate International Association of Isshinryu recently.

Schaefer, president of the Grosse Pointe Karate Club who leads students in basic training and fighting techniques, was named a grandmaster in the art of karate. The local organization’s dojo is at the Neighborhood Club in the City of Grosse Pointe.

His elevation comes as no surprise to his followers, who include his old training partner from law school, Macomb County Public Defender Thomas J. Tomko, a fifth-degree blackbelt from Shelby Township. In 1985, Tomko began training with Schaefer at the Dexter-Davidson dojo, the precursor of the Southfield Martial Arts Institute.

“Grandmaster Schaefer tested for his blackbelt the same year he graduated from law school (the University of Detroit School of Law) in 1986,” Tomko said. “The blackbelt tests of that time were brutal. He had to bare-knuckle fight each one of the 25 members of the dojo in one morning and they ranged from beginners to very skilled, higher level blackbelts. He’s done nothing but rise in karate ever since.”

Dean Shunk, a sixth-degree blackbelt from



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Schaefer recently was named a grandmaster, one of the highest honors of the Karate International Association of Isshinryu.

Shelby Township who is retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs, said, “Schaefer is a competitor who’s been grand champion in both weapons and katas (an exercise in fighting) at the Grand Nationals.”

In the Grosse Pointe Karate Club, many of high-level blackbelts have studied with Schaefer for years, although he also accepts new students from ages 8 to 80 years-old. Age is not an impediment, for karate skills are developed over years of practice. While physical ability and training are important elements, Schaefer said, “Karate is 10 percent physical and 90 percent mental.”

Tomko has trained with Schaefer more than 40 years and in 2015, along with many club members, witnessed Schaefer inducted into the Isshinryu Hall of Fame.

Fourth-degree black-

belt Paul Decker of Grosse Pointe Farms, who is a finance director of Jack Morton Worldwide, has studied with him 25 years.

“I think he has a plan for each student’s development, but he has one rule for each of us: Just keep coming through the door and you will learn,” Decker said.

Schaefer has been practicing the art six days a week for 47 years. “Grandmaster Schaefer trains with us three days a week in the dojo,” said Alex Battaglia, a fifth-degree blackbelt and owner of North Winds Building and Construction in Macomb. “He doesn’t just tell us what to do, he demonstrates it. He’s the best-conditioned person I’ve known. I can’t keep up with him.”

The other three days Schaefer trains with his mentor, 10th-degree blackbelt Grandmaster Willie Adams of SMAI.

He’s been training with Adams 39 years. A number of the Grosse Pointe Karate members began their training with Adams and some continue to attend his dojo along with the Grosse Pointe dojo.

Schaefer shares his knowledge with his own students, Tomko said.

“He teaches not for the praises and accolades of others, but for the reward of seeing a student return to class each day so they can be their own best,” he said. “Each class he teaches is a challenge, from the newest white belt to the most senior black belt.”

Kim Cimini, an accountant with EHIM Inc., and second-degree black belt from the City of Grosse Pointe, said, “Even when there are 15 practitioners in a room, he doesn’t miss anything and will suggest ways to improve each one’s techniques. I think he has eyes in the back of

his head.”

Former Western Michigan University linebacker Karl Tewes, a second-degree blackbelt from the City who is a financial consultant with Arcadia Settlements Group, said, “Isshinryu Karate is the opposite of what people think. It’s not about breaking boards or busting bricks with your hands or your head. It’s about how to protect yourself from a hard punch or kick, and how to go offensive. In addition to training older karate practitioners like me, Grandmaster Schaefer trains young people how to protect themselves from bullies, and women how to protect themselves from attack.”

“Grandmaster Schaefer is an extraordinary teacher,” said Dick Raspa of the City, a first-degree black belt who is professor emeritus of Wayne State University and twice the winner of the President’s

Award for Excellence in Teaching, “He develops a 360-degree awareness in students and shows them how to anticipate and counter an opponent’s moves. But more than that, he stresses a commitment to impeccability in your actions in the dojo, in your work and in your personal relationships. Karate is a template for success in the world. I find it an honor to study with him.”

Practitioners in the Grosse Pointe club come from Grosse Pointe, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Troy, Armada, Macomb, Bloomfield Hills and even Petoskey.

Those interested in studying karate are invited to attend a session and talk with Schaefer. The dojo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with advanced practitioners at 9:15 a.m. Saturdays. More information is available at grossepointekarateclub.org/

The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Hollow Sheldon

Call me old-fashioned, but I find humility attractive, and I'm disturbed by the lack of it in a guy I've been dating. He seems to need to keep telling me how desirable he is, like by mentioning he dated some Instagram model and saying, "I'm used to being the smartest guy in the room," when he initially lied about going to a top-tier university and had actually failed out of community college.

I find his lack of humility to be a big turnoff, but my friends keep telling me not to be stupid: He's a sweet, considerate good guy, who seems to love me.

—Disturbed

The guy probably figures there's a reasonable explanation for why you're with him, like still-lingering impairment from a concus-

sion you got walking into a pole while texting or a rogue amoeba screwing with your brain function.

Though you're getting icked out by what you see as a lack of humility -- a guy preoccupied with his own greatness and shoving it at you -- consider the sorts of things that require his type of hard sell: for example, cricketburger sliders -- as opposed to the bacon cheeseburger variety.

You might also consider that the way most people see humility -- as not being a showoff, downplaying and even denying one's talents and accomplishments -- seems to be off-base. Though humility has become a hot topic of study, an evidence-based definition of humility remained elusive.

Researchers have merely described the ways humble people tend to think and

behave. For example, according to clinical psychologist June Tangney, humble people have an accurate view of themselves ("not an underassessment," but a realistic one). They're willing to acknowledge mistakes, gaps in their knowledge, and their limitations. And they're open to "new ideas, to contradictory information, and also to advice."

Social psychologist Mark Leary observes that this description of humble people "is probably correct on average." But it falls short of identifying the "fundamental nature of humility." Hoping to drill down to a definition, Leary and his grad student, Chloe C. Banker, ran two studies.

Their findings support his hypothesis on how humility should be defined: "Humility is characterized by the

belief that, no matter how great one's accomplishments or positive characteristics," they don't entitle one to special treatment.

Say there's a famous actor with more Oscars than he has cousins. If humility is one of his character traits, he won't see his acting accomplishments as a reason he should be treated specially "overall, as a person," Leary explains. "Overall, as a person" means that, outside the acting domain, he doesn't feel entitled to be treated differently -- better than other people -- unlike the sort of pompous power lord who demands a seat on an overbooked plane with "Do you know who I am?!" Answer: "Yes, sir. You're a tiny little man with an ego bloated like a dead body that's been floating in the East River for days."

This brief tour of the research on humility should tell you that the problem with your man probably

isn't a lack of it. Chances are insecurity is the actual issue: his *feeling* not enough for you or, more problematically, *being* not enough for you. If it's the latter -- if you're actually much higher in "mate value" -- the problem may not be fixable.

There's a term, "positive assortative mating," describing similar individuals being drawn to each other. Say a woman's what we call a "10" -- gorgeous and also kind, intelligent, and charismatic (basically, a major catch). The 10 and a man who's a 9.5 (or even an 8) have a chance of making it as partners, but a 10 and a 6 likely have poor prospects. Ultimately, when the shine wears off the relationship, the partner with much higher mate value will start to see the other like a couch that looks shabby in the afternoon sunlight.

But say you're a 9 and the guy simply *feels* like a 5 -- but is really an, oh, 8.7, or even a 9.5. If that's the case,

you can help him bridge the gap between who he is and how he feels. Research on the "dependency paradox" by psychologist Brooke C. Feeney suggests that in a relationship, when the more emotionally secure partner shows their insecure partner a lot of affection -- like through frequent texts, touch, and conversation -- it allows the insecure partner to relax and stop clinging.

Chances are you'll eventually have to (gently) tell the guy there's no need for this, lest he keep working overtime to dazzle you out of noticing that the pet name that suits him best is probably "sinkhole."

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Keeping or getting a job

Q: After 20 years of "excellent" performance reviews at the same company, I was laid off. Six months before that day, my boss wrote me up for being incompetent; then he said I didn't work well with my team; then he said there was no longer enough work so he had to let me go. Guess what followed? He called me the next Monday

to ask me to work as an independent contractor. I fought back using all my reviews and letters from clients and suppliers thanking me for such good servicing of their accounts. Tell employees to save everything. There's nothing like hard evidence to dispute an unethical boss and a company trying to write its own laws.

A: Twenty-two years is a long time to save records, but it saved you when you most needed it most -- once you reached the age for caution in the workplace.

It's sad when employees with great work histories and current accomplishments have to protect themselves from age discrimination situations, but it's a reality employees

must face as they age.

