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In tribute

Beloved councilman McMullen succumbs to pancreatic cancer

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman George McMullen, who stepped down from office in March due to a pancreatic cancer diagnosis, died from the disease Tuesday, Dec. 29. City hall's flag was flown at half-staff Friday, Jan. 1, in his honor.



George R. McMullen Jr.

McMullen was extremely involved in the community, thus becoming a dear friend to many. He was featured in the Grosse Pointe News as a little boy in 1970, and later — and often — in his adult life beginning in 2009.

councilman for the Woods, he attended many other communities' council meetings and Grosse Pointe Public School System board meetings. He was a member of

Besides serving as a

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2020 IN REVIEW

Plans put in motion

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Pier Park gate yet again did not escape gate crashers, The War Memorial worked with the community to finalize plans for large-scale improvements to its campus and efforts were continued toward a fix for the Lakeshore seawall, in 2020.

This is the year in review:

January

◆ The Grosse Pointe War Memorial announces plans to improve its campus, including an addition, a terrace off the ballroom, restored Ellen Biddle Shipman gardens and better accessibility.

◆ The Farms and Shores councils both approve an intergovernmental engineering study, in partnership with Wayne County, on the approximately three-mile stretch of the Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. To be conducted by Hubble, Roth and Clark, the two Pointes will split half the cost of the \$72,000 study, intended to be the first step toward a permanent fix for the deterioration of the seawall.

February

◆ The War Memorial receives preliminary site plan approval for its planned improvements, although community concern is raised over

2020 IN REVIEW

Changes abound in 2020 for Shores

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — It was a year of the changing of the guard in the Shores as many long-term department heads made the decision to leave amid contention surrounding city council and its controversial decision to change the retiree healthcare plan in May.

This is the year in review:

January

◆ The city is honored for the second consecutive

year with the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, or GFOA, Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 budget.

◆ The Shores and Farms councils both approve an intergovernmental engineering study, in partnership with Wayne County, on the approximately three-mile stretch of the Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. To be conducted by Hubble,

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Time to hit the slopes

This 1931 Georges Arou lithograph poster features a woman skiing the slopes of France. It's among many 1800s and 1900s vintage posters from around the world available at South Pointe Vintage in Grosse Pointe Woods. Check out our special section all about skiing, beginning on page C1.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Signage dispute going in circles

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It has become a matter of Wayne County and the Michigan Department of

Transportation pointing fingers at each other in the issue of approximately 180 signs placed on the stretch of Lakeshore from Warner to just past Moross.

The signs were placed by the county, which states it's following MDOT's standards and is required to do so because federal funds were used at the completion of its

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Brown water leaves residents seeing red

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Many Grosse Pointe Park residents experienced discolored water in their homes Tuesday, Dec. 29.

The Great Lakes Water Authority had been doing routine

maintenance on valves in the area of Kercheval and Alter when residents near Kercheval between Wayburn and Nottingham began to see their water turn brown.

A Facebook post by the city of Grosse Pointe Park told residents the discolored water was safe to use. The Park instructed residents to turn on faucets and, if

the water is brown, run the faucet on cold at the lowest point in the home until the water runs clear. If after 20 minutes the water is not clear, residents were instructed to try again in two hours.

Residents expressed unease with the situation. "Unfortunately, it was a mis-

communication of Great Lakes Water Authority to the Park," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "They did not communicate to the city that they were flushing hydrants and checking valves. Typically, you might see a street or two that could have some discolored water. It spidered into our (entire) water system. We ended up having some cases of

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Terry Ayrault
Home: Grosse Pointe Park Award-winning children's book author



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Study committee created

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Of those who volunteered, council unanimously approved Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak's appointments to the City's Historic District Study Committee during the meeting Monday, Dec. 14. The committee will be responsible for reviewing historic district experts' reports, receiving public comments and making a recommendation to council for further review and action.

Chaired by former mayor Dale Scrace, the committee also is comprised of George Bailey as the representative of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Kay Burt-Willson, Brian Connors, Julie Jones, Bob Lucas and Terri Steimer, with Anne Eatherly as an alternate if one of the members is not able to meet the commitments.

"Thanks to everyone that volunteered," Councilwoman Maureen Juip said. "I thought that we had a really strong slate of applicants, so thank you so much for your willingness to contribute."

The committee plans to meet monthly and present a recommenda-

tion to city council in May.

The first meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, and will be open to the public, with residents invited to participate. Zoom information will be available on the city's website.

"The committee will be working in conjunction with the consultants to prepare a recommendation to city council on whether or not to create a historic district in Grosse Pointe or more than one historic district," City Manager Pete Dame explained.

The historic district study area includes everything south of Maumee that is within the E-R zoning district, as well as Lakeland from Maumee to St. Clair; University Place from Maumee to Jefferson; Washington from Maumee to Jefferson; Lincoln from Maumee to Jefferson; all of Rathbone Place and Woodland Place; lakefront homes; and the properties immediately adjacent to the lakefront homes on Donovan, Wellington, Stratford and Elmsleigh.

— Laurel Kraus



Quite a sight!

Grosse Pointe resident Rob Sattler was out for a drive on Lakeshore Christmas morning when he spotted an unusual sight. "I caught a glimpse of a small vessel and just had to circle around for a better look," he wrote. "I parked on Lakeshore, jumped out and got to say a personal 'Hi' and 'Merry Christmas!' to Santa. How exciting!" Perhaps by 9:30 a.m., St. Nick had finished his world tour and took to the lake for a little post-delivery "me time."

TRIBUTE:

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the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, an ambassador for the Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods and an usher at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He served on the boards of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review. Among others, he was further involved with Grosse Pointe Theatre, League of Women Voters, The Helm, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Below are tributes from some of McMullen's coworkers and friends.

"I've read several tributes to George McMullen that capture him perfectly — because George was consistently George: attending board and council meetings, always dressed to the nines and caring about the civic business of our community like no one else. He was one of a kind. He loved those meetings. I marveled how much he enjoyed them. It was fun for him. City councils, school board meetings, Rotary Club, library boards, Full Circle, The Family Center, the Foundation for Public Education, political parties (both of them!) and many more.

"He knew a lot of people and he welcomed everyone with his generosity, optimism and love. I have never met a more generous human. George

gave his time, his resources, his optimism and his kindness throughout the Grosse Pointe community. That's how he knew so many people and so many people knew him. He spoke at podiums ... and he planted gardens and he attended fundraisers and events with an open heart and handshakes for all.

"The George I knew was consistently welcoming and kind. He wanted to meet you, he wanted to know you and he was happy to volunteer whatever you needed because his heart was consistently generous. George was a giver. He never hesitated to donate, whether it was his time, his resources or his connections.

"George McMullen was a good friend and I feel lucky to have spent so much time with him. We worked on many a campaign together, his, mine and for bonds that needed passing. He was so pleased to be elected to the GPW City Council two years ago. George wanted nothing more than to serve and he was an outstanding representative. He listened, he learned and he dove into issues with intelligence and heart. That is no small feat. George was a true-blue human who welcomed debate and loved Roger's Rules and had no hesitancy to step across the aisle and work together whether you agreed with him or not. His friendship was pure and it was real and it welcomed everyone. ...

"Godspeed, George. I know your faith was strong, but we're going

to miss you down here; until we meet again."

— Kathy Abke; close friend, retired Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education vice president, secretary, trustee

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"George was my dearest friend. He took me under his wing at a time when I needed cheering up and he was ever generous and giving, always elevating me and others.

"George was the perpetual gentleman and endlessly concerned about doing the right thing. We had many conversations crediting his mother for raising him with respect and manners.

"George enjoyed joking and kept everyone laughing, quoting from the 'Caddyshack' movie and other phrases he invented along the way.

"For those of us who knew George, our lives have been richer in many ways because of his friendship. We will miss his positive spirit, gracious nature and most of all his sincere warmth."

— Susan Borninski, longtime friend

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"What can I say about George? He was a very special friend to not just me, but to everyone he met. George was a huge supporter of the schools, as well as many community charities. As everyone knows, he loved to attend meetings and understand what was going on and how he could help. George would always tease that he would be there, especially since he got free parking. I feel like I lost my biggest cheerleader

who always wanted everyone to succeed."

— Judy Gafa; close friend, retired Grosse Pointe Public School System trustee

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"George McMullen joined the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe in 2014 and got involved right away, receiving the Rookie of the Year Award that year. He followed that the next year by receiving the Rising Star Award. George was the embodiment of Rotary's motto 'Service Above Self.' He was active in our Community Affairs Committee, volunteering for several service projects every year. He served on the club's Board of Directors and was extremely involved in the Youth Services, working with the Rotary Interact Clubs at both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. He also headed the Youth Services Division for our local Rotary district.

"In honor of all this work, George received the club's Directors' Award for 2019-20, which is presented to the Rotarian who most emulates the quality of 'Service Above Self.' George added a great deal to our club and will be sorely missed by us all."

— Bob Lucas; Grosse Pointe Rotary Club president

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"George was the ultimate statesman who understood where he could make positive contributions. He loved GPPSS, served his community well and made personal contributions to his favorite charities. He

was a believer, honest, courageous, dedicated and wanted nothing but the best for his mother, family and friends. He will be missed!

"George sent me a personal handwritten note to congratulate me on being the new GPPSS superintendent. His handwriting was not the best, but his initial welcome made for a great friendship."

— Gary C. Niehaus; GPPSS superintendent

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"It was hard to go to a community meeting in the Grosse Pointes without running into George R. McMullen Jr., and there were many weeks, between the city councils, the school board and the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, that I'd run into him three or more times. "Heck, despite being a lifelong Republican, George almost never missed a meeting of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, because he knew that every local civic group, even ones explicitly focused on aims he might disagree with politically, played an important role in our local community.

"He loved the Pointes with earnestness and ferocity that's hard to describe and, most importantly, he channeled that love into action that consistently put — in the finest Rotary tradition — 'Service Above Self.'

"Our community was made better because George McMullen threw so much time, energy and effort into making it better. While it will be impossible to replace George's steadfast dedication to making Pointes a great place to live, hopefully, all of us can carry on in his memory and commit to doing a little more to give back to the community that he (and all of us) loved.

"George, thank you for your service, your love and the powerful example you set for all of us in the Pointes.

"Rest in power, friend." — Neil Sroka; fellow Rotarian

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"The thing I'd most want to say about George is that his was a life well spent in the genuine and generous service to others and his community. He was often double, even triple booked for board meetings or charitable events in all the Pointes. He'd vault seamlessly from city council, to Rotary, to the Chamber of Commerce, to the NAACP, to Full Circle, to The Family Center and

(lucky me) to the Library Foundation.

"He contributed in real ways to the success of all of these organizations and many more. George would regularly joke that he didn't even like to read books, but still he served for three years on the Library Foundation board and only stepped down from his role as vice president when he received his diagnosis.

"George rejected the cloak of pretension and instead, he gave of himself with his good humor, his enthusiasm, his dedication and his terrible taste in music. I will miss his quirky charm so very much and I'll think of him often — when I hear a Debbie Gibson song or raise a paddle at a charity auction or maybe just because he was my friend."

— Beth Vernon; Grosse Pointe Library Foundation executive director

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"We have lost a giant in this community. George McMullen was the biggest advocate of the Grosse Pointe public schools. We lost a person who believed in doing good things for the community, showing up, taking part, supporting our institutions, whether the library, the schools or the various foundations.

"He was the most generous person I know and I don't mean only financially (He was that, too). He always said positive things about our town and our people. He helped with whatever project was going on. He had nothing to gain, having no kids to send to our schools, yet he gained the esteem of this whole town. What a tremendous loss for us all."

— Margaret Weertz; Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education president

McMullen is survived by his mother, Judy McMullen; sister, Alex McCann; and brother-in-law, Franklin McCann. Due to the pandemic, there will not be a service at this time. The family hopes to arrange a service when it is safe to do so.

In lieu of flowers, McMullen's family asks that contributions be made to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; or Grosse Pointe Theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

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2020 IN REVIEW

Good news, bad news for Woods

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — This year saw several good news/bad news scenarios in the Woods.

While 2020 included a decrease in crime largely due to COVID-19, the ongoing pandemic also caused a decrease in business across the Pointes. Despite the shutdown, local restaurateurs collaborated to donate food to frontline workers.

City hall reopened after the completion of more than \$1 million in renovations after a 2019 flooding incident, only to close again due to the pandemic.