There is another side to age discrimination that no one discusses, though it doesn't sound like it applies to you. Every person ages differently, but there are ailments and health conditions that older adults commonly face such as heart attacks, strokes, diabetes and the many problems that can result from morbid obesity. There are also less apparent health problems that can seriously affect one's job performance. And the potential of these health problems discourages many companies from hiring and continuing employment for people over 50 -- insuring those in the over-50 category costs more and weighs heavily on companies offering paid health coverage.

In addition to the medical conditions mentioned, dementia and Alzheimer's disease can creep up slowly on individuals.

Though the full picture may not be immediately apparent, the onset of the symptoms of dementia affects a person's ability to perform with the same efficiency as employers and colleagues were used to.

Keeping performance records can prove useful to prove one's value to a company, but sometimes those documents are simply a record of the past that cannot be repeated. If you're having trouble receiving job offers, think out-of-the-box for an interview. Experienced and educated interviewers hold back on asking unlawful questions, but nothing is stopping the

job candidate from offering information he or she thinks would be helpful in getting the job.

The key to interviewing for a new job or for keeping one's job is to show what you've done lately.

Companies can't ask all they might like to know, and they can't test or treat interviewees in different age groups differently, so it's up to you to prove you are bright, flexible, high-energy, and a quick-study.

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Red flags are flying in daughter's marriage

DEAR ABBY: I am afraid for my daughter. She has been married less than a year to a very controlling man. He doesn't ASK her to do anything, he DEMANDS that she do what he wants. She cannot go out to eat or to a movie or anyplace like that unless he is with her.

She works a 40-hour-a-week job, and in addition she must do all the work inside the house plus mow the lawn while he plays games on his computer. Don't you have a list of things to look for to tell someone when it is time to

get out while the getting is good? -- VERY WORRIED MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: I certainly do, and you have a right to be worried. It has been a while since I shared this important information about abusive behaviors. Read on:

1. PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUS: Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: If you are late, interrogates you intensively about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC

EXPECTATIONS:

Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to isolate you from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES: It's always

someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

7. MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partners will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes or

says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation or waking you with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID EXPECTATIONS: Demands that you serve, obey and remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Says things like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

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Dear Ann Landers: I am in my late 70s, and my wife is a few years younger than I am. She is neat about herself, keeps the house clean, keeps my shirts washed and ironed, and is a great cook. So what's the problem? Why at my age am I writing to Ann Landers? Here is my dilemma:

Whenever I try to tell a story, my wife interrupts me and proceeds to give her version, leaving me dangling in mid-sentence. When I try to continue, I do so at the risk of starting an argument, which embarrasses everybody. This happens whether we are dining with friends or at home, just the two of us.

Our children rarely visit anymore and have told me privately it is because they cannot bear to hear their mother belittle me. I'm sure it doesn't help that she also tells them what they should eat and how much.

We have been married for longer than 50 years.

Classic
Ann Landers

My wife normally has a few martinis before dinner and then wine with her meal. I have no illusions about her changing her ways, but I hope you might have a suggestion or two to help me cope with the situa-

tion. No name or city, please, just - Diminished in California

Dear California: You have been married to this woman for more than 50 years, so by now, you should know she is strong-willed and domineering, and as you said, she is not going to change. You can, however, refuse to let her horn in when you are talking. Simply say, "Please let me tell it my way, and if you want to give your version

later, fine," and keep on talking.

Do not, I repeat, DO NOT relinquish the floor. Keep on talking. (P.S. The martinis and wine don't help the situation. How about shortening the "cocktail" time? I suspect part of her excessive gab-biness is because of the fact that she is half shnocked.)

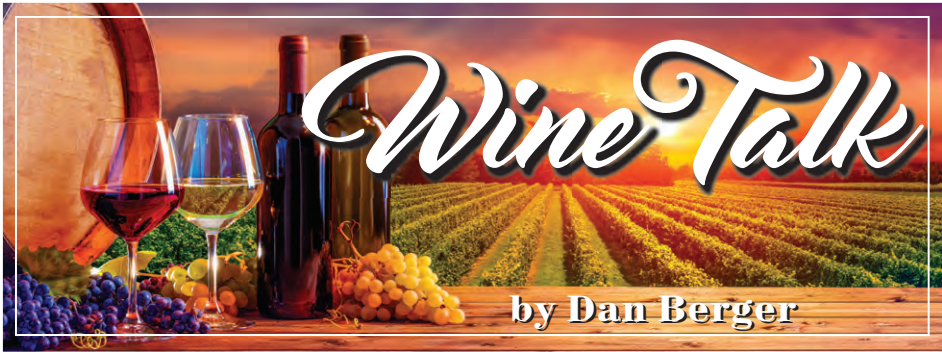
Dear Ann Landers: Our family received two invitations to a wedding. One was addressed to me, my husband, our high school daughter "and escort." The bride knows she has been dating a certain boy for a long time. The other invitation was addressed to our college daughter, who is also a bridesmaid, and her "escort" - a steady

beau also known to the bride.

One of the boyfriends asked whether he should bring a separate gift. We are giving a small gift accompanied by a large check from the entire family. Are the "escorts" covered, or should they bring their own gifts? - Not Sure in Virginia

Dear Virginia: The escorts are covered by YOUR gifts, but how nice that they are so well-mannered to have asked.

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Olive oil flap

The word Champagne, legally, is capitalized because it's a placename -- the famed sparkling wine comes from that small region north of Paris. This is an example of why place-named products are unique and often lead to laws protecting their names and reputations.

France, home to the world's most important wine culture for hundreds of years, has dozens of placenames today that are supported by laws it sees as essential to protecting areas that are de facto brands. As a result, many of its regional names such as Chablis, Sancerre and Beaujolais cannot be used on wines made by anyone outside these districts.

When a European wine region's name (i.e., Chianti in Italy) is synonymous with one wine type that's permitted to use that designation, the name of the primary grape (such as Sangiovese) does not need to be identified. It isn't legal to make Chianti without it.

One reason for these regulations is that laws allowing their use can apply only to wines that conform to rigid regional regulations -- including the use of only permitted grape varieties. There are exceptions to these rules in some other countries.

You see some California Chablis, for instance. Such terms, which have been used here for decades, appear on wines that are "grandfathered in." The U.S. government agrees that certain terms have been in use here for so long that they may continue to exist.

Such exceptions have long riled makers of the great white wines of Chablis, for example. Chablis is a classic Burgundian district, and it has continued to oppose any out-of-region use of its name.

With this as a backdrop, look at olive oil. A controversy has embroiled the California olive oil industry for a few years. A large company, California Olive Ranch, made a blended olive oil called Destination Series not long ago, which contained olive oils from other countries.

Its label, however, make it look like a California oil. Other California olive oil producers, from artisans to large companies, said COR's label was deceptive. One reason was the brand -- California Olive

Ranch. It appeared on the label with the state name in large print followed by a logo and "Olive Ranch" below the logo. It appeared similar to previous labels in which the oil was entirely from California olives.

Other olive oil producers argued that this Destination Series product was an attempt to obfuscate because the oil was a blend containing only a small amount of California olives.

Subsequently, COR redesigned its label, eliminating the word "Destination." The company name was still in large type at the top of the label, along with the words "Global Blend."

In small type at the bottom of the label it says, "A Global Blend of Oils from Argentina, Chile, Portugal, California." No percentages are listed.

The major olive oil industry body, the Olive Oil Commission of California, opposes COR's labeling, arguing that the company's name, with "California" so prominent, makes it appear that only California olives are used.

Among those opposing COR are larger companies such as Corto, Cobram Estate, Seko Estate, McEvoy Ranch and numerous other artisan producers.

They support the passage of State Assembly Bill 535, which prohibits the sale of "any 'California Olive Oil' that indicates that California is the source of the oil unless 100% of that oil is derived from olives grown in California."

Olive oil judge and writer Alexandra Kicenik

Devarenne has followed this topic and recently had an article on it on www.oliveoil.com. She says, "AB 535 is the way to settle this."

Last week the Senate recast one key section of the bill, which now reads: "Any container of olive oil produced ... in California which contains olive oil produced from olives grown in locations other than California... and includes 'California' in any form on the (label) shall state (in a similar font size) the minimum percentage of California-grown olive oil in the container."

Olive oil connoisseurs usually suggest that the best oils are single-sourced and blends can be unreliable.

Wine of the Week: 2018 Cambria Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, "Julia's Vineyard" (\$22): The aroma of this gorgeous, lighter-weight red wine leans heavily on distinctive Central Coast black cherry and herb elements.

The entry is seductive, with soft and generous fruit flavors and a handsome and structured mid-palate in which the tannins play a very minor role. If this wine had come from a more prestigious area of California, its pricepoint would be approximately twice as much. As it is, some discounters are carrying it for less than \$20. A startling value.

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Summertime Comfort
Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Gnocchi with Bacon
and Sweet Corn
(Serves 6)

Living in Grosse Pointe hasn't been easy for the majority of us the past few weeks. My family, like most of you, have been dealing with many plumbers, contractors, countless phone calls to the insurance company and lots of prayers that pilot lights will work again. My saving grace is a really good dinner to look forward to, paired with a big glass of wine.

Gnocchi with bacon and corn is so decadent even though there is no cheese. But add some parmesan at the end if that's what you love!

The vegetables are cooked in bacon fat, which gives the dish so much flavor. I added a big tomato and some reserved pasta water to make the sauce. Make sure you salt the pasta water for flavor. Fresh torn basil cuts through the fat perfectly.

This is such a delicious and easy summer dinner. If you are stressed, I hope this dish gives you some much needed comfort. It certainly did for us!

- 2 16oz pkgs of gnocchi
- 4 slices of thick cut bacon
- 2 ears of corn, kernels cut off
- 1 large chopped ripe tomato



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- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 tbsp ripped basil
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper

Start by boiling the water for the gnocchi. Cook the gnocchi to package directions and strain the water out, reserving ½ cup of the pasta water. I like to use a mug.

Meanwhile, slice

the bacon into small strips horizontally. Place the bacon in a large saute pan with the olive oil. Cook the bacon until crisp and remove from the pan.

Add corn kernels, tomatoes and garlic, cooking until soft, about 5 minutes.

Add the gnocchi to the vegetables, along with the reserved pasta water and toss combine, again another 3-5 minutes. Right before serving, add in crisp bacon and ripped basil.

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With the warmth of the sunny season in full bloom, outdoor entertainment skills can once again shine.

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Whether you have a particular theme in mind or just want to try something new, there are hundreds of ways to express yourself and delight your guests with beautiful tableware and pops of trendy new color from neighborhood Grosse Pointe shops.

We contacted local favorites The League Shop and Atelier to help kickstart the creativity with some playful yet elegant settings that embrace the beauty of summertime outdoors.

For times when you're the guest, we've got a collection of cool host or hostess gift suggestions from Atelier.

Just about anything personal and lovely can become a memorable thank you gift. The best ones closely match the persona of your particular host. If you know from experience they're forever scrambling for salad tongs or a corkscrew, remembering that need and bearing that gift is thoughtful and can shape a long-lasting memory between you.

Books on home entertaining or other subjects of interest to your host, housewares, note cards, food, wine, vased flowers or collectibles are all welcome and generous host gift ideas.

Be inspired and remember that any gift coming from a place of gratitude, with your special host or hostess in mind, will be the perfect one for them!

Lemon and wood

Natural gifts are always nice! The crisp smell of citrus is alive in the Votivo candle, in Sumatra Lemongrass scent for only \$28. Laguiole knife spreaders come in a set of four for \$59. The Epicurean walnut wood grain cutting board is a pretty and practical gift at \$17. All available at Atelier.



Summer TABLESCAPE ESCAPES

and hosting gifts

French flair and summer air

Add a touch of European fresco to your home entertaining with lovely porcelain tableware and accessories from Grosse Pointe gem Atelier. Say "Oui!" to the cute Pillivuyt coffee pot for \$86 and matching creamer for \$32. The Pillivuyt breakfast cup and saucer are \$26.50 and \$15.50 respectively. Bring it to table on this colorful Caspari tray, New York Botanical Garden in Redoute Floral Black, at \$100. This small but handy tray will carry you through a whole season of serving guests in style. The striking coral plaid Kaf Home kitchen towel ties it all together for only \$12.

Grape expectations

Whether having a group to your home or attending a friend's party, wine will be on your mind. If you aren't versed, it's good to know there are local experts who can come to the rescue. Stacey and Zack from the Village Wine Shop are happy to offer suggestions and advice. Here is a sample of what they have in store for your next party or gift. From Stacey: "This Olivier Leflaive is a negociant house in Burgundy's Côte d'Or and produces a wide range of wines - predominantly from the Chardonnay grape variety - across a range of quality levels, from village and regional appellations to some of Burgundy's most famous vineyards, including the much-prized Le Montrachet Grand Cru in the Côte de Beaune subregion. They are one of the most popular burgundy producers in France." Oliver Leflaive Bourgogne wine is \$32.99.



TRAVEL TO PARIS OR THE SEASIDE WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR YARD



Rhapsody in blue

Peaceful blue and white make this tablecape from **Atelier** an oasis of calm on a midsummer's day.

Warmed by wood and wicker, this setup features Louvre sculpted bowls at \$110 each, set inside larger sea blue bowls at \$58 each. Beneath are white dinner plates at \$46.50 each. Everything sits prettily atop woven Caspari placemats at \$27.50 apiece. Coordinating blue dessert plates are \$51 each and the clear glasses are \$84 per set.

For tea, the adorable Plisse teapot serves nicely for \$64. The Plisse tea cups and saucers are \$19 and \$13 each, respectively.

Caspari Pagoda pattern napkins in Toile Blue, add a touch of whimsy at \$12 for a package of 20. The Sabre utensils are \$95 for the set.

The accents that pull the whole look together are a lovely blue milk jug for \$86, serving to hold flowers here, and a Nomad Noe Visionary candle for \$65.



Sail into summer

This upbeat nautical tablecape from **The League Shop** is fun and comfortable for soaking in the lake breeze, whether you're near the water or simply imagining it. It starts with a beautiful rectangular stone table with a fun sailboat floral centerpiece. Crystal-clear Reed & Barton Weston 6" glass candlesticks add elegance at \$135 for the pair. Charming patterned bud vase is \$25.

Sturdy yet elegant blue Le Cadeaux outdoor wine glasses are \$13 apiece, while the iced tea glasses are \$12 each.



Wine 101

Your host or hostess will love you for giving these gifts suited for wine lovers and home entertainers alike. The Rabbit wine/champagne sealer expands to fit all bottle sizes tightly to keep vino or bubbly fresh and tasty for next time. The sealer is \$10.

Rabbit Zippity wine tool kit is \$25 and features the fastest ever two-step waiters' corkscrew, a drip-free pourer/stopper and a wine sealer, all with a handy 10-year warranty. Your host will drink to that! Find them all at Atelier.



Stripes ahoy!

Fun and function meet for a breezy, relaxing outdoor dining experience.

Plate up with these Muddy Dog Luxury Sail Away HeatSafe™ plates from **The League Shop**. Plate, platter and bowl are \$42. Oven safe, microwave safe, dishwasher safe, BPA free!

The placemats are Gideon Stripe America at \$7 each. Tansy reversible napkins are \$7.50 each. The flatware is by Couzon.

Where to shop:

Atelier
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The League Shop
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Village Wine Shop
15228 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park • (313) 821-1177 • thevillagewineshop.com
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Paper dragons

Paper napkins were never so elegant. Caspari Imperial Silk design red cocktail napkins add to the drama of your host's table for only \$12. Package of 20 5"x5" triple-ply napkins offers convenience and durability. Available at Atelier.



Salad days

Keep things fresh for your host with the Mighty Salads cookbook for \$22.99. Add a Caspari tea towel in the Rive Gauche design in Spring Green for \$25. The Laguiole olive wood salad tongs are \$136 and come in a nice wooden box for gifting. All from Atelier.

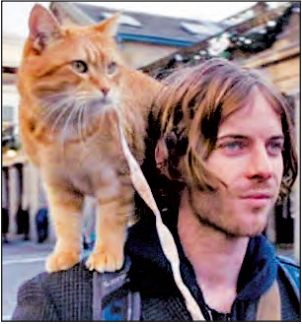
What hostess wouldn't want to add a great cookbook to their collection? The Balthazar cookbook is \$37.50 Recipes for French dishes, seafood, chicken, veal and more in this cookbook named for the famous SoHo restaurant it represents. Buy it at Atelier.

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Movie Junkie Mark
by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“A Street Cat
Named Bob”
2016 - 1hr 43min

What a purrfect little movie! (Sorry, I just couldn’t help myself). Over the years, it seems like Hollywood is obligated to release a dog or cat movie when all else fails. They’ve ranged from the family-friendly “Lassie” type films to the more cutting edge Pixar movies. Add to the list, those aimed at adults. A few of my favorites include “Hachi: A Dog’s Tale,” “A Boy and His Dog,” and “Harry and Tonto.” Then there’s this aptly titled gem.