Not long after Councilman George R. McMullen Jr. rejoined city council — he stepped down earlier this year to devote his energy to battling pancreatic cancer — the beloved councilman succumbed to the disease.

This is the year in review:

January

◆ A local social advocate wants to take the public along for a deeper dive to examine bullying. In her forthcoming book, "Beating the Bully that Resides in You," Tresa Galloway discusses a familiar root cause of issues that help create both victims and victimizers.

◆ Frank Schulte, director of public services, is named acting city administrator, assuming the responsibilities only when current City Administrator Bruce Smith is away for extended periods.

February

◆ A project designed to convert the former University Liggett School Middle School into 12 housing units is significantly closer to completion. The exterior building work at Legacy Oaks Condominiums is finished and the interior is 75 percent complete.



FILE PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods experienced flooding in January.

◆ City hall renovations that began in January after a burst water pipe flooded the property last year cause expenses exceeding \$1 million. Only the Department of Public Safety and community center were left without significant damage, causing a temporary relocation of staff from most of the campus into the community center.

March

◆ Citing an impending "battle" against pancreatic cancer, Councilman George R. McMullen Jr. publicly announces his resignation. In a letter read during council's opening minutes, McMullen expresses he will no longer serve "due to personal reasons."

◆ The process of the Woods' appeal on the annexation of seven Provencal homes in the Farms has begun with City Attorney Chip Berschback submitting an appeal brief on behalf of the city. Prior to the annexation, the two cities held an agreement since 1955 for the Farms to provide municipal services to residents in return for the Woods contributing a portion of the residents' taxes.

◆ The first cases of COVID-19 in Michigan are discovered March 10. Citing guidance issued by the state of Michigan, Gov. Gretchen

Whitmer and the Department of Health and Human Services, several area institutions announce their temporary closure.

◆ 2,043 Republican and 4,184 Democratic ballots are cast in the election and the Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage is renewed.

◆ Restaurant owners are among the small businesses feeling the impact of preventive measures recently announced by the state of Michigan, in the wake of an ongoing health emergency. Gov. Whitmer extends the same public caution that preceded temporary school closures to include eateries, bars, coffee shops and fast food franchises that are required to temporarily close their dining rooms.

◆ City hall employees load office files, computers and other belongings into their vehicles as the Woods further moves to reduce exposure to illness. The public safety building's lobby is added to departments closed to the public. The city also cancels all regular family, fitness and special events through 2020.

◆ A handful of Grosse Pointe residents take it upon themselves to fill the silence of vastly empty streets with the sweet sounds of music. Musically inclined resi-

dents conduct pop-up porch concerts every evening at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

April

◆ A few business owners combine resources to help the community's helpers. The Curis family, owners of Champs Rotisserie & Seafood, and the Baratta family, owners of Fairway Packing Co., distribute 100 individually packaged lunches to staff at Ascension St. John Hospital.

◆ Following years of preparation for a consolidation agreement that began with a \$500,000 grant from the state, the Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety transfers its dispatch and lock-up services to the Woods. The partnership includes the Woods housing the Shores' arrests, along with bond collection and handling its incoming 911 calls.

◆ In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau temporarily suspends field data collection and extends the self-response deadline to Oct. 31.

May

◆ The public safety department has made around 100 fewer on-scene incident runs than its officers reported at this time in 2019. Crime rates in the Woods decrease during the weeks since Gov. Whitmer declared a stay-at-home order and closure of non-essential businesses to slow the spread of infection.

◆ Health and safety restrictions won't stop LGBTQ residents and their supporters from making their presence known in the Pointes. Welcoming Everyone GP, or WeGP, launches a campaign for what might be its most ambitious and innovative Pride Month celebration yet.

June

◆ Seven Provencal Road properties

annexed last year from the Woods will remain in the Farms. Circuit Judge Martha Snow affirms the annexation, denying the Woods' appeal in a final order.

◆ The Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods branch of the NAACP hosts a virtual forum with city officials to discuss police policy after the death of Minneapolis resident George Floyd at the hands of a uniformed policeman ignited international outrage, including demonstrations in Grosse Pointe Woods, Park and City.

◆ George R. McMullen Jr. returns to city council, filling the position he vacated in March after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Council votes to reappoint him to finish his term following progress in his medical treatment.

◆ A family of six is among dozens of residents recovering from a severe storm, fallen trees and related damage that occurred June 10. A GoFundMe effort launched for the Bruveris family raises almost \$85,000 in mere days.

◆ The community experiences a 7 percent reduction in crime between 2018 and 2019, according to the public safety department's annual report.

July

City hall is expected to reopen to the public no later than July 7. After multiple delays and necessary renovations that began with a flooding

incident in March 2019, employees at the Mack Avenue complex will receive visitors again.

◆ Public Safety Director John Kosanke observes his 30th anniversary with the municipal police and fire division in the largest of the five Pointes.

August

◆ Election statistics from Tuesday, Aug. 4, show a pandemic will not stop Grosse Pointers from exercising their right to vote. Voter participation is on track with primaries in recent years, but there is a shift in balance as absentee ballots outnumber those going to the polls.

September

◆ Public safety seeks the community's help identifying suspects in vandalism at Chene Trombley Park. Eggs broken on a picnic table and expletive-laden anti-Donald Trump graffiti, along with other phrases, are spray painted in purple on another table. Letters also are found spray painted in black on trees.

◆ News of the shooting death of a seventh-grade student shocks the Parcels Middle School community and serves as a reminder of the importance of practicing gun safety in homes after LaDamian Williams, 12, is shot and killed in Oak Park in what is being reported as an accident.

October

◆ Big Boy on Mack reopens after a two-year closure and renovation,

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Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Senior Valentine Social in February.

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road construction project on the stretch in October.

City officials have argued some discretion can be used with the standards for when signage overload leads to driver confusion.

Farms administration, which first unsuccessfully tried to set a meeting with county representatives and was referred to MDOT, now is being referred back to

the county by MDOT, City Manager Shane Reeside reported.

As a potential solution, the city is working with a traffic engineer to reconcile its stance on the standards compared to the county's stance. City administration then plans to take the information back to MDOT with a more quantitative and specific approach.

"We're asking our consulting engineer to look at the signage, get affirmation that it is confusing and some suggestions

on precisely what signs we can identify that are part of the greater source of confusion and should be removed," Reeside explained.

The city remains determined to decrease the amount of signage.

"Our understanding is that there is some wiggle room where there's sign overload to a point where it's detrimental and it creates confusion," Reeside said. "... We still feel it's confusing and we're getting feedback from residents and peo-

ple throughout the community, not only Grosse Pointe Farms, who drive through Lakeshore and find the signs confusing."

Those who would like to voice concerns regarding the signage should contact Wayne County Director of Public Services Beverly Watts at (313) 224-7600, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans at (313) 224-0286 or Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen at (313) 224-0920 or tkilleen@wayne county.com.



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michelle Bogges-Nunley rolls up her world-record-setting hand-drawn maze.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JAN. 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

TUESDAY, JAN. 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Harbor Committee meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Historic District Study Committee, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Curing boredom one rhyme at a time

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

A good-natured joke of calling his coworker, Brian, a liar in the office one day sparked an idea, which led to a future in authoring children's books for Terry Ayrault, who published his first children's book, "Lyn' Brian the Cryin' Lion," this past summer.

Honored with the Mom's Choice Award, an authority on the best products for families, in early December, the book's storyline focuses on conflict resolution and uses pop culture references, words to inspire a conversation between the child and parent, and a connection between the art and the words.

"The idea here is that there's certain people in life that you'll meet who fabricate the truth, who exaggerate and use hyperbole and make themselves sound better than they really are," Ayrault said. "There are

moments where you'll be either working with these people or you'll be in school with these people and you can kind of see through why they're doing it and you begin to realize that there's something else going on there."

The Grosse Pointe Park resident, along with his wife, Lisa, has raised their children, Hannah and Henry, with a love for reading. Henry began reading at 2 years old and read the Harry Potter series at age 4. However, while Ayrault read his kids to sleep every night, he sometimes found himself falling asleep because the books weren't engaging for adults.

"There were few that not only captured the imagination of kids, but also entertained the parent who was reading," Ayrault explained, "so my goal in writing 'Lyn' Brian the Cryin' Lion' was to write a book that a parent wouldn't fall



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Terry Ayrault recently published his first children's book, "Lyn' Brian the Cryin' Lion."

asleep reading to their young child."

Also in mind were Lisa's experiences as an elementary school teacher in Eastpointe, specifically with how teachers put in the work during the school day,

but then the children go home and don't get the interaction with their parents reading to them. Wondering if one of the reasons could be that adults find the books boring, Ayrault hopes parents will be more

intrigued by the words, cadence and art in "Lyn' Brian the Cryin' Lion." The book is set to be the first in a series falling under the label of Wild Aminoal Books, with recurring characters that kids can recognize from

book to book.

Hoping to put out around 10 books within the series, if not more, Ayrault's next installment, "Knut the Gnu Who Tried Nothing New," should be out later this year.

"I just look forward to being able to put my thoughts down on paper and get them in front of people," he said, "hopefully providing something that people can find enjoyment with."

Along with his long career in marketing and advertising — he currently is a chief creative officer at the JRT agency in Farmington — Ayrault also helped write and produce the 2012 TV show "Vinsetta Garage," has ghost written a couple of books and co-wrote "The Old Man in the Gym" with his brother-in-law.

"Lyn' Brian the Cryin' Lion" is available at Small Favors, 17125 Kercheval, in The Village.

WOODS:

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following a 2018 fire that caused \$1 million in damage. Originally scheduled to welcome customers in spring, statewide safety precautions shut down restaurant dining rooms, adding to insurance-related and legal issues, owner Dan Curis said.

◆ Woods resident Michelle Boggess-Nunley sets a new Guinness World Record for creating the world's largest hand-drawn maze, which measures a whopping 1,126 square feet. It took the artist three months and 10 days to complete.

◆ Municipal administrators, employees and council members gather at city hall for a dedication almost two years in the making. Mayor Bob Novitke witnesses the formal naming of the Woods government complex as the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center.

November

◆ One of the most unusual general elections in American history leaves a largely positive voter participation imprint on the Pointes. Large numbers of absen-

tee ballots are attributed to local residents, combined with same-day votes that are cast despite an ongoing worldwide health emergency. Of the 6,206 Democratic votes cast, 5,012 are absentee. Of the 5,533 Republican votes cast, 3,519 are absentee.

◆ A retail development is scheduled to open to shoppers along Mack near Hollywood mid-next year. The site is slated to include 44 parking spaces and additional nearby public parking to support the retailers occupying the strip.

◆ City halls across the Pointes are returning to procedures put in place in March, as COVID-19 case counts in the area continue to rise. Municipal buildings close to the public following the announcement of state restrictions for 21 days.

December

◆ The law firms York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C., and Rosati Schultz Joppich and Amtsbuechler, P.C., are expected to take on the duties of city attorney in 2021. Current City Attorney Chip Berschback plans to end his service to the Woods

at the start of 2021.

◆ The Woods has laid the groundwork to potentially roll out COVID-19 vaccinations to its city employees and their immediate families when the time comes, following unanimous approval of a memorandum of understanding with the Wayne County Department of Health, Human and Veteran Services.

◆ Councilman George R. McMullen Jr. loses his battle with pancreatic cancer.



A Chevy commercial was filmed in front of Grosse Pointe Woods city hall in November.



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A masked mom takes a photo with her daughter, a first-time voter, at the polls in November.

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Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Not Santa coming early

A couple sleeping in a home in the 300 block of Touraine Road heard a noise at 2 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, but didn't find anyone when they got up to investigate.

The next morning, a watch and electric bike were discovered missing and the rear door was unlocked.

Porch pirating lunch date

A man and woman were seen stealing a package off a porch in the 400 block of Roland Road at 1 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Wednesday, Dec. 23. When a neighbor yelled at them, they drove away in a blue Nissan Altima with a large dent on the driver's door.

Honestly intoxicated

After being pulled over at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Kercheval Avenue and Moross Road, a Moran man in his 60s admitted to having multiple beers and had a blood alcohol content of .15 percent, for which he was arrested.

Accidents occur closest to home

A vehicle parked in a driveway in the 300 block of Grosse Pointe Boulevard was hit by another vehicle at 3:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28. The Detroit driver in her mid-30s was found passed out behind the wheel.