Not only is it based on a true story; it was a best-selling book as well. It tells the tale of James (Luke Treadaway), a down-on-his-luck busker who’s also a drug addict struggling to get clean. He’s in a methadone program and is given an apartment to keep him



From left to right, Ruta Gedmintas as Betty and Luke Treadaway as James .

off the street. One night he’s awoken by some strange noises that he suspects is a robber. As luck would have it, it’s the timely appearance of the stray cat that adopts him. A bold and charismatic ginger tomcat he eventually names “Bob.” Predictably, James has enough troubles of his own, without having to take care of a stray cat. Well, Bob doesn’t give him a choice. They’re BFFs, right from the get go. Then, when he’s performing on the street with Bob on his shoulders, the crowd is so charmed, they give him huge tips. It turns out to be the turning point in his life. James strikes up a relationship with Betty (Ruta Gedmintas). However, she decides to break it up when she finds out he’s a junkie—her brother died of an overdose and she wants nothing to do with another drug addict. Adding to the story is his relationship with his father who has completely shut him out of his life. This is one of those films guaranteed to put a smile on your face. And you don’t have to be a cat lover to be taken in by Bob. If you like it, I can also recommend another film I found absolutely fascinating. It’s a documentary called “Kedi”



and it’s about the street cats of Istanbul. It’s an ancient tradition for cats to adopt various shops and families, while remaining free to roam. Interestingly, it was released the same year as “A Street Cat Named Bob.” It’s definitely a film worth looking for. Streaming on Hoopla, Tubi, and other platforms. ★★★★★

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 movies, this column will feature those I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They’ll include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases. For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at domin-mark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

Royal Stars
Weekly Horoscopes

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday July 29, 2021: You are likable, intuitive and dramatic. You are warm and generous, and you care for others. You seek new vistas because you want life to be stimulating. This is a year of change for you, and it will be stimulating! Let go of whatever is impeding your progress. Be open to change. New friends will steer you in new directions for personal growth.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
Today your confidence knows no bounds. That’s why this is a powerful day for those who are in sports. You will be dynamic, aggressive and competitive! This high energy also will show in your interactions if socializing or partying with others. Tonight: Look out world!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Do your best to keep the peace with conflicts at home or with family members. Unfortunately, this increased activity and chaos are inevitable, which means you have to work with it as best you can. Instead, use this strong energy to look for solutions. Tonight: Patience.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
You are very confident today when talking to others and interacting with everyone. In fact, you are so optimistic and dynamic, you’re coming on like gangbusters! This high energy might also be demonstrated in your physical movements, walking, jogging, biking and driving. Tonight: Slow down.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
You’re enthusiastic about your finances today. Perhaps you have a money-making idea. Whatever the case, you believe in what you’re doing, and you’re going to go after it 100%. Some of you will apply this same determination to purchasing something. Tonight: Keep your receipts.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Today Mars is in your sign and opposite Jupiter. This will energize you in an amazing way. You won’t hesitate to defend your best interests or the interests of others. You will go after what you want, because today you feel like a superhero! Tonight: You’re confident.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Do be careful today, because someone behind the scenes might be working against your best interests. (This might not be the case at all, but it could be.) This means that if you are faintly suspicious or you think something fishy is going on, it is. Tonight: Stay aware.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You are a leader today, whether with casual friends or with groups and large organizations. People will follow your lead because you’re enthusiastic, upbeat and proactive. However, this might create friction between you and a friend – be careful. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today your enthusiasm is aroused. Naturally, you can use this to advance your agenda and accomplish much. However, if you come on too strong, you will threaten bosses, supervisors and even fellow co-workers. There’s no upside to that. Tonight: Dial it down a notch.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You’re keen to make big travel plans, which is probably what you will do. After all, you are the traveler of the zodiac. Others will make big plans related to higher education, the law, medicine or something to do with publishing and the media, because you’re thinking big! Tonight: Keep moving.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your sex drive is amped today. Also, your intention to defend your share of something regarding inheritances or shared property is strong. This is why you might find yourself in conflict with someone, especially about how to spend a certain amount of money or manage jointly held resources. Tonight: Do your research.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There are several influences at play now that affect your closest partnerships. Some will encourage negativity; some will encourage warmth and bonding. This means you have to do a careful dance and avoid conflict with others, which could easily arise today. Tonight: Tread carefully.

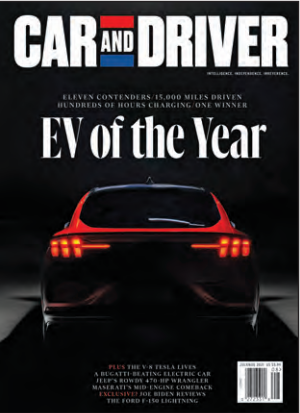
PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
You’re gung-ho to work hard to achieve whatever you want to do today because you’re in the zone. You want to get as much done as possible while you feel this focused and directed. Some of you might use this same boost of positive energy to do something to improve your health. Tonight: You reap some benefits.

BORN TODAY
Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns (1953), actress Rachel Miner (1980), actor Jo In-sung (1981).

Mustang Mach-E takes top spot in Car and Driver’s inaugural electric vehicle of the year award 2021

DEARBORN, Mich., – The 2021 Ford Mustang Mach-E earned Car and Driver’s inaugural Electric Vehicle of the Year Award, adding another coveted honor to its trophy case and beating overall top-rated EV competitors along the way. The publication put 11 top-rated electric vehicles through rigorous testing over a three-week period, including a 1,000-mile road trip to evaluate each in real-world conditions. Mustang Mach-E took the No. 1 spot. “We felt that if a car-maker was looking to convert people from EV skeptics to EV evangelists, there’s not a better vehicle out there than the Mustang Mach-E,” said Sharon Carty, Car and Driver editor-in-chief. “It’s a familiar shape and size of crossover. It’s in the sweet spot of what Americans love. It’s beautiful. It’s a design that gets noticed. It has a range and charging speed that is very competitive.” The newly created electric vehicle award uses the same criteria as Car and Driver’s 10Best Awards: The vehicle must deliver

exceptional driving engagement, offer indisputable value and/or practicality, fulfill its mission better than any of its competitors and, lastly, be fun to drive – a great description of Mustang Mach-E.



“Mustang Mach-E is the start of what we can do to compete in the EV revolution,” said Darren Palmer, Ford general manager, battery electric vehicles. “Its continued success in the form of happy customers, sales and awards are all signs of the momentum we are building. Accolades like the Car and Driver Electric Vehicle of the Year are particularly rewarding for the team who designed this performance battery electric

vehicle to be truly fun to drive. It can only get better as we continue to learn from and grow with our customers.” Other contenders include Audi e-tron, Kia Niro, Nissan Leaf Plus, Polestar 2, Porsche Taycan 4S PBP, Tesla Model 3 Performance, Tesla Model S Long Range Plus, Tesla Model Y Performance, Volkswagen ID.4 and Volvo XC40 Recharge. The 2021 Mustang Mach-E has claimed a number of other awards including Car and Driver’s Editor’s Choice Award earlier this year, plus the Cars.com Eco-Friendly Car of the Year Award, AutoGuide’s Utility of the Year, Green Vehicle of the Year and Autoweek’s Car Buyer’s Award. “We could have made a boring electric vehicle, a compliance vehicle that looks like a dust buster,” said Palmer. “But we decided people need an EV with soul. So we built them an all-electric Mustang SUV that is disrupting the status quo in electric vehicles. And the Mustang Mach-E GT and GT Performance Edition are still to come.”

Contract Bridge

RETURN TO SENDER

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

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♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 5
♣ K 9

WEST

♠ 8 6 2
♥ J
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ J 8 7 6 3

EAST

♠ 3
♥ A 10 9 8 7 5 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ 10 4

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 5
♥ 4
♦ K 7 3
♣ A Q 5 2

The bidding:

West

North

East

South

Pass

Pass

3 ♥

3 ♠

Pass

4 ♠

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Certain deals present declarer with an opportunity to use his wits rather than technical prowess. However, an alert defender should almost always be able to see through any such scheme and find the necessary countermeasure.

That was the case in this deal where South wound up in four spades after a preemptive three-heart opening by

East. West led the jack of hearts, and declarer took stock of the situation.

South realized that if he covered the jack with the queen, East would win with the ace and most likely shift to a diamond. If West had the diamond ace, this would result in rapid defeat.

To defuse this threat, declarer played low from dummy at trick one! South reasoned that by allowing West to hold the lead, the king of diamonds would be protected from attack, after which making 10 tricks would pose no problem.

South’s plan would have worked like a charm if East had been asleep at the switch. However, East viewed this Greek gift with grave suspicion. It was obvious that declarer had the missing four of hearts since South would certainly have covered the jack with the queen if he were void in the suit.

So East overtook the jack with the ace, even though this established dummy’s K-Q as tricks, and shifted to the queen of diamonds to set the contract.

East reasoned that South had not covered the jack of hearts because it was not in his best interests to have East on lead at trick two. But if that were the case, thought East, then it must be correct to take the ace and proceed accordingly.

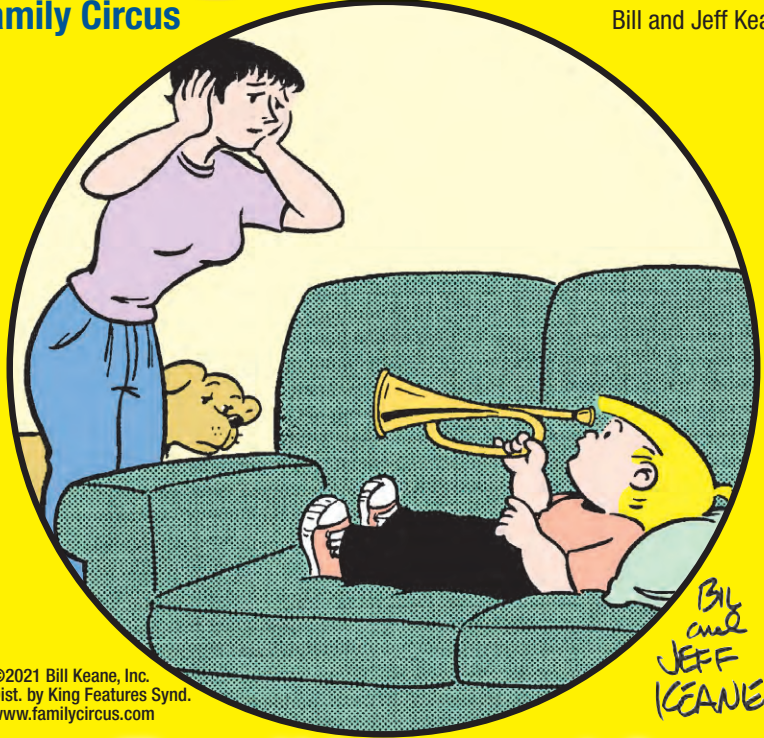
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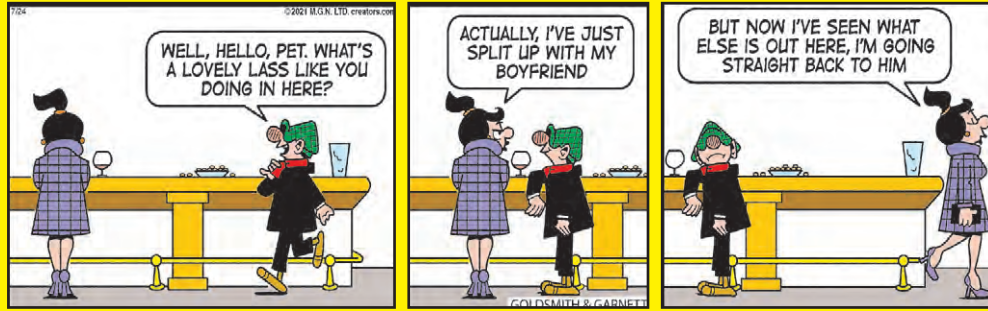
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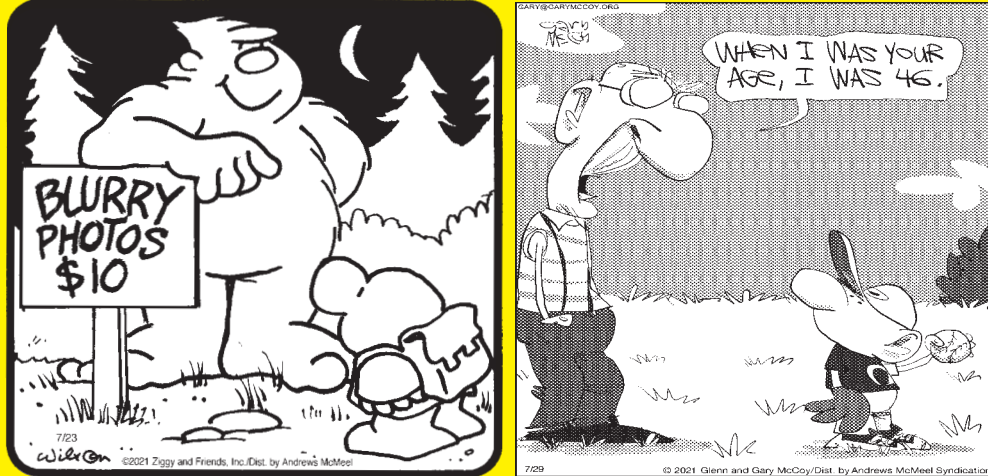


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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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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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7/22 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 22, 2021

ACROSS

- Let up
- Adele's voice range
- "High Voltage" band
- "Take it easy!"
- Telly network, with "the"
- Sound from a fan
- "Go get it, Fido!" (note this answer's final 2 letters + ...)
- Totally trounces (... this answer's first 3)
- 007 creator Fleming
- Figurehead's place on a ship
- Small criticism
- End of a relay race (final 3 letters + ...)
- End of an apple pie order (... first 2)
- Anger
- Slender swimmers
- Get the lead out?
- Flat-topped formations
- Brings together
- Most visited Hawaiian island
- Do penance
- Surprisingly, they can be even
- Poet Frost

- "B-o-r-i-n-g"
- Nannies or billies
- Moderate pace
- Pirate's beverage
- Have a thing for (final 3 letters + ...)
- Paper-folding art (... first 2)
- Beret, e.g.
- Billionaire Musk
- Zig instead of zag, say
- Bit of gossip (final 3 letters + ...)
- Note from a teacher (... first 2)
- "Take a — breath!"
- Adhesive on a roll
- Put into words
- "Como — usted?"
- Paradise
- Fusilli or rigatoni

DOWN

- Pound sound
- Spelling competition
- Bottom-row PC key
- Unspoken but understood
- Breathes out
- Civil War prez
- Long jump
- Fish with a neon variety
- Like the telegraph, nowadays
- Leatherworking tool
- Khaki pants

- Separate
- Island where Hercules captured a bull
- In the know
- Formerly named
- Short name for a long vehicle
- Length x width, for a rectangle
- Group gathering, slangily
- Butt muscle, briefly
- George —
- University
- Sty sound
- Ethereal glows
- Basic course
- Word before "zero" or "minimum"
- Nickelodeon explorer
- Keep the beat

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Breaking the Code by Catherine Cetta