A preliminary breath test showed she had a blood alcohol content of .17 percent.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Arrest one, get one free

After being seen driving a vehicle without a

license plate on Vernier Road at 11:33 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, a 23-year-old Highland Park man was pulled over and ran through LEIN, which showed he had multiple warrants and had been suspended multiple times.

He was arrested for driving while license suspended, while his 23-year-old Detroit passenger also was arrested when warrants for her out of Hazel Park were discovered.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

All is calm, all is dark

During the night Thursday, Dec. 24, a resident of the 1000 block of Kensington found their Christmas decorations' electrical cord had been cut.

The suspect is yet unknown.

Fake payment

An investigation is ongoing for credit card fraud at a business in the 16000 block of Mack.

At 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, the business received credit card payment over the phone. The card was later found to be fraudulently used.

Credit card fraud

At noon Tuesday, Dec. 29, a business owner in the 15000 block of Jefferson received a customer complaint that his credit card had been used at the business without his consent.

After reviewing surveillance video, the owner found that an employee had used the credit card information.

This investigation is ongoing.

Last day of the year

A 27-year-old female Detroit resident was arrested at 2:42 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, for operating while intoxicated and with a child in the car.

The driver was stopped for speeding at Mack and Buckingham, where she was found to be intoxicated. Her juvenile daughter was riding in the passenger seat.

Her daughter was turned over to the child's father upon her arrest.

Speeding into the New Year

At 12:34 a.m. Friday, Jan. 1, a 25-year-old female Detroit resident was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

The vehicle was stopped for speeding on Haverhill. The driver was found to be intoxicated, which led to her arrest.

— Kate Vanderstelt
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Witching hour

At 10:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, a resident in the 1700 block of Huntington discovered via surveillance camera footage an unknown person wearing all black walking through their front yard at 3:03 a.m.

Another department had the same issue arise, but it is unknown if the two cases are related.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety reminds residents to lock all doors, to houses and vehicles.

Three strikes

A 34-year-old Detroit resident was stopped at 10:21 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, for driving 51 mph on Vernier Road, where the speed limit is 35 mph.

The resident was issued citations for driv-

ing with a suspended license, speeding and an expired plate.

The licensed passenger took over the vehicle.

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

WATER:

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brown water on the north and south side of the Park, which is an extreme oddity.

"We had close to about 80 calls total, (so there were) probably about 60 to 80 homes (impacted) depending on how many times they called."

Sizeland talked with GLWA representatives as the incident was ongoing and asked them to update their safety measures and communication to prevent similar situations from happening again.

Over the weekend, the GLWA took water samples in the area, which came back clean.



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OUR VIEW

Holidays over, schools reopen

The New Year starts with the hope that all public school students here in the Grosse Pointes can get back into their classrooms by month's end.

A lot of that hope rides on how well residents have kept COVID-19 from spreading during their various winter celebrations. Pre-holiday case counts had dwindled locally since reaching a peak in mid-November, contrary to runaway numbers statewide. The autumn increase eventually led Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to reimpose several restrictions, including shutting down in-person classes for high schoolers and their sports programs.

Many of those restrictions have since been lifted (the ban on indoor restaurant and bar service continues). But high schoolers in the Grosse Pointe Public School System hadn't even had any face-to-face classes when the ban took effect — and the rest of the district had already gone back to virtual classes, too, because of the difficulty in finding substitute teachers.

By next week, students through eighth grade are again scheduled to be back in their classrooms on a hybrid schedule (half of each class basically alternates). High schoolers' hybrid schedule is finally to begin Jan. 28-29 as the second semester gets underway.

There is little indication that this novel coronavirus spreads rapidly in classrooms, especially with the current safety protocols in place. The bigger snag, locally at least, seems to be when community spread forces teachers and other staff members to stay home. School Superintendent Gary Niehaus already has pledged that, rather than shut the whole system down again, decisions to revert to virtual learning will be made on a school-by-school basis.

For now, students and teachers can only hope that the holidays have not set off another spike in cases, especially since gatherings of friends and families often are cited as the biggest danger for disease spread. Given that holiday reporting of cases may have been erratic, that answer probably won't come for several days.

That means high schoolers may have to fret about whether they will see the inside of their classrooms until the day they finally walk into school.

And students of all ages clearly need to be there. It didn't take long last spring for most of them to realize how much they missed the actual in-building experience — their classmates, their teachers and all the other daily, face-to-face encounters and group collaborations that make up a school week. Some students have done fine with online schooling, but it has been troublesome — and lonely — for many, many others.

Even a minimal amount of face-to-face contact can make a difference, too. Last spring, for example, students at least had the advantage of finishing out the school year with teachers who had nurtured their classroom relationships for months. Now high schoolers are finishing an entire semester with teachers they've never met in person.

But having high schools open presumably carries more risks, too, given that Gov. Whitmer targeted them in her fall order. Clearly the potential is there, as students sit at multiple desks throughout the day and move through hallways as they change classes, and so on.

High schoolers will now have to prove themselves as adept at mask-wearing as their younger counterparts, and good at hand hygiene and social distancing, too. Presumably, their motivation will be strong in order to maintain their newly restored ability to gather at school.

The community's motivation should be strong, too, to contain this disease so face-to-face teaching can continue. School-age children and their families have suffered enough disruptions. Then the real pay-off, hopefully by the start of school next fall, will be a successful vaccination program that puts a permanent end to all these months and months of disjointed education.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

"The light play of the dawn," in this photo by City of Grosse Pointe resident Mark Rossman, "creates a sharp dichotomy between the light of the sunrise on the dawn-facing side of the church tower and the darkness on the north-facing side. With the themes of darkness versus light so prevalent in how the world is being interpreted in media, in politics and, of course, within the institution of religion, I thought that this was quite analogous."

OUR VIEW

Shores retirees deserve better

It's frustrating to watch a well-off city like Grosse Pointe Shores run a budget surplus even as it breaks its promises to fully fund retirees' health care.

The surplus is not huge: \$64,567 on June 30, the end of the last fiscal year. Moreover, it was achieved mostly through events that hopefully will not be repeated, particularly the fact that several city positions were vacant at various times during the year.

The city also has retained its AAA bond rating, according to the audited financial statement for last year. And its overall fund balance, at 29 percent of annual expenditures, exceeds recommended minimums.

In other words, the city has managed to maintain a strong financial position even as its staff has been in turmoil and its retirees have launched protests against the abrupt demand last May that they pay 20 percent of their health care premiums.

Most recently, on Dec. 15, the Shores council voted to put the retirees' payments into the city's retirement reimbursement account, rather than the general fund. Council members see it as a sign of good faith; the retirees not so much. "You're taking it away from the retirees to give it back to them?" said former public works director Brett Smith.

The city's strong financial position adds insult to injury for the retirees. Yes, legacy costs that cover retirements are a problem in both the public and private sectors. But the worst aspect remains the ease

and suddenness with which the Shores council broke its promise of full funding for retiree health care — a promise made repeatedly to employees, who say they often took lower pay or fewer benefits during their working years in order to preserve their security in retirement.

The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled on the issue, allowing such broken promises in at least one circumstance. But the Shores has handled the issue particularly poorly.

Topping it off was the council's Nov. 17 meeting, held over Zoom. As described in a Letter to the Editor by resident Raymond Rahi, M.D., one councilman set up a backdrop that said, "Supreme Court voted it's fair for retirees to share in health care costs." Dr. Rahi described this as a slap in the face to the retirees and repeated his position that promises should be honored.

By all accounts, Grosse Pointe Shores was well served by the retirees who now face unexpected health insurance copays. Surely current employees have reason to raise an eyebrow at the way retirees have been treated; they must wonder how much security they have as they work for blatant promise-breakers.

At this point, it's not even clear who's talking to whom or how most residents feel about the way the retirees have been treated. But last year's surplus and the city's sizable fund balance suggest that retirees have a reasonable case and residents should pay heed.

LETTERS

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

Shores mayor ushers in 2021

Greetings from the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Wow! What a year 2020 turned out to be. Early in the year, we kept reading about a new virus originating across the world. Little

did we realize the havoc it would bring to our country and community.

The March shutdown greatly affected our business community and our shopping became an online experience. Our city experienced hundreds of confirmed cases and many residents were afraid just to leave their

homes.

Since fitness centers were closed, the residents in our community, young and old, took to the streets for their exercise. I never saw so many walkers, bikers, etc., enjoying the beautiful vistas of our community. I hope this trend continues in the new year.

Looking ahead to 2021, we are welcoming our new manager, Stephen Poloni, to lead our city as we navigate these difficult times.

All cities are experiencing budgetary pressures with both the general revenue accounts as well as fixed expenses, but if we work together we can solve these problems. We have significant infrastructure issues to deal with, such as our deteriorating sea-

wall and water and sewer improvements, and these issues must be dealt with for the betterment of our community.

We are excited to see the first home being built in the new Deeplands subdivision.

The light at the end of the tunnel for this year will be the vaccines necessary to protect our residents and allow us to begin socializing again.

It is these social connections that make our community so special and unique and along with great schools and parks, makes the Grosse Pointe and surrounding community the premier place to reside and raise a family.

Happy New Year!
MAYOR TED KEDZIERSKI
Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

George: A man about town



One day while sitting at my desk in the office, one of my coworkers brought me an envelope. "Someone just dropped this off for you," they said. I looked at the envelope, opened it up and was immediately touched by the gesture.

A bit of backstory: I was covering one of the many fundraisers in Grosse Pointe. George and I were looking at one of the auction items in particular and I remarked that it would be "a cool thing to do."

We moved on to look at a few other auction items and I continued to take the photos I needed.

Flash forward to the

envelope that was delivered to my desk. Inside the envelope was the certificate for the experience I had remarked on.

I knew George often bid on items then gave them away. One year he offered as an auction item his personal service to be a driver for a night out for a group of people. So it turned out, that evening, unbeknownst to me, one of the things he bid on was for this adventure so I could experience what I thought would be "a cool thing to do."

The envelope was delivered to me a few weeks later, but he didn't stick around after dropping it off to get credit for the generous gesture. He didn't want the credit as much as he did the opportunity to give someone something that might help them, make them smile or enrich their life.

I couldn't believe it

when I opened the envelope and saw what was inside. I had forgotten about it.

I immediately set down the envelope and went to the front of the office, but he had already made his getaway. Knowing George, he was smiling all the way down the stairs and out the door at the thought of how shocked I would be.

I called him right away to thank him for his kindness. He said the only thing he wanted in return was a photo of the event. No problem, I told him. I've got that covered.

I saw him everywhere around town: board meetings, council meetings, library meetings, events, openings and just in general. George always told people, when they asked why he went to so many meetings, that he liked the free snacks and free parking. This became somewhat of an inside joke.

George was a good man with a kind heart and a generous spirit. He loved to call people on their birthday, which was always a nice surprise. I was honored to be part of that group.

I thought it was so funny that he referred to his mom as the "General" or "Commander in Chief." I met her at a fundraiser and she shared a couple good stories about George. He just sat next to her with a big smile on his face while she talked. George's family was important to him and he loved them dearly.

George didn't care what side of politics you were on, he was happy to talk and to listen. We had many chats about politics and other things.

When he was first diagnosed, I dropped a card through his mailbox and he called me later that day and said it was a federal offense to just put things through his mail-

box without a stamp. I responded, "Then turn me in." I'm glad it made him laugh.

I brought him a small chocolate cake from Morning Glory for his birthday this year and when I handed it to him, he said, "It's too pretty to eat so I think I'll just let it sit on the counter." I said, "It's your cake. You can eat it or just look at it." He texted a few days later and said it was delicious.

George loved to joke around and have fun, which is a great way to spend your life. George welcomed everyone with a handshake and a smile. He genuinely liked to meet people and find out about them.

George had his ups and downs through his ordeal this year, but he always posted positive photos of himself during chemo with a thumbs up and a big smile. He thanked everyone for

their outpouring of love and prayers. He said they made a difference. He knew the community was rooting for him.

On Tuesday morning last week, someone asked a close friend of George's what she could do to lift George's spirit. He likes Christmas lights, she was told, so she posted on Facebook and photos tagged with #lightitupforGeorge poured in. Little did she, or anyone who shared photos of their Christmas lights know, it would be George's last night on Earth. He passed away peacefully that evening. The community lit his path to heaven.