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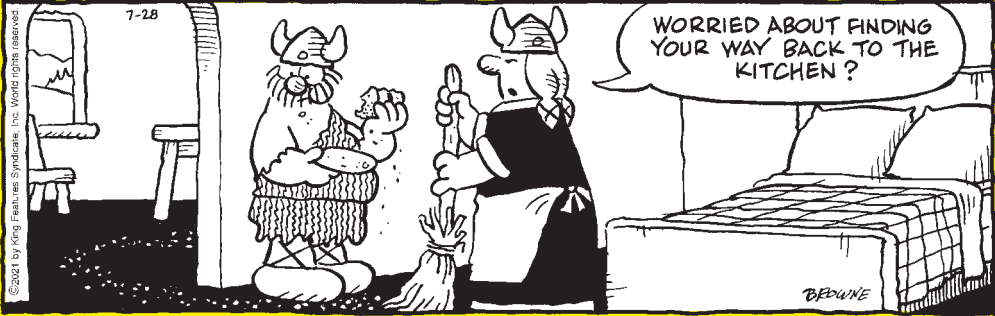
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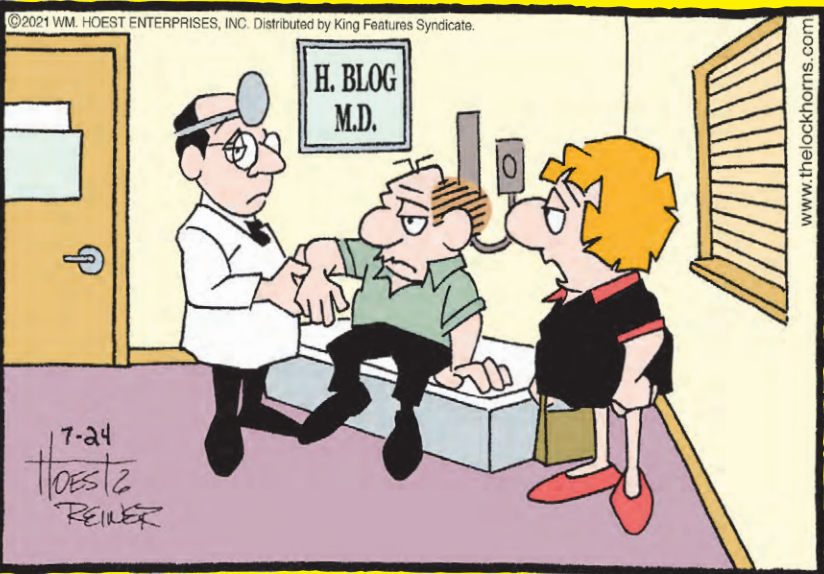
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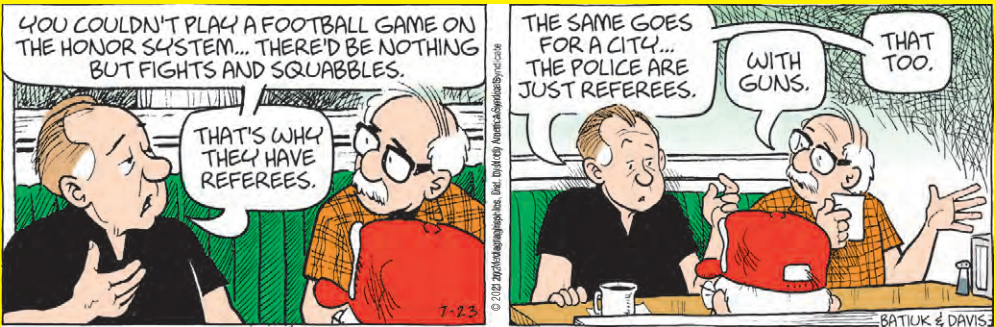
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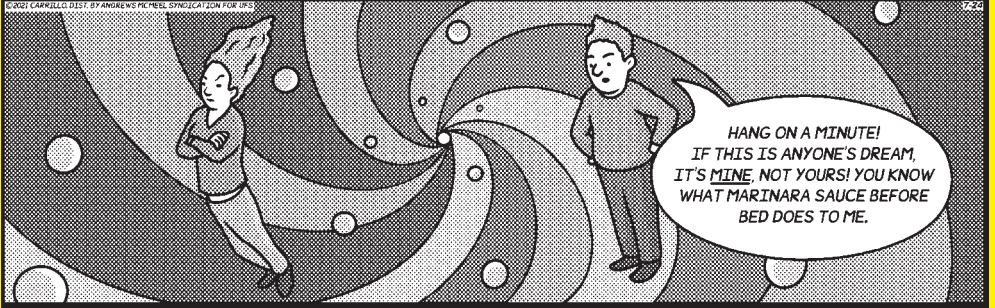
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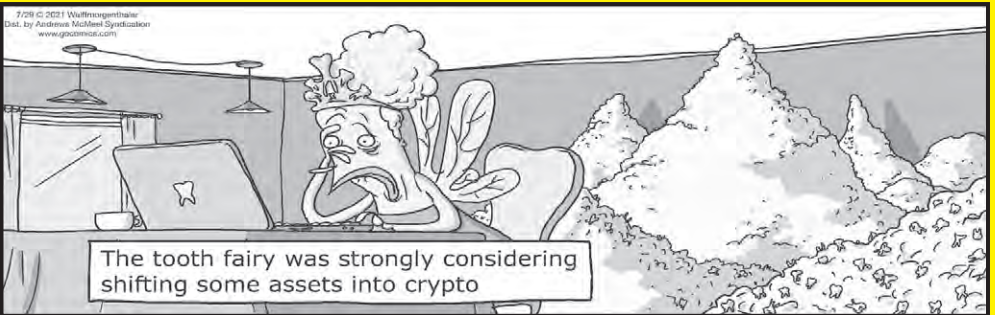
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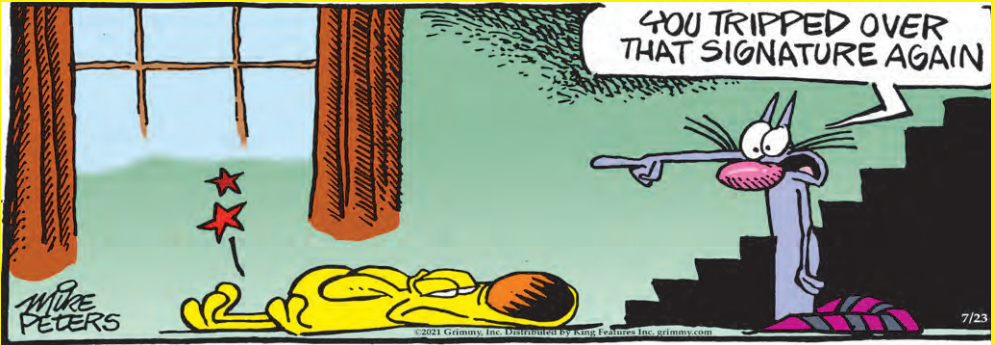
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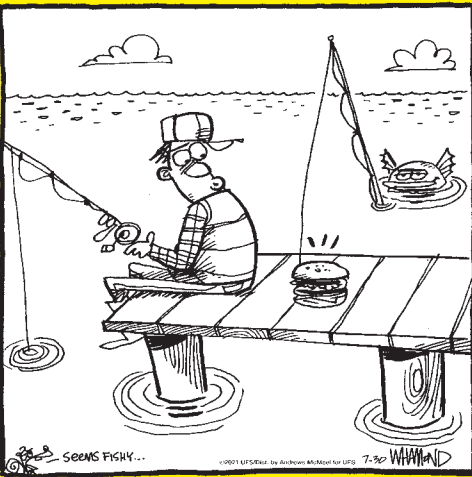
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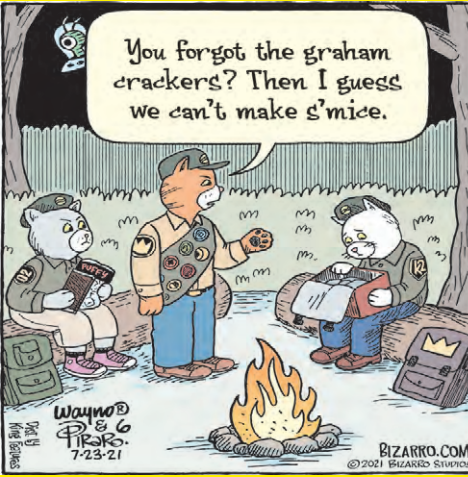
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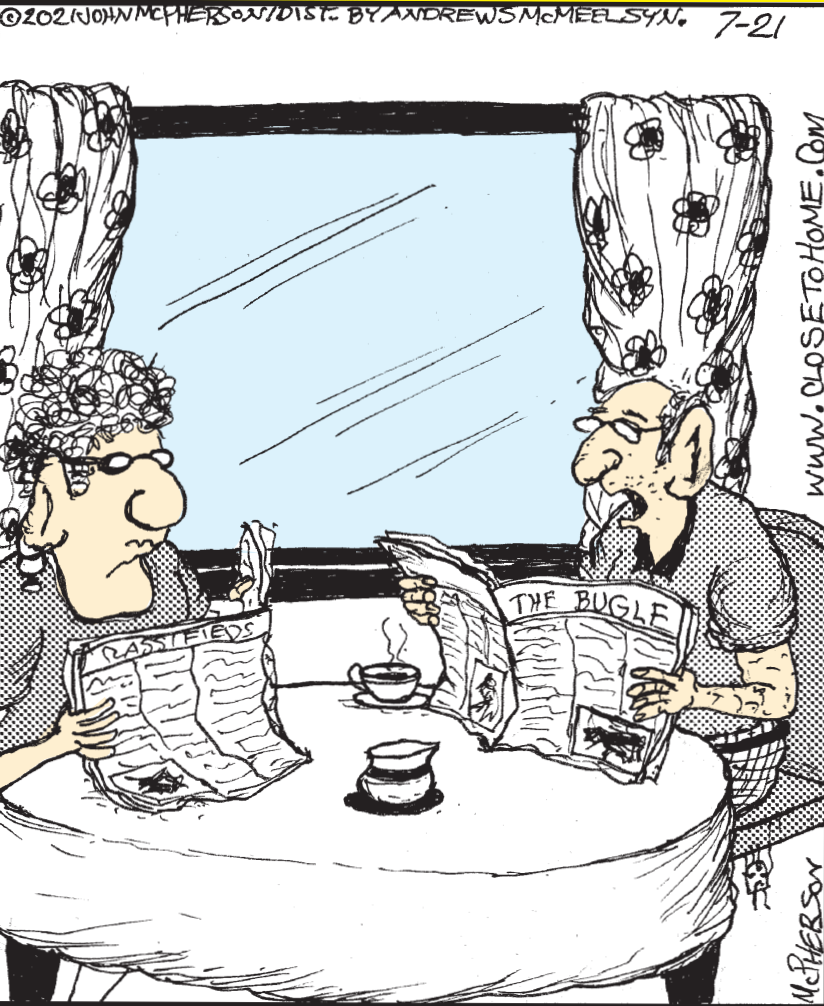
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DeLoof earns bronze in Tokyo

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe’s Catie DeLoof was among the first swimmers in Tokyo to earn an Olympic medal this weekend. Saturday night — Sunday morning in Tokyo — DeLoof earned a medal when the United States took bronze in the women’s 4x100-meter freestyle relay.

DeLoof did not swim in the final round of the event, but was part of the semifinal team that finished in second place

in their heat. Also part of the relay team was fellow Michigan native Allison Schmitt of Canton.

In June, DeLoof punched her ticket to Tokyo in the U.S. Olympic Trials, where she swam alongside her sisters, Ali and Gabby DeLoof.

“After trials, being with the USA Swim Team in Hawaii and up until arriving in Tokyo I was still in awe and shock that I made the Olympic Team,” DeLoof said. “It took a lot of time to process, but once it

set in I realized how much I have accomplished. It is truly remarkable that I get to represent my country at the highest level in the sport of swimming.”

She is an alumnus of Grosse Pointe South High School and swam in college at the University of Michigan, with her bronze medal making her the seventh Wolverine swimmer in history to win an Olympic medal.

“If there is one thing I can give to help inspire other young athletes or swimmers is to enjoy

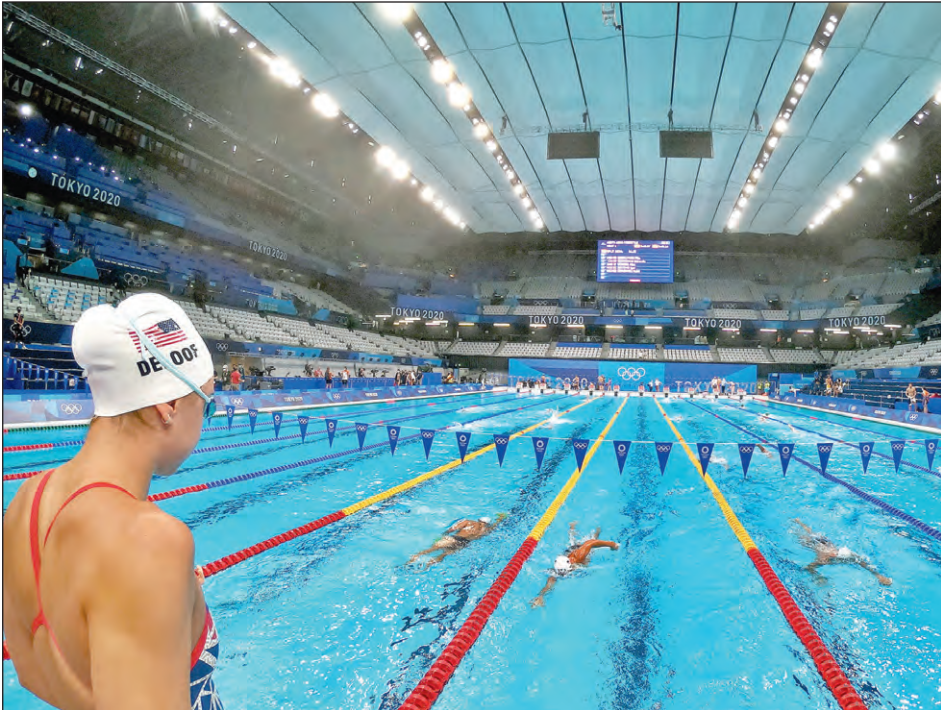


PHOTO COURTESY OF CATIE DELOOF

Catie DeLoof earned a bronze medal this weekend in Tokyo as part of the United States’ women’s 4x100m freestyle relay team.

the journey, embrace the highs and the lows and remember hard work and determination will always win- when you least expect it,” she said.

In the event, Canada earned silver while Australia took the gold and set a new world record.

Pointes boats set sail in 2021 Bayview Mackinac Race

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

A rainy, stormy Saturday led to a beautiful, sunny Sunday for the 2021 Bayview Mackinac Race.

This was an unusually fast race. The famous sailor bar, the Pink Pony, was rocking by 6 p.m. Sunday and sailors were shaking their heads in wonder that they finished in the daylight Sunday.

“Pending confirmation, we believe that a course record was set,” said Race Chairman Greg Thomas of Grosse Pointe Park. His J-130 Pendragon took third place in Class D.

The race began in pouring rain that lasted most of Saturday. Sailors

and viewers alike were mostly soaked before the race even started. It was a challenge to get foul weather gear dried off in time to put it back on.

But sailors were ready for the rain and thunderstorms Saturday.

“We have the right gear for it. We see the weather coming,” Thomas said. “We brace ourselves, get the sails down.”

Sunday dawned as an almost perfect sailing day, making more than one sailor almost wish they could keep sailing. Almost.

“It was the same southerly wind that pushes you toward the island just as fast as you can go,” Thomas said. “When the wind swung around toward the northwest,

we were close enough to land and the waves were small.”

For Tim LaRiviere of the City of Grosse Pointe, it was a double celebration. His Andrews 65 Eagle One ended up winning Class I in the Bayview race and won its class in the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, where Eagle One also won first overall.

“I think it was just our year,” LaRiviere said. “The wind was blowing to our likeness and the conditions were perfect for our boat in both races.”

Eagle One blew out a spinnaker during the Saturday storms.

“We were suggesting



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Boats from across the country set sail in Michigan this weekend for the 2021 Bayview Mackinac Race.

Little League softball season ends at regionals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe Little League softball made the journey to Whitestown, Ind., this weekend to face off against other top teams from around the Midwest in the Little League Softball Central Region tournament. Despite getting out to an early lead in its opening game Sunday, Grosse Pointe ended up dropping the first matchup to Missouri in the double elimination tournament.

Things looked promising for Grosse Pointe at the start. In the first at-bat of the game, Eva Borowski led off the opening frame with a triple and was brought home to score on a sacrifice fly by Alex Lupo, giving the team an early one-run lead.

However, the lead would not last long against Missouri’s Daniel Boone Little League. Missouri scratched across three runs in the bottom of the first to quickly reverse the momentum of the con-

test and put Missouri up 3-1.

Grosse Pointe was able to keep Missouri at bay in the second with a 1-2-3 inning, but during the third Missouri continued to add to its lead. Missouri brought home a run in the third to extend its lead to three and scored another in the fourth to bring the game to 5-1.

In the top of the sixth, Grosse Pointe was faced with the tough task of trying to erase the four-run deficit in the final inning. There looked to be some promise at first as Borowski got on base with a single to lead off the inning and came home to score on another RBI hit from Lupo. However, Grosse Pointe’s comeback hopes were dashed after that, as Missouri emerged victorious 5-2.

Borowski went three for three at the plate in the opening game of the tournament. Lupo pitched the entire game on the mound, finishing with just one earned run allowed on two hits while

striking out three Missouri hitters.

Facing elimination on Tuesday, Grosse Pointe needed a win against Illinois in order to keep their incredible season alive. In a tight contest that came down to the wire, the Michigan state champs suffered their

second and final loss of the regional 2-1.

Illinois struck first in the opening inning, scoring their only pair of runs early that would end up carrying them the rest of the way. Grosse Pointe answered in the bottom of the third, scoring its lone run on an RBI

hit by Charlotte Truss.

In the sixth inning, Grosse Pointe threatened a late rally to tie or win the game. Down by one with runners on first and third base and just one out in the inning, a hard-hit line drive by Darla Sherry found the glove of the Illinois third

baseman, who also managed to apply a tag to Bella Dodson before she was able to get back to third, completing a double play to end the game.

Lupo toed the rubber once again against Illinois, finishing with no earned runs on three hits with eight strikeouts.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY SCHAFER

After winning the state championship, Grosse Pointe Little League softball is representing Michigan at the Central Region tournament in Indiana.

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PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Swimmers representing clubs from around the state swam at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club this weekend in the 2021 MICSA Swimming Championships.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club hosts MICSA championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Over the weekend, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club welcomed clubs and swimmers from around the state for the 2021 Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association championships. With more than 60 events per day taking place across four days, several swimmers from the Pointes were able to take the top spots in their competitions. The Lochmoor Club finished at the top of the overall team standings. Country Club of Detroit ranked fourth and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club came in seventh. In the boys 200-meter freestyle relay, the Lochmoor Club team of

Cole Kallabat, Brady Bond, Tommy Moreland and Ian Donahue took first place with a time of 1:54.14. Owen Delisle finished first for Lochmoor in the boys 9-10 50-meter breaststroke at 0:45.09 and Lochmoor’s Jack Howe took first in the same event in the boys 13-14 division with 0:31.40. Luke Mychalowych from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club finished at the top in the 15-17 50-meter breaststroke at 0:30.31. Brooke Lezotte, Calley Hard, Clare Hafner and Ella Hafner from Lochmoor took the top spot in the girls 200-meter medley relay with a finishing time of 2:07.92. Lochmoor’s Gianni Carlino, Jack

Howe, Tyler Collins and Jacob Rabbani finished first in the same event for the boys division at 2:05.08. From the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Avery Beal’s finish of 0:35.04 in the girls 13-14 50-meter breaststroke won first place. Beal also took first in the 100-meter IM at 1:08.78. Ginger McMahon from Country Club of Detroit finished at 0:32.05 in the women’s 15-17 50-meter breaststroke, taking first place. Olivia Yoo, also from CCD, was first in the women’s 15-17 100-meter freestyle with a finishing time of 0:58.25. For the full results from the weekend’s competition, visit micsa.swim.com.