You fought with strength and grace, my friend. I would say "Rest in peace," but knowing George, he's already started a meeting in heaven where there is guaranteed to be free parking and possibly much better snacks.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

PARK WILL BUY NEW FIRE TRUCK: At a brief special meeting of the Park Village Commissioners, bids were opened for an aerial fire truck. The contract was awarded to Peter Pirsch and Son of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The price is \$13,850.

DETROIT INHERITS TAXI ARGUMENT: Arthur Champine, a driver for the Grosse Pointe Cab company, phoned City police that he had a "lady passenger" who was causing him considerable trouble and, who, incidentally owed him \$8 cab fare. The collection bureau of the Grosse Pointe Police department held a conference on the technique to be employed. Learning that both the fare and the argument were of Detroit origin, they decided to turn that case over to the Detroit police and welcome any commissions they might be able to earn.

Obituaries: Edward Schmidt, Dr. Henry Norton Torrey

be solved as quickly as possible. It is in regards to a man, with three children, who were allegedly seen on the ice of Lake St. Clair by several witnesses and who appeared to have vanished without a trace. The four were said to have been seen on the ice between the Farms Municipal Pier Park and the eastern city limits. A search by police and fire personnel and the U.S. Coast Guard was unsuccessful.

PARK POLICE EQUIPPED TO TEST DRUNK DRIVERS: The Park Police Department, since it had personnel trained to operate such equipment, received a Breathalyzer Machine, from the Michigan State Police in East Lansing. The Park department is the second Pointe area department assigned such equipment; the Woods was the recipient of one about five years ago.

Obituaries: Dr. Elwood A. Sharp, Lee K. Silloway, Charles F. Hammond Jr., William L. Maccani, Flora A. Rutt, Edgar C. Suor, Louis Kraetker

Richner has announced he is running for the 1st District state House of Representatives seat being vacated by Republican William R. Bryant Jr. Richner, a former Grosse Pointe Park councilman who has served two terms on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, feels he is the right man for the position.

TOP DEFENDERS NAMED TO ALL-STATE TEAM: Defense was the name of the game in University Liggett School soccer this year and it was reflected by the Knights' two selections to the Class C All-State team. Senior goalkeeper Ian McMillan and junior sweeper Mike Gressman were named to the first unit by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association, while senior forward Mike Howe made the second team.

Obituaries: Marco Santi, Olive Masters Haynor, Anna G. Piotrowski, Otis Roloson Wilcoxson, Robert Price Oldham, Waunita Rhea Harden, Matthew M. Saunders, George J. Richmond, Lucita Hamm Barlow, Charles Phillip Klingensmith, Roger Stewart Tuttle, Virginia M. Kelly

1971

50 years ago this week

FARMS POLICE SEEK INFORMATION: Farms police have a mystery on their hands, which they hope will

1996

25 years ago this week

RICHNER TO RUN: Although he has not officially filed to run, Wayne County commissioner Andrew

2011

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY: Between almost constant road patrols by public safety officers who know the habits of nearly everyone in the 1.5-square-mile town, plus keen-eyed residents hard-wired to alert headquarters of odd circumstances, it's hard for lawbreakers to get a grip on the Shores without being

slapped down by lawmen or tripped up by citizens protecting themselves and the community. Some of both resulted recently in the arrests of men and women for cruising the Shores at night breaking into parked cars.

TOURNEY CHAMPS: Grosse Pointe South's boys hockey team won the Blue Line

Tournament in Alpean, blanking the host squad 4-0 in the championship game.

Obituaries: June Marks Anderman, Mary H. Belanger, Edna J. Burns, Marjorie L. Chandler, Allen Fullton Edwards Jr., Barbara Ann Robertson, William Muir Taliaferro, Robert E. Thoreson, Anne M. Beaver, Duane Clifford Stone

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Roth and Clark, the two Pointes will split half the cost of the \$72,000 study, intended to be the first step toward a permanent fix for the deterioration of the seawall.

February

◆ Sandra Cavataio is appointed to city council to fill the vacant seat left by Bruce Bisballe, who resigned in November 2019, citing a lack of city leadership.

◆ Following months of debate from both sides, council votes to ban off-leash dogs from Osius Park.

March

◆ The Shores and Woods councils vote in favor of a dispatch/lock-up consolidation contract between the two cities. Beginning April 1, the Woods will provide the Shores' dispatch services and housing of prisoners, including bond collection. The Shores previously had a similar contract with the Farms.

◆ A committee to create the city's first ethics ordinance holds its first official meeting.

◆ 363 Republican and 443 Democratic ballots are cast in the election, with absentee ballots counting for approximately 50 percent of the votes. The Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage is renewed.

◆ The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House closes to the public Wednesday, March 11, as COVID-19 cases



Grosse Pointe Shores retirees protest changes to their retirement plans in September.

reach Michigan.

◆ Osius Park remains open, but the restrooms and Playscape are closed.

◆ The Shores is the last Pointe to close its city hall doors to the public Wednesday, March 18, following an in-person council meeting.

◆ The 55 S. Deeplands development receives final plat approval from city council. The development is set to hold 16 homes on eight acres and has been working toward final approval since 2018.

April

◆ Plans are put in place to begin updating Channel 12, which is operated by the city.

◆ In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau temporarily suspends field data collection and extends the self-response deadline to Oct. 31.

May

A Lakeshore seawall sinkhole, located near the Woodland crossroad, threatens the sanitary sewer system before receiving repairs.

◆ A major infrastructure project to repair leaks in the city's sewage pipes begins with \$214,900 to proceed with the first two phases. The entire project is anticipated to take years and cost the city millions.

◆ Council votes during a telephonic meeting, with little to no notice to retirees, to require retirees to cover 20 percent of their healthcare premiums.

◆ Health and safety restrictions won't stop LGBTQ residents and their supporters from making their presence known in the Pointes. Welcoming Everyone GP, or WeGP, launches a cam-

paign for what might be its most ambitious and innovative Pride Month celebration yet.

June

◆ Retirees ask council to reconsider requiring them to cover 20 percent of their healthcare premiums, citing undue financial hardship. The city's finance officer/treasurer speaks on their behalf and the union vice president questions why there were changes to the contract without negotiations.

◆ Thirty-three-year Department of Public Works Director Brett Smith resigns, citing a recently toxic work environment in the city.

July

◆ The public safety department prepares to order the first body-worn cameras for its officers, following approval by city council.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club completes a year-and-a-half-long project, and approximately \$1.5 million investment, to protect its clubhouse and docks against rising Lake St. Clair water levels.

◆ Council votes to work toward creating a no-anchor zone 300 feet off the shoreline between the Shores seawall and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The action is later put on hold with the intention to pursue the zone next spring.

◆ Retirees create a picket line at the council meeting, continuing to plead against the healthcare changes that now require them to pay 20 percent of their premiums.

August

◆ Voter turnout in the August election shows 565 absentee voters and 253 in-person voters.

◆ Thirty-three-year

Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts becomes the next in a string of resignations from the Shores, citing staff shortages and continuous delays by council to bring in new hires, as well as the highly protested changes to retiree healthcare.

◆ Retirees pass out pamphlets to homes in the Shores, asking for residents' support in the fight against recent healthcare changes, days before former chair of the finance committee, Bruce Bisballe, speaks to council about why the changes are unnecessary.

September

◆ Mayor Ted Kedzierski and City Clerk Bruce Nichols resign from the Shores ethics committee after some community members question whether elected officials should take part in the committee, given an ethics ordinance would govern them.

◆ Former water department supervisor, Michael Way, is hired as the city's new director of public works.

October

◆ Results from a communication survey sent to residents in August show 51.7 percent of respondents feel they are not very informed or somewhat informed about news and updates in the Shores. The survey is meant to be the first step in the establishment of a communication plan.

◆ The city's 16 officers receive \$1,000 each through grant funding under the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program, as hazard pay for working throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

◆ Retirees call the ethicality of city council into question while speaking about the recent changes to healthcare during the October ethics committee meeting.

◆ Results from an engineering study of the Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road

and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club show an approximately \$23 million long-term fix is needed. The recommendation is to drive metal sheet piling in front of the current existing seawall and tie it back.

◆ Stephen Poloni, currently director of public safety for the City and Park, is hired as the next Shores city manager, effective Jan. 25, 2021.

November

◆ Furnace work leads to a basement fire in the 900 block of Lakeshore. No one is injured.

◆ The presidential election sets a record high of 1,410 absentee voters in the city.

◆ Yard signs stating "We support Grosse Pointe Shores retirees" begin popping up throughout the city, as retirees continue to plead with city council to rescind the healthcare changes.

◆ City hall closes to the public for the second time since the pandemic began Monday, Nov. 16, as COVID-19 case counts continue to rise in the area.

December

◆ Nine-year Director of Public Safety John Schulte announces his retirement from a 42-year career in law enforcement, effective Jan. 26, 2021.

◆ After being ticketed for a Black Lives Matter sign public safety said is not in compliance with the city's signage ordinance due to its size, attorney Todd Perkins files a lawsuit against the Shores, its public safety department and two officers.

◆ Council votes to allocate the 20 percent copay by retirees into its other post-employment benefits fund, while retirees continue to plead for a reversal of the changes as Christmas approaches.

◆ Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk is promoted to assistant city manager.



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The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was among the establishments to close to the public in March.

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- Remove and reinstall existing electrical switches, outlets, thermostats, etc. that may be interfering with new tack board installation.
- Replace / modify portions of existing aluminum chalkboard rail.

Specifications and bid forms will be available to Prime Contractors starting **Tuesday, January 19, 2021** at Engineering Reproduction, Inc. for review and purchase. The office is located at 13550 Conant Avenue, Detroit, MI 48212. Telephone: 313-366-3390. Contractor must purchase a full set of documents (PDF or hard copy), including drawings and specifications (i.e. no partial sets).

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

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- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
- McGraw-Hill Dodge
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A **PRE-BID MEETING** will not be held for this project. It is the responsibility of the bidding Contractor to visit the sites and to become familiar with the project sites, conditions which may affect its bid, etc.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (local time)** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

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

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

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An October announcement confirms Stephen Poloni will become the new city manager of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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bird-window collisions since a section of the addition could potentially be all glass.

◆ For the first time in seven years, the city is set for a full redesign of its website. The \$15,679 project will add new features, better functionality and ensure the site meets current Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

March

◆ Construction begins on the building set to hold Lindsay Cotton's Bookstore at 92 Kercheval on The Hill. Alan Marschke's Oriental Rug Gallery previously occupied the space.

◆ Three new sinkholes appear along the Lakeshore seawall near Beacon Hill and Pier Park.

◆ Pointe's Pantry, a local food delivery service, is set to move in next to Jerry's Club Party Store at 383 Kercheval.

◆ Scott Shuptrine Interiors leaves The Village as Art Van Furniture announces the closure of its Art Van Furniture, Art Van PureSleep and Scott Shuptrine Interior stores in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Ohio.

◆ 1,194 Republican and 2,551 Democratic ballots are cast in the election, while absentee ballots accounted for 47 percent of the votes. The Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage is renewed.

◆ City hall, municipal court and use of the building at Pier Park close March 13, as the first cases of COVID-19 reach Michigan. Police, fire, emergency dispatch, water service and garbage and recycling collection services are not impacted.

◆ The War Memorial closes its campus to the public March 13, in response to the pandemic. The Helm at the Boll Life Center does the same.

◆ Pier Park remains open for walkers, but no other activities are permitted.

April

◆ A Chrysler 300, driven by a man in his mid-30s, crashes through the exit gates at Pier Park before driving into the harbor near the west end of the recreation building.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League donates \$10,000, split equally between Ascension St. John Hospital's COVID-19 Fund and its Associate Hardship Fund.

◆ Council approves the purchase of a new fire engine for a price not to exceed \$648,327. The engine will replace Fire Engine 3, which was built in 1997.

◆ The public services department receives several resident complaints about increased rat activity in and near homes. The issue is seemingly caused by a lack of dumpster waste from restaurants during the shutdown.

◆ In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau temporarily suspends field data collection and extends the self-response deadline to Oct. 31.

May

◆ Around 170 Farms,



An Easter Bunny drive-thru was hosted at Pier Park in April.

Park and City employees receive COVID-19 testing at Windmill Pointe Park.

◆ Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage resumes elective surgeries. The volume of patients at the institution has been down 80 percent throughout the outbreak.

◆ Flooding leads to a temporary Lakeshore closure and electrical service shutoff to the 200 docks in the Pier Park marina.