Nicholas Borrego from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club racing in the 50-meter breaststroke.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLANNING COMMISSION – MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021 CONDITIONAL ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17145 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Planning Commission will consider a proposed conditional amendment to the Official Zoning Map. The proposed Zoning Map amendment consists of the following parcel of land, proposed to be rezoned from R1-B - Single Family Residential District to T – Transition District:

Parcel 3700204005000 - 389 St. Clair Avenue

The proposed Zoning Map amendment is requested to allow the adaptive reuse of the former Grosse Pointe School District Administration Building for up to twenty-two residential units and the development of up to eight townhomes on the site.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on August 16, 2021 and can be mailed to City Hall, dropped off using the City drop box, or sent via email to city@grossepointecity.org. The application is available for viewing at City Hall or on the City website at www.grossepointecity.org.

If further information is needed, please contact the Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

Sailing:

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we should take it down and God took it down,” LaRiviere said.

But that didn’t stop them. Now it’s time to celebrate, with a crew party Monday and the Bayview awards party Tuesday.

What’s next? More racing of course. Eagle One is off to the U Gotta Regatta in Harbor Springs this coming weekend. A “trifecta” would be nice.

Wick Smith of Grosse Pointe Woods’ Beneteau 42 Mostly Harmless took first place in Class G. This was Smith’s 51st Mackinac race. His father, Lee Smith, did 62 Mackinacs.

“We were sailing against much lighter boats,” Smith said. “We knew we were going to be downwind to about Presque Isle, and from there we knew it was going to come out of the west and we felt like we had a better chance to compete against those lighter boats.

“We managed some wind shifts and we got the lead and it was just a matter of tacking and covering. We had control of the fleet and didn’t let anybody get away.”

It was the C&C 35 Shamrock’s first race of

the season. The crew had been working on the boat right up until the Mackinac race. And they took first in Class J.

“We just ran up the shore and we were moving super fast,” said Erik Gutermuth of the City of Grosse Pointe. “Then we made the decision to go north and our two closest competitors went towards the lower peninsula.”

Traditional wisdom tells sailors to stay with their competition. But sometimes it’s worth it to try something new.

Shamrock decided to take a flyer and leave the pack of boats to head for where they believed — and hoped — the wind would come from, which means they would get the wind before the competition.

It paid off for Shamrock. The same tactics also paid off for Brandilee, an X-402 owned by Steve Nadeau of Grosse Pointe Woods. Brandilee finished sixth in Class I.

“It was challenging, exciting and unfortunately we came in sixth,” Nadeau said. “We sailed very well where we were and I was pleased with the crew work and the sailing was just outstanding.

“A lot of my regulars were not available. We had four people who had never sailed with us and

three of those people had never sailed on our boat before. They did great.”

Nevertheless, Brandilee fell behind. So they, too, took a flyer.

“We went to the Canadian shore, were within about eight miles of it,” Nadeau said. “It paid off because we improved our position by four spots.”

There are flags for first through third place. Fourth place? Not so much. But the race is still worth it.

“I feel very happy about fourth place,” said Gregg Huskin of Grosse Pointe Woods, who crewed aboard Advantage, a Beneteau First in Class C.

“It’s a hard race, no matter how you slice it and where you finish,” he said. “I feel that anybody that finishes at any point in that race has accomplished a lot.”

Huskin gives credit to owner John Vermeulen of West Bloomfield.

“John keeps us focused on what needs to be done the whole time,” Huskin said. “I’m very appreciative of him building a crew over the years that enjoys sailing with each other.

“We had fun, most importantly,” he added. “We were all engaged. Everybody on the crew likes each other’s company. We had good tactics and a good sail plan.”

Bayview Mackinac Race results

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| 2. Nelda Ray- Longview, TX | Class F | |
| 3. Morticia- Bloomfield Hills, MI | 1. FUNTECH Racing- Birmingham, MI | Class L |
| | 2. Night Moves- Troy, MI | 1. Eliminator- Grosse Pointe Park, MI |
| Class A | 3. Hot Ticket- Novi, MI | 2. Wind Toy IV- Grosse Pointe Farms, MI |
| 1. Heartbreaker- Ada, MI | Class G | 3. 50/50- Port Huron, MI |
| 2. Mockingbird- Key Largo, FL | 1. Mostly Harmless- Grosse Pointe Woods, MI | |
| 3. OC86- Oyster Bay, NY | 2. Gail Force- Grosse Pointe Park, MI | Class M |
| | 3. Painkiller 5- Chicago, IL | 1. Courage- St. Clair Shores, MI |
| Class B | Class H | 2. Centurian- Grosse Pointe Woods, MI |
| 1. Sin Duda!- Dallas, TX | 1. Mr. Bill’s Wild Ride- Harrison Township, MI | 3. Albacore- Beverly Hills, MI |
| 2. Madcap- Lake Bluff, IL | 2. Falcon- Grosse Pointe Park, MI | Class N Cruising |
| 3. Loki- Bridgeport, CT | 3. Snipe- Clinton Township, MI | 1. Comfortably Numb- Lake Orion, MI |
| Class C | Class I Cruising | 2. Maeve- Detroit, MI |
| 1. Epic- West Bloomfield, MI | 1. Eagle One- Grosse Pointe, MI | 3. Pirate- Clarkston, MI |
| 2. Bad Habits- Franklin, MI | 2. Harmony- Clinton Township, MI | |
| 3. Sapphire- Sanford, MI | 3. White Water Dragon- Grosse Pointe Farms, MI | Class O Cruising |
| Class D | Class J | 1. American Flyer- East Lansing, MI |
| 1. Elevation- Macomb, MI | 1. Shamrock- Detroit, MI | 2. Voyager- Pleasant Ridge, MI |
| 2. Consig- Maumee, OH | 2. Regardless- Grosse Pointe Park, MI | 3. Trav’ler- Fort Gratiot, MI |
| 3. Pendragon- Grosse Pointe Park, MI | 3. Walloon- Cedar Springs, MI | |
| Class E | Class K | Doublehanded |
| 1. Diablo- Grosse Pointe Park, MI | Shape- Plymouth, MI | 1. Utah- Holland, MI |
| 2. Shmokin Joe- Elm Grove, WI | On A Whim- Harrison | 2. Avatar- Sandusky, OH |
| 3. Nosurprise- | | 3. Gale Runner- Fort Gratiot, MI |

—Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17145 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Zoning Board of Appeals will consider the variance requests for the following property owner:

Mr. Marcus Ostrowski – 586 Notre Dame – Variances from:
Section 90-351- Schedule of Regulations - Lot Coverage
Section 90-25(3) - Accessory Building - Side Yard Setback
Section 90-25(7), Accessory Building - Side yard adjacent to a street
Section 90-25(11) - Accessory Building - Maximum Rear Yard Coverage

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on August 13, 2021. If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs,
City Clerk

Taylor North leaves Grosse Pointe as Little League state champs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Sixteen teams from around the state met in Grosse Pointe last week for the Michigan Little League State Tournament. Hosted by District 6 and the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League, 29 games were played over six days to determine who would represent the state of Michigan at the Little League Baseball Great Lakes Region Tournament in August. Originally scheduled to take place entirely at the Kerby Field complex, weather damage to the fields caused the first three days of the tournament to be moved to the softball fields at

University Liggett School. By Tuesday, the fields at Kerby were back up and running to host the exciting championship segment of the tournament. On Thursday, the championship came down to District 5 champions Taylor North Little League and District 12 champions Roosevelt Park Little League. Crowds packed Kerby on what was a beautiful afternoon for baseball to see which team would leave Grosse Pointe as state champs. Roosevelt Park struck first in the opening inning as a double by Eli Habteler put runners on second and third bases; they were brought in with a two-RBI hit from

Dexter Lillmars. Down early, Taylor began its comeback in the top of the second when an RBI double by Noah Boren made it a one-run game. Taylor managed to tie things up at two apiece in the top of the fourth and from then on was in the driver's seat. A double by Cameron Thorning in the fifth brought in the run to give Taylor its first lead, which was followed by a monstrous two-run home run by Jackson Surma to extend the lead to 5-2. In the sixth, Taylor continued to build onto its lead and a two-run double by Gavin Ulin put the icing on the cake, leading Taylor North to a 9-2 state championship victory.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Fans line the outfield fence at Kerby Field to watch Taylor North and Roosevelt Park in the Little League state championship.

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