◆ Wayne County Circuit Court denies the Woods appeal in a final order to uphold the annexation of seven Provençal Road properties into the Farms.

◆ Health and safety restrictions won't stop LGBTQ residents and their supporters from making their presence known in the Pointes. Welcoming Everyone GP, or WeGP, launches a campaign for what might be its most ambitious and innovative Pride Month celebration yet.

June

◆ The first-floor lobby area of city hall reopens to the public.

◆ Staff and physicians at Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage participate in 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silent reflection, the amount of time a knee was held to George Floyd's neck before his death.

◆ Restaurants are allowed to expand their dining areas into sidewalks, parking areas and streets.

July

◆ The War Memorial updates its plans for improvement to the campus, most notably incorporating bird-sensitive glass into the new addition to address community concerns.

August

◆ Voter turnout in the August election shows 2,750 absentee voters and 1,006 in-person voters.

◆ The War Memorial receives final plan approval from city council for its improvement

and addition plans.

◆ Plans are set to install a new water main under Kercheval from Fisher to McMillian, coinciding with the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch's construction project.

September

◆ Council votes to eliminate PEG fees, which eliminates a 1.15 percent Comcast fee and a 2 percent AT&T fee from residents' bills.

◆ Public safety sees a significant increase in mopeds driven by teenagers, many not in compliance with the law.

October

◆ The Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan releases its finalized recommendations for the section between Cadieux and Moross.

◆ K-9 Officer Tim Harris partners with the Detroit Pistons' Basketball for All program to pass out 72 basketballs to children playing at Messmer Park.

◆ The council meeting is "Zoom bombed" by unknown voices slinging profanity and vulgar sentences.

◆ A 44-year-old Chesterfield Township woman's vehicle ends up in Lake St. Clair near Provençal and Lakeshore.

◆ Following the completion of Wayne County's Lakeshore

reconstruction project, more than 180 road signs are placed on Lakeshore from Warner to just past Moross.

◆ Results from an engineering study of the Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club show an approximately \$23 million long-term fix is needed. The recommendation is to drive metal sheet piling in front of the current existing seawall and tie it back.

November

◆ Brownell Middle School receives site plan approval from city council for an 11-space visitor parking lot, to be constructed in summer 2021, using funds from the 2018 Grosse Pointe Public School System bond earmarked for safety in the schools. The lot ensures a singular entrance for visitors into the school during occupied hours.

◆ A voter turnout record is set within the city, with an 82 percent turnout rate for the presidential election.

◆ Voters approve a five-year, 2-mill road improvement millage, anticipated to bring in \$8.6 million by 2025.

◆ City hall closes to the public for the second time since the pandemic began Monday, Nov. 16, as COVID-19 case counts continue to rise in the area.



Grosse Pointe Farms hosted Winterfest in January.

December

◆ Wayne County refers the matter of more than 180 road signs being placed on Lakeshore from Warner to just past Moross, to the Michigan Department of Transportation, as the city continues to fight for decreased signage.

◆ No one is injured in an electrical fire in the 300 block of Touraine, caused by an electrical surge.

◆ After receiving community concern over the city's signage ordinance,

council agrees to revisit the language.

◆ A 22-year-old Warren man is arrested for stealing credit card information and identities from more than 100 people while working at the drive-thru window at the Mack Wendy's since August.

◆ The War Memorial reaches an agreement with the city to reduce its permit fee for the new addition to \$50,000 in exchange for a yearly annual payment, which essentially is in lieu of taxes.




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Central Library began offering curbside pickup this summer.



Grosse Pointe Farms took steps to address sinkholes along the seawall in March.



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Comfort food

Chef cooks for Detroit homeless, Park first responders

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

“It is not from your own possessions that you are bestowing aims on the poor, you are but restoring to them what is theirs by right. For what was given to everyone for the use of all, you have taken for your exclusive use. The earth belongs not to the rich, but to everyone. Thus, far from giving lavishly, you are but paying part of your debt.”

— St. Ambrose of Milan, 4th century

Feeding 150 mouths is no simple task, but when the joy of the Lord is behind you, the efforts are done with ease.

Vonzell Whaley, the chef at St. Ambrose Catholic Church’s catering facility, the ARK, has not let the pandemic keep him from doing what he loves — and doing it with joy in his heart. Each week since the onset of COVID-19, Whaley has prepared, cooked and delivered meals to nearby St. Johns Community Center, a homeless shelter in Detroit that feeds up to 100 people each day. Additionally, he brings another 50 meals to first responders at the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

He told Detroit Catholic he makes each delivery with a smile on his face, even though it’s covered with a mask.

“Once I started cooking for the police and the homeless, I wasn’t just cooking anymore — I was bringing joy to people,” he told the news outlet.

Whaley was quick to do his part after the idea to serve others was brought to him by the Rev. Timothy Pelc, priest at St. Ambrose.

“When the pandemic came along and we shut down — right in the middle of our six-week Lenten dinner schedule in March — I didn’t want the ARK and our talented chef to be idle,” Pelc said. “We have this great space and a hard-working chef. I wanted to do something



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Chef Vonzell Whaley prepares food in the ARK at St. Ambrose for delivery to the homeless at St. Johns Community Center and first responders at the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.



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Whaley, center, drops off food to members of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

to keep Vonzell working and to help the community at the same time.”

Pelc said helping the homeless and first responders seemed like a natural extension of the St. Ambrose parish, which serves Grosse Pointe and Detroit. Asking Whaley to prepare and deliver meals honors the Detroit-Grosse

Pointe connection, he added.

Prior to the pandemic, the connection between St. Johns and St. Ambrose was casual. Though the shelter has its own kitchen facilities, the church would occasionally share its surplus — extra vegetables or canned goods — on an informal basis.

“We knew that St. John Center, as a nonprofit, struggles to provide meals seven days a week to nearly 100 residents from week to week,” Pelc said. “And we know that the first responders were working double shifts and thought that feeding them one meal a week would help lighten their load and show our apprecia-

tion for all they do. We saw the pandemic as an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and our work in the ARK as a genuine and helpful way to help the community.”

Since the end of March, Whaley has missed just three Saturdays due to family emergencies, Pelc said. The chef, who also works part time at The Roostertail, prepares a range of meals, from meatloaf to ribs to macaroni and cheese and other comfort foods.

The efforts are supported by St. Ambrose parishioners, whose donations offset the cost.

“There was never a budget for this, but somehow we’ve never been at a loss for funds either,” Pelc said. “On certain weeks, a family will step up and underwrite the meal as a way of celebrating a party they would have thrown for themselves.”

“Many of our parishioners have offered to help in the kitchen, but because of COVID, we really wanted to keep the staff to the bare minimum to keep everyone safe,” he continued. “Most of the weekends, Vonzell has done the entire meal him-

self. Occasionally he has had help from his brother, Terrell Whaley.”

Pelc said he hopes once the pandemic passes, the efforts will continue, perhaps with the help of parish volunteers, who often are eager to help.

“We need to use what we have as a parish to feed the hungry and those who put their lives on the line daily,” Pelc said. “It is a duty and a privilege for us to serve the needy and the deserving. Given the resources we have in the ARK, it’s also the right thing for us to do.”

“It’s also a marvelous image of those meals that Jesus talks about where the guest list is just about as varied as it comes, including guests picked up at the last minute from the highways and byways,” he added. “We are told that is what heaven will be like — we will be blown away at who made it to that dinner party ... most assuredly in seats much better than ours.”

Whaley has been the chef at the ARK since 2018. He took the place of his father, longtime ARK Chef Fred Whaley, who passed away suddenly in 2017.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club maintains Distinguished Club status for 2020

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club has maintained its Distinguished Club status with BoardRoom Magazine for 2020, as well as a special ICONIC designation for the year 2021.

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Trattoria Serventi prepares meals for DPD donation

The Detroit Public Safety Foundation recently received a donation from the A.A. Van Elslander Foundation for the purchase of food for families on Detroit's east side. The money was used to purchase 730 coolers, each filled with a holiday meal for a family of four.

The meals were prepared by Trattoria Serventi in Grosse Pointe Woods and Andiamo in Detroit. Each cooler contained pasta, chicken, salad, bread and dessert. The Detroit Police Department delivered the meals Dec. 21 to 23.

The 7th Precinct distributed 200 coolers, the 11th Precinct delivered 100 coolers, the 9th Precinct delivered 200 coolers, the 3rd Precinct distributed 130 coolers and the 5th Precinct distributed 100 coolers.

The 9th Precinct also gave away toys with the food distribution.

"We were thrilled to partner with the Van Elslander Foundation on this donation," said DPSF Executive Director Patti Kukula. "This allows us to support local businesses, provide

gourmet holiday meals to families in need and provides DPD officers with the opportunity to give to the citizens of Detroit. We are grateful for the generosity of our community partners and the Detroit Police Department's efforts to build bridges and support the citizens of Detroit."

The Detroit Police Department continues to focus on community outreach during the holiday season and these donations follow the Sgt. Santa gift donations, the 6th Precinct's Community Closet and many other engagement activities in each precinct.

The Detroit Public Safety Foundation facilitates donations from the community on behalf of the Detroit Police and Detroit Fire departments. Through donations from the public as well as community partners, the DPSF is able to provide resources for training, new equipment, state-of-the-art technology and community programs which otherwise would not be funded.

To learn more or to donate, visit detroitpublicsafety.org.



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Snow fort fun

Friday, Dec. 18, with what little snow had fallen, siblings Gianna, Nicolina and Giuliana Bufalino built a snow fort on the front lawn of their house on Lothrop in Grosse Pointe Farms, then built a second fort and packed them full of snowballs "for later."

AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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

Group, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11.

- ◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, all day Tuesday, Jan. 12.
- ◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.
- ◆ Cooking with Sticky

Fingers, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14.

- ◆ How to Get Outside in Winter, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14.
- ◆ Spice of the Month, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 16.
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Gilda's Club Lake House

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

- ◆ 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, Family Bereavement.
- ◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Gentle Mat Yoga.
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Breast Cancer Support Group.
- ◆ 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Chair Yoga.
- ◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Pancreatic Cancer Support Group.

Register at gildasclub.detroit.org/events/calendar.

The Helm

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

- ◆ Guided Meditation, a virtual class, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 15, with facilitator Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers. Registration is required.
- ◆ Personal Action Toward Health, or PATH, a virtual class, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 20 to March 3, with facilitator Margaret Cooper. This

class is free, but registration is required.

◆ Art and Wellness: Acrylic Painting Class, via email, Wednesdays, Feb. 3 to 24, with instructor Michelle Nunley of On the Gogh Studio. Cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. Registration is required.

◆ Medicare counseling, free to members and nonmembers, via telephone or videoconferencing. Email mfrench@helmlife.org to schedule an appointment. Those without access to email should call (313) 649-2110 and leave a message; calls will be returned within 48 hours.

◆ Carryout lunches, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Reservations close at 10 a.m. each morning. Register by calling (313) 882-9600 or emailing mcooper@helmlife.org.

◆ Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services buses operate Monday through Friday. Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe residents age 60 and older or who are disabled may schedule a ride for shopping or appointments. Call (313) 343-2580.

GPAA

The deadline for the Grosse Pointe Artists

Association's next exhibition, "The Challenge: Try Something New," is Monday, Jan. 11. Artists are asked to find new inspiration or work in a new medium for this show, featuring juror Chuck Duquet.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. Rabea Nunley of Just the Beginning Health & Wellness presents "Healthy New Beginnings." Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

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

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Comfort and joy

Coat collection a heartwarming success

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

City of Grosse Pointe resident Catherine McCarthy has been collecting coats for those in need for a few years. It's been a "casual" undertaking in the past, something she takes joy in doing when the Michigan chill sets in.

This year, she tried a different approach, hosting the drive where she works, at Teknicolor Paints, a Benjamin Moore retailer in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Coats are always needed this time of year," McCarthy said. "We as a community are fortunate. Around the holidays, sometimes we forget that others do not have the same experiences we do; they're not as fortunate. It's nice to

do our part."

McCarthy approached General Manager Aaron Binder with the idea of hosting the drive at the Mack Avenue store in early December. He quickly approved.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity to be able to help the less fortunate," Binder said, "and a great opportunity to give back to the community as well; we offered coupons and discounts for people bringing in coats. I'm super happy with the contributions we got. I'm excited the community reached out."

McCarthy said she originally intended to include other collection sites in the drive, including Cadieux Café, where she also works, as well as a few bars. Because of COVID-19, she decided

to limit the number of donation sites.

"I was worried with only one drop-off location it would not be a successful drive, but we've gotten over 250 coats," she said. "My goal was 100. The community was very generous."

The benefactors of McCarthy's annual coat collection differ from year to year. After collecting the coats, she sorts them by size and gender, then calls shelters and community centers to find out what they can take.

"If there's any left over, I call around and see what's needed somewhere else," she added.

This year's drive will benefit Cass Community Social Services, Matrix Off The Streets, NSO Tumaini Center and



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Aaron Binder, manager at Teknicolor Paints, a Benjamin Moore retailer, and Catherine McCarthy, sales associate, collected coats throughout the month of December for charity.

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"None of this would have been possible without people being so eager to help," she said. "I want to again say thank you to everyone who participated. It would not have been possible without everybody willing to help."

She also thanked management at Teknicolor for being "super supportive."

"There are so many coats in the store; they

were so understanding of the huge stockpile," she said.

Added Binder, "This was Catherine's coat drive. She did an awesome job setting it up, making up flyers, letting customers know about it. I'm really proud of her."

Binder's gratitude extends beyond the many coat drive donors to include Teknicolor patrons who've shown support to the store

throughout the pandemic.

"I just want to thank the community for their generosity and for supporting the store this year," he said. "Along with the coat drive, everyone has been super generous with wanting to contribute. I look forward to 2021 and keeping everything going. ... We wish everyone a happy New Year from the staff of Teknicolor of Grosse Pointe Woods."

As above, so below

By Marla G. Maiuri
Guest Writer

I once read, "Don't ask Sagittarians who their best friends are; they probably have so many." I could relate. I'm a Sagi. I value friendships and I'm blessed to have many. I've never been one to favor, "What's your favorite?" I'm not a favorite kind of person. Maybe tomorrow mint chocolate chip ice cream will be my favorite, for the day anyway. And maybe it's because it so complements the meal served. All my friendships complement my life, each in a unique way. I won't rank them. I know I'll be asked this in interviews; stay tuned.

In anticipation of my

move to northern Michigan, I've given some special items to cherished friends. Holding many possessions that belonged to members of my birth family, I knew I wouldn't be keeping them all. They've all transitioned out of their life experiences and they want me to do what's best for me. Planning to live simpler for a while meant making decisions about distribution of sacred pieces. I remember when I gave a framed picture to Barbara Pappas; one that was my mother, Arlene's. The one Barb admired and liked, commenting on details of the house and surroundings that felt soothing to her. It hangs in her formal dining room; soon I will

see it again.

Uncertain if I would be hanging onto another of Arlene's framed pictures, I went with my heart and offered it to Elaine Backhurst. Over the year or more since I received the, "No, thank you though," I've thought, on more than one occasion, how that played out. Staying true to only accepting the picture if it felt right, the framed artwork remained with me. Elaine didn't feel it would be honoring to accept such a gift when there was no spot for it. It would have kept company with other unhung artwork, as if in a holding pattern. Now with my move getting closer, it's time to do a walk through and see

what unfolds.

Still hanging in the dining room recess is the picture of what I call the Thanksgiving scene, the one offered to Elaine. I approached it and took a glance, as if never seen before. I asked myself, "Are you taking this with you?" My Inner Being immediately responded, "No, you're giving it to Richard." I smiled. Yes, I am. I messaged the Rev.

Richard Yeager-Stiver, "How about we have our Christmas together after one of the drive-in worship services on Christmas Eve?" Our plans were in place; we would meet in the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church lounge after the 5 p.m. service.

I arrived early to have time to walk the large wrapped picture inside the church. I was alone in

the lounge; the church was quiet. Emotions surfaced in me, awareness followed. It was Christmas Eve 2020. I'm in one of my churches with thoughts of my mother's to my friend, colleague and confidant. Twenty years earlier to the day, I was at one of my other churches when my mom was crossing over

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- Removal of existing greenhouse structure, glazing, etc.
- Removal of wire mesh cage.
- Masonry wall (brick) replacement as designated on the drawings.
- Installation of new greenhouse structure including structural framing, insulated (safety) glazing, operable windows, venting windows, etc.
- Miscellaneous mechanical, electrical, and plumbing as designated on the drawings.

Specifications and bid forms will be available to General Contractors starting **Tuesday, February 2, 2021** at Engineering Reproduction, Inc. for review and purchase. The office is located at 13550 Conant Avenue, Detroit, MI 48212. Telephone: 313-366-3390. Contractor must purchase a full set of documents (PDF or hard copy), including drawings and specifications (i.e. no partial sets).

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

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

A **MANDATORY pre-bid** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (local time)** in the receiving room of Defer Elementary School, located at 15425 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Contractors intending on submitting a bid to the Grosse Pointe Public School System must have a representative in attendance at this meeting (signed in) or their bid will be rejected by the Board of Education.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (local time)** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

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

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

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

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

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

Please direct questions to Mackenzie Fisher, Architectural Intern or Marc Chamberlin, Senior Architect / Partner of Ehresman Architects at 248-244-9710 (ext. 107 or 105).

OBITUARIES

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

George Robert McMullen Jr.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident George Robert McMullen Jr., 63, died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at his home. Despite a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer last February, he continued to live his life with characteristic grace, gratitude, courage, joy and humor.

George grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended Grosse Pointe South High School. In 1979, he graduated from Regis University in Denver.

George had a lifelong career in sales, the majority of which was at Avis Car Rental. After he lived briefly in the Boston and Washington, D.C. areas, he returned to Grosse Pointe, where he developed a passion for the local community that became his life's work.

One of George's greatest joys was serving as a Grosse Pointe Woods councilman. He was a familiar face at council meetings in all five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. He also

attended nearly all Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meetings.

A very proud member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, he also served on the boards of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review and was an ambassador for the Family Center. In addition, George was so pleased to be an usher at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

He was actively involved with the Grosse Pointe Theater, League of Women Voters, The Helm, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and Grosse Pointe Historical Society, among others. He reached across every aisle he encountered and was a member of the East Side Republicans, Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP Branch. The nonprofits with which he was involved are too numerous to mention. Of

George's community involvement, an acquaintance said, "Everywhere I looked in our community, there was George."

George's commitment to community continued when he was at his family cottage in Pointe aux Barques, Mich. He was a past board member and ran the Gymkhana and annual softball game for more than 15 years. Pointe aux Barques was a part of him; when George was there, he never missed heading out to view the sunset.

Along with his love of Grosse Pointe and Pointe aux Barques, George was devoted to his family and friends. He was interested in everyone and had friends of all ages to whom he was fiercely loyal. A true gentleman, he always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say.

George is survived by his mother, Judy McMullen; sister, Alex McCann; and brother-in-law, Franklin McCann.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no service will be held at this time. A celebration of George's life



George R. McMullen Jr.

will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; or Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; or Grosse Pointe Theater, 315 Fisher Rd., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Shirley Ann O'Shea

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Shirley Ann O'Shea, formerly of Grosse Pointe Shores, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at Ascension St. John Hospital. Born Oct. 24, 1924, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Roy and Muriel Russette, she was 96.

Shirley earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology at Western College in Toronto. She



Shirley Ann O'Shea

completed an internship at Detroit Grace Hospital and held the position of lab manager at the hospital. After several years at Grace, Shirley worked at Saratoga Hospital until she retired in 1982. In retirement, she was a sales and leasing manager at Oxford Place Apartments in Grand Rapids.

Shirley was a member of the American Society of Registered Medical Technologists. She spent countless hours as a volunteer at Mayflower Congregational Church in Grand Rapids.

She enjoyed gardening, making handmade wreaths as gifts and playing bingo. She loved helping people whenever she could.

Shirley is survived by her son, Timothy (Amy); grandchildren, Kaitlin O'Shea and Kevin O'Shea (Jordyn); and sisters, LaVelda and LaVerna. She was predeceased by her parents and sister, Geraldine.

Burial will take place at St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Windsor. A private family service will be held in Windsor when border restrictions are lifted.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mayflower Congregational Church, 2345 Robinson Road SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Hubert Montpetit

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Hubert "Hugh" Montpetit passed away Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020, at home, after a long illness unrelated to COVID-19, surrounded by his family. He was 90.

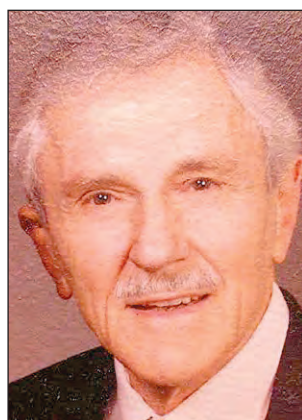
Hugh was a graduate of Assumption Catholic High School in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

He worked at the Detroit Free Press, first as a stereotyper and then as an advertising sales representative. He also owned and actively managed several apartment buildings for more than 50 years.

He met his wife of 65 years, Mary Ann, when they were members of the Third Order of St. Francis. Faith was essential in his life, as well as being a loving husband, father and grandfather. He had a special devotion to Blessed Solanus Casey and St. Faustina, The Divine Mercy.

Hugh is survived by his four children, Dr. Gregory (Lisa), Michael (Susan), Anne Fulbright (Dr. Martin Sullivan) and John; grandchildren, Andrew, Megan, Maxwell, Renee, Michelle, Katie, James, Elizabeth, Vic, Evan, Joseph and Jason; three great-grandchildren; sister, Carmen; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Ann, in November 2020. He will be missed by many.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 2, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Hubert Montpetit

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Divine Mercy Center, sjdivinemercury.org.

Phyllis Diebold Reidt

Grosse Pointe resident Phyllis Diebold Reidt, 97, died peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020, at her home, with two of her four children and caregiver by her side.

Phyllis was born Aug. 18, 1923, in Pittsburgh, to Howard Diebold and Alma Rieck. She was the granddaughter of Edward E. Rieck, founder of National Dairy Products Inc., which owned the Sealtest and Kraft brands, and helped form the milk industry as it is known today.

Phyllis spent most of her childhood in Ventnor, N.J., and attended Atlantic City High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y., and a degree from the Tobecoburn School for Fashion Careers in New York City.

In 1946, Phyllis married Dr. William Reidt, a physician in Grosse Pointe for many years and a staff physician at Bon Secours Hospital. Dr. Reidt retired from private practice at age 80. He died 10 years later, in 2012, at 90, in Edmonds, Wash., near his daughter, Laura.

Phyllis and Bill are survived by their four children, Diana Berlin, Paul Reidt, Laura Reidt and Linda Critchfield, their children's respective spouses, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Phyllis will be remembered as a unique individual who was inquisitive, bucked convention and brought her own creativity to whatever she pursued, her family said. Because of these traits, she made a lasting impression on those she encountered.

A talented oil painter, she was a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. Phyllis also taught English as a second language at Grosse Pointe South High School and volunteered as a reader to a blind student at Wayne State University to help him obtain his Ph.D.

Phyllis had a love of nature, watched nature shows and read biology books for entertainment. Her insatiable curiosity brought her a lifetime of discovery.

Phyllis' family is most grateful for the wonderful care Phyllis received the last number of years from Nursing Unlimited and Royal Care, which allowed her to stay in her home and forge late-in-life friendships with her longtime caregivers and physical therapist.

David M. Zalenski, M.D.

David M. Zalenski, M.D., FACOG, age 64, passed away on December 29, 2020 at Henry Ford Hospital. He was surrounded by his loving wife, daughter and son.

He was born August 12, 1956, in Detroit, to Marion T. (deceased) and Joann J. Zalenski (nee Jalowiecki). David has a younger sister, Linda. He grew up in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School in 1974. In high school, he was a member of the tennis team, a sport he loved, and won a Conference Championship. David played both doubles and singles and was All-Conference in singles. While in high school, David was a proud member of the marching band, playing clarinet, saxophone and drums. It was there he met his future wife, Lorna. David had many other achievements in high school including National Honor Society and the Michigan Higher Education Award. David was an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout - a proud moment for his parents and himself.

After high school, David attended the University of Michigan for his undergraduate studies, graduating in 1978 with a Bachelor's Degree in Microbiology. While at the U of M he received Regents-Alumni Scholarship, William J. Branstorm Freshman Prize, was Phi Beta Kappa and a James B. Angell Scholar. David was also a proud member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

David went on to attend Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, every day bringing him closer to attaining his dream of becoming a physician. After graduation in 1982, he continued his medical education as a Resident at St. John Hospital in Detroit. While in the program at St. John he received the Upjohn Achievement Award for excellence in Endocrinology, was Resident of the Year in 1985 and won 2nd prize for Ascension St John Hospital Clinic Day Paper. After graduation from the Residency Program, he remained at St. John as a clinical instructor in Ultrasound (sharing his love of educating Residents) while also establishing a private practice in Obstetrics & Gynecology. He received his Board Certification in 1988, and was a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners and Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

David was a member of the American Medical Society, Wayne County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine. Faculty appointments included Wayne State University Assistant Clinical Professor, Michigan State University School of Osteopathic Medicine Assistant Clinical Professor and Central Michigan University School of Medicine

Assistant Clinical Professor. His professional appointments at Ascension included National Perinatal Steering Committee Member (previous Chair), MI System Women's Health Practice Council Chair, SJH Clinical Instructor of Ultrasonography, Faculty Educator (awarded OB/GYN Instructor of the year five times), Credentials Committee Member, Perinatal Mortality Committee member, Maternal Child Professional Practice Committee member



and Birthing Center Interdisciplinary Safety Committee Chair.

In 2010 he was appointed Principal Investigator for the National AH (Ascension Health) Excellence in Obstetrics Perinatal Safety Grant Project for MI and was involved in developing several medical publications and presentations. Through the AH HANDS (Handling All Neonatal Deliveries Safely) Program, he was involved in the development of numerous education and patient safety simulation programs impacting hundreds of OB & FM Providers, Residents, Clinical Nurse Midwives, Physician Assistants and Nurses for excellence in Obstetrics.

David's greatest fulfillment came from his private practice, treating patients and partnering with families. He worked for 30 years, alongside his wife Lorna (nurse & office manager), and in 2016 joined the OB/GYN Professional Group at Ascension St John. In May 2018, he became the Chair of the OB/GYN Department where he served to the fullest until his death. David was well respected and loved by many people, including patients, coworkers and the leadership at Ascension. He led with wisdom, dedication, and great appreciation for teamwork. Many say he was humble, caring, and compassionate as well as wise and organized with a passion for excellence.

David considered his greatest accomplishment in life marrying his childhood love and best friend, Lorna, whom he met 51 years ago. They were married for 41 years and always cherished and enjoyed their time together and never ended a call or left each other

without saying "I love you." They have resided in Grosse Pointe Woods for 33 years where they raised their family. David enjoyed watching and coaching his two cherished children in sports. He was a proud coach for the Redbird Organization in Grosse Pointe Woods. David was an avid fisherman. He could spend hours on Lake Saint Clair searching for that "big catch" with both of his children. David was also an avid University of Michigan fan, bleeding maize and blue. He was a true family man, preferring to spend time with his wife, children and other family members when not working. In 2015 a cherished granddaughter, Alyssa, was added to the family when his daughter Lauren married Crystle Welsh, a loving new daughter. Alyssa brought great joy to her grandpa, sharing dance, trips to Disney, and many hugs when they were together. Among the joys of his life were his dogs, Bonnie (d), Spritzer (d), Gunner and Stella. He loved sneaking food to them and enjoyed their wet kisses.

David is survived by his loving wife and best friend Lorna (nee Leroux), daughter Lauren (Crystle), granddaughter Alyssa, son Jonathan, mother Joann, sister Linda (William McGregor), mother-in-law Jean Karazim, sister-in-law Cheryl Decker, brothers-in-law Burt Decker and Jeffrey Karazim, nephews Scott McGregor (DJ), Michael McGregor, Daniel McGregor, Burt Decker, Kierra Lusk (Jonathan) and Shaun Decker, great nephews Cameron McGregor, Chance Lusk and Tony Decker, great niece Mila Lusk, many loving uncles, aunts, cousins and devoted friends. He was predeceased by his father Marion Zalenski, maternal grandparents John and Martha Jalowiecki, and paternal grandparents Wladyslaw and Helena Zalenski.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in David's memory may be made to the Arthur & Carolyn Ulmer Endowed Chair of Women's Health or the DeMars Family Endowed Fund Against Human Trafficking through the Ascension St. John Foundation, 19251 Mack Avenue, Suite 102, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2881. Checks payable to Ascension St John Foundation. Donations may also be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

A celebration Mass will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2020 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, 467 Fairfield Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 at 12:00 pm. Mass will be livestreamed at olsos.org. Masks and social distancing will be required during the Mass.

Arrangements are through the A.H. Peters Funeral Home (ahpeters.com), 20705 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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Nancy Ann Lee
McDonnell

Grosse Pointe resident Nancy Ann Lee McDonnell passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 12, 1932, in Detroit, Nancy lived much of her childhood in St. Clair Shores, where she attended St. Gertrude Catholic School through graduation from high school. Thereafter, she was an administrative assistant at Chrysler Corp., in Detroit.

Nancy married Joseph J. "Jerry" McDonnell in 1952, and together they raised seven children. Nancy took great pride in her family and made sure she attended all of her children's school and extracurricular activities. A fabulous cook, she was happiest preparing a Sunday dinner for family and friends.

Nancy enjoyed swimming, fishing, ice skating, gardening and playing cards. She also was an avid Detroit Red Wings fan.

In addition to raising her family, Nancy was a Red Cross volunteer more than 20 years at Bon Secours Hospital. She also spent many years providing child-care for a family friend whose children became as special to her as her own.

In her final years, Nancy enjoyed as much time as possible with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom she loved and cherished.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband, Jerry, and son, Joseph. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Rebecca McDonnell; children, Lee Harkaway (Paul), Patricia Covertino (the late John), Cathleen Diehl (John), Timothy (Andrea), Sheila Roarty (John) and Michael (Jill); 21 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A private funeral Mass will be celebrated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207; or [cskdetroit.org/online-](http://cskdetroit.org/online-donations)



Nancy A. Lee McDonnell

donations.

Nancy's family expresses sincere gratitude and thanks to her caregivers, Marlinda, Mary and Nitche, for the kind and compassionate care they provided Nancy during her final days.

Albert Kenneth
Jacoby

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Albert Kenneth Jacoby died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021.

A true Detroit resident in all aspects, he was born Oct. 27, 1927, to Irish and German immigrant parents and lived on West Grand Boulevard, Belle Isle was his playground while he helped at the family restaurant, Jacoby's Since 1904, on Brush Street.

Committed to his faith as a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, Albert attended Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Valparaiso University. He was drafted by the U.S. Army and served eight months in Hawaii toward the end of World War II. He continued his education at Michigan State University, where he earned a journalism degree in 1950.

He and Barbara Allen married in 1955; their marriage of more than 65 years produced six children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Albert continued his love of Detroit when he worked under Mayor Jerry Cavanaugh on his campaign and as director of industrial development.

He was active in many pursuits, including membership in Delta Chi fraternity and Lutheran Choralaires. He also was a supporter of the Lutheran School for the Deaf and Indian Village Tennis Club.



C. Lounsberry Mengden

He successfully ran his own advertising agency, Jacoby & Company, until he retired to Leland, Mich., and Vero Beach, Fla., in 1986. In addition to enjoying golf and tennis, Al became an accomplished painter and loved writing poetry.

Al is survived by his wife of more than 65 years, Barbara; brother, Edmund; children, Al,

Catherine Vargas, Curtice, Christine, Chuck and Connie Lopiccola; seven of eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service limited to immediate family members will be held Thursday, Jan. 7, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pinckney.

Carol Lounsberry
Mengden

Carol Lounsberry Mengden (nee Foley), 94, died Dec. 20, 2020, in Grosse Pointe. The daughter of the late Hugh and Adele Foley, she was born and raised in Mount Clemens.

Her interest in broadcasting was evident early on. As a little girl, she would walk around the house talking into a tea-

strainer, pretending it was a microphone. She began her career with a local radio station — WMLN in Mount Clemens — and hosted an interview/talk show.

During the 1950s, Carol moved to Grosse Pointe to take a job writing commercials and doing a weekly broadcast for a classical music program sponsored by the J.L. Hudson Co. After she married and had a son, she shifted to freelance broadcast writing, mostly for advertising agencies, which provided flexible hours so she could spend time with her little boy.

Soon Carol was asked to be the talent for the commercials she was writing. She became the Dodge radio spokesperson during the 1970s and did voiceover work for

Ford, GM and Montgomery Ward, as well as many other local and national companies. Later, she did radio and TV commercials, as well as voiceovers for industrial films.

Carol was predeceased by her husbands, Will Katzenmeyer, Fred Lounsberry and Joseph Mengden. She is survived by her son, Kurt Katzenmeyer of Ferndale; stepdaughters, Marina Lounsberry Sterling of San Diego and Barbara Lounsberry Richnow of Houston; and members of the Mengden family.

A memorial service will take place at a later date at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, where Carol was a longtime parishioner.

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Peter John Mercier

Peter John Mercier, affectionately known as "King" by his grandchildren and many others, was born October 23, 1936 and died December 21, 2020. He was the sixth of nine children born to Charles Edwin and Edna Welch Mercier. A lifelong Detroit resident, he grew up on Buckingham Road, attended St. Clare of Montefalco Elementary School, University of Detroit High School, and College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Peter's passion for hard work and entrepreneurship began early. At Holy Cross, to help with his tuition, he started a cake business, a shoe business, and joined the ROTC Navy program. More importantly, he met the love of his life, Maureen White, at a college dance. Following his time in the Navy, Peter challenged himself with a bike trek over the Rockies to a family cattle ranch in Montana, homesteaded in the early 1800s. Upon his return, Peter and Maureen were engaged, married that July, and promptly started a family.

Maureen and Peter began their life together in Lakeshore Village and Indian Village, then onto Washington Road, where they made lifelong friends on their "block", before finally settling behind a white picket fence on Grosse Pointe Boulevard. Here the lights are always on, candles in the windows, a fire going in the winter, and the doors open and welcoming to all.

Just down the street Peter made an indelible imprint on the Grosse Pointe community. The year was 1969 and the Sacred Heart property was going to be sold to become another development on Lakeshore. He began gathering a group of committed patrons to help save the school. It was Peter Mercier's initiative at the

most crucial point that preserved the property, the beautiful chapel, and allowed the Grosse Pointe Academy to be today.



Peter followed the footsteps of his grandfather, Thomas Welch, into real estate. He began as a commercial broker, and then purchased his own properties, including nine apartment buildings. Managing his properties was a perfect fit. It became more of a vocation than a job. During Detroit's darkest days, when many were abandoning the city, Peter stayed the course, tending to his properties and caring for his tenants. In recent years, Peter was thrilled to see Detroit's renaissance.

Peter's advice was always brief and direct. He was a man of examples, not words. "Schedule is security" and "Get up early, eat a good breakfast, work a little harder" were two of his mantras. He lived by those words, along with daily mass at his beloved home parish of St. Paul on the Lake, and hence lived a life, not without hardships, but always with peace and joy and free of worry. He filled each hour of every day with worthy deeds and fruitful labor. He cared for many,

and supported, in all ways, any endeavor he felt glorified God.

His favorite places were his home and his cottage in Harbor Beach, Michigan. He loved them most when they were filled with children, grandchildren, friends, and family. His generosity knew no bounds. Nothing was more important than the people in his heart and home. He was interested in everything, wanted the best for everyone, and had a laugh that filled a room.

It goes without saying that he was a wonderful father and husband. He felt there was no greater purpose than passing on his faith to his family. He will be missed forever by his daughters, Meg, Katie, Nell, and Beth, his son Patrick, sons-in-law Clancy Casey and Eric Green, grandchildren Nell, Annie, Maggie, Peter, John, Tommy, Christopher and Laura, and his best friend, his wife Maureen.

Peter is pre-deceased by his sisters Mary Mercier and Sue Zerweck and his brothers Thomas, Christopher, and Craig. He is survived by his brother Michael and sisters Peggy McDonald and Anne Mercier.

There will be a private funeral mass for family, and Peter will be laid to rest on the waterfront at Our Lady of Lake Huron cemetery in Harbor Beach.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8.

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Angus Andrew McGarvah

Angus Andrew McGarvah, 77, passed away Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center hospice unit in Detroit.

He was born Feb. 13, 1943, in Detroit, to Ellen Jane McGarvah (nee Swegles) and Angus Clark McGarvah.

A longtime resident of the Grosse Pointes, Angus also spent as much time as possible each summer at his cottage at Rondeau Park in Ontario, Canada — undoubtedly his favorite place in the world.

Angus graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1961. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Michigan State University in 1966, and participated in the ROTC program. After graduation from MSU, he was assigned as a first lieutenant to the U.S. Army Quartermaster School at Ft. Lee, Va. In 1968, he earned the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

Upon honorable discharge from the Army,



Angus A. McGarvah

Angus joined the family business and eventually owned a tool and machine company, Special Bushings Inc. An avid craftsman outside of work as well, he created impressive projects from scratch, including a several-story crow's nest at his cottage overlooking Lake Erie.

Angus was a voracious reader, prankster, lover of antiques, tier of all knots known to sailors, historian of family and world history and an outdoorsman. In addition to sailing several Mackinac Races, he was an amateur pilot and avid fisherman on his boat, Sea Hunter.

Nearly all of Angus' interests combined annually when he joined with a close group of friends to joyfully shoot off real cannons, authentic replicas he personally helped create, into the St. Clair

River, which he did more than 20 years, often while wearing period garb.

Angus had a special, close relationship with his granddaughters, Lily and Roslyn McGarvah. He is survived by his sons, Nathan McGarvah (Zoe) and Benjamin McGarvah; siblings, Polly Bernstein (Arnie), Lynn Kurtz (Harry), Donald McGarvah (Carrie) and James McGarvah (Becky); and many nieces and nephews.

At his request, a private memorial service for Angus will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Attn: Patient Welfare & Comfort Donations, 4646 John R St., Detroit, MI 48201; or detroit.va.gov/giving.

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Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, offers free mobile COVID-19 testing in partnership with Wayne State University, Wayne Health and Ford Motor Co.

Testing takes place at the church the following dates:

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8.

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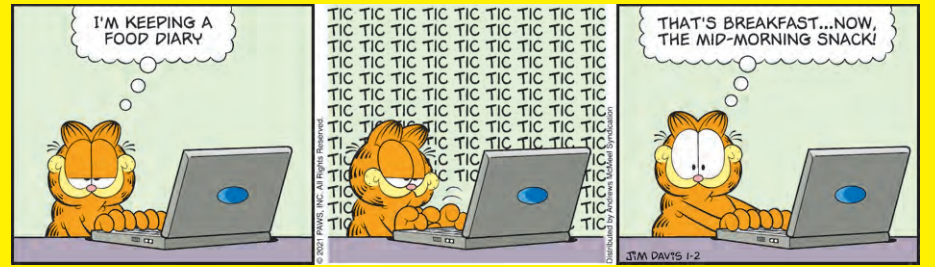
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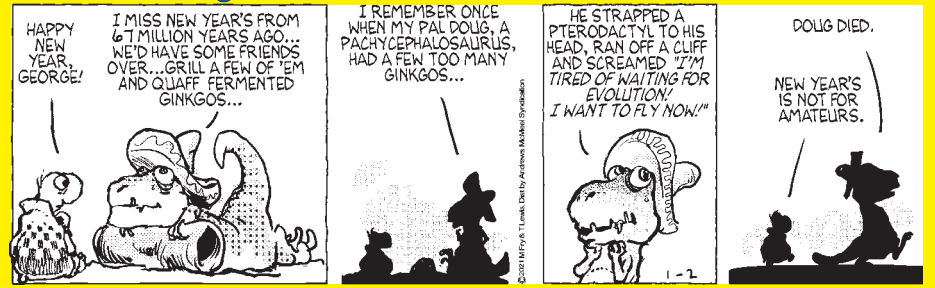
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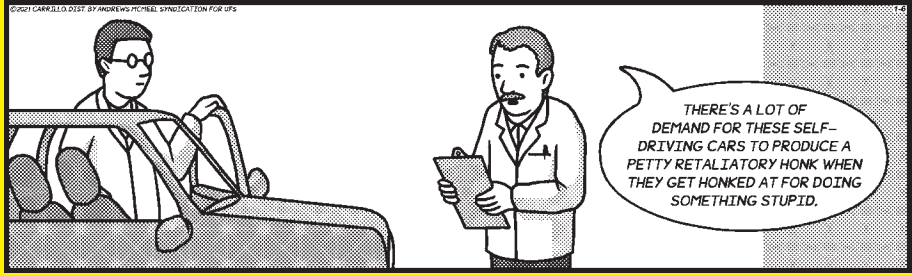
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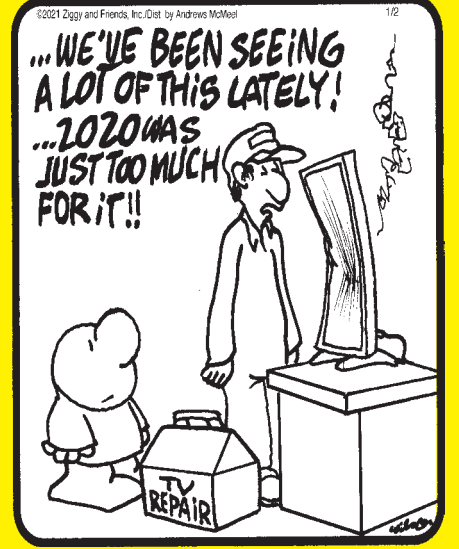
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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg December 26, 2020

ACROSS

- 1 "Breakout" game company
- 6 Miller's fodder
- 11 Feeling sad
- 14 Expert
- 15 Last in the batting order
- 16 Appreciative poem
- 17 Apple product discontinued in 2017
- 19 Pro's opposite
- 20 Mental health
- 21 Do concerts in city after city
- 22 The Metropolitan Museum of _____
- 23 Nickname that omits "orah"
- 24 Bottom of a ship
- 26 ABC a.m. show
- 29 Square diamond shape
- 35 Gnawing rodents
- 37 Frankenstein's helper
- 38 Be penitent
- 39 Utah ski resort
- 40 Thinnest U.S. coins
- 42 Idris of "Concrete Cowboy"
- 43 One may hold a microphone
- 45 Use a Juul
- 46 Go parasailing, perhaps
- 47 All-inclusive offer
- 50 \$200
- 51 Monopoly properties: Abbr.
- 51 Flatten in boxing
- 52 PC alternative
- 54 Chip off the _____ block
- 56 Singer Bareilles
- 59 Make possible
- 63 "Bad call, ref!"
- 64 Easy to set up, as a computer
- 66 Omelet ingredient
- 67 Senate staffers
- 68 Wear away
- 69 Basic survey choice
- 70 Contents of a gardener's packet
- 71 Cubed in the kitchen

DOWN

- 1 French friends
- 2 Bit of Spanish finger food
- 3 The Bard's river
- 4 Changed the decor of
- 5 Arched foot part
- 6 Bearded antelope
- 7 Estrangement
- 8 Facts and figures, for short
- 9 Alleged author of two biblical works
- 10 May in the U.K.
- 11 Special qualities of a region
- 12 Skunk's smell, say
- 13 Came and _____
- 18 Prius, for one
- 25 _____ Park, Colorado
- 26 Comprehend
- 27 European island country
- 28 Responders to "sic 'em"
- 30 Words of resignation
- 31 Wanderer
- 32 Word before "pan" or "paper"
- 33 Open, as a gate latch
- 34 Rips
- 36 Instant decaf brand
- 41 Guys on ships
- 44 Rejuvenating destinations
- 48 One can't work without a net
- 49 Came ashore
- 53 _____ pants (calf-length trousers)
- 54 Follow instructions
- 55 Expensive theater section
- 57 Uncivil
- 58 Improved, like a cigar
- 60 Voting group
- 61 Stow on board
- 62 Watched closely
- 65 Animal with long ears

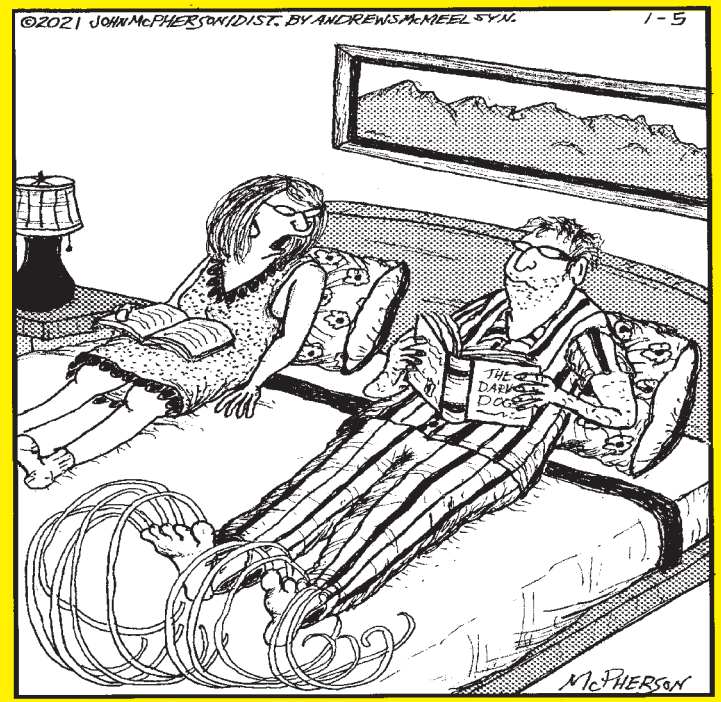
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A	B	C	P	A	R	K	A	P	S	A			
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Close To Home

John McPherson



"You know, Ed, I've heard of people not cutting their hair until Covid is gone, wearing the same shirt, growing a beard ..."

01/07

Poker Series by Jeff Stillman

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

01/07

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

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UP NORTH REPORT

The Outside Edge: Nub's Nob

Award-winning Nub's Nob continues to be a favorite among Michiganders and outstate visitors. With a mission of getting skiers on the slopes, they traverse the recent COVID challenges.

by Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

One among many destinations for skiers, locally owned Nub's Nob has been awarded one of the best in Michigan countless times.

The Fisher family of Grosse Pointe took over ownership of Nub's Nob in 1977, when Walter and Alfred Fisher purchased the area from Dorie Sarns, wife of "Nub" Sarns. Since the passing of Walter Fisher in 2016, his daughter, Elise Hayes, has taken charge of the area.

Of the Fisher family's involvement, Ben Doornbos, general manager of Nub's, says it has been phenomenal.

"Their whole focus is making this place better and better every year," he said. "They continue to reinvest assets back into here so we can build up our systems."

That is just the beginning and foundation of Nub's Nob.

Doornbos said his favorite part of being on the Nub's team is his coworkers.

"We've got a really good team here," he said. "Most of the folks I work with have been here for 15 to 20 years. They're really dedicated."

The dedication of the team is what makes Nub's special, as well as its singular focus to make the ski slope the best it can be, Doornbos explained.

"We have one singular focus: skiing and riding," he said. "Our motto is, 'Where skiers go.' Every investment we make is the ski experience."

Nub's foregoes extra amenities like lodging, which would make it a ski resort, in order to focus solely on the experience on the slope. This has helped Nub's be the best, especially in the midst of the pandemic.

"Right now, for instance, (between) the crew we have and the skill, we are 100 percent open," Doornbos said.

Due to the warm winter thus far, Nub's has been the only ski area in the northern Lower Peninsula to have all of its runs open.

Doornbos had concerns going into the season. COVID-19 caused strict capacity restrictions indoors, on which many ski areas rely for skiers to be able to take breaks and warm up. Fortunately, many have not let that stop them from enjoying the slopes.

"People have really adapted to the changes," Doornbos said.

The Nub's team invested in an expanded patio this year — something they had been planning for a while but finally acted upon this year knowing COVID-19 may limit the typical amenities the area would be able to offer. The patio size tripled to accommodate as many skiers and families as possible.

Because of COVID-19, the team at Nub's Nob has created a video series, posted on its Facebook, to prepare skiers for what they will encounter on their trip. Doornbos said it would be extremely important this season to plan — for clothing and food.



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"Ski Well, Be Well"

National Ski Areas Association offers COVID precautions to skiers



Photo by Beth Vernon

Beth Vernon (far right) of Grosse Pointe, with family Ethan, Allison and Galen, recently took to the slopes for some fun socially-distanced skiing. A former ski instructor and racer, Beth noted that resorts are doing a great job of accommodating COVID restrictions, offering additional outdoor seating and food options. She advises planning ahead, since a few places are limiting the number of non-season pass holder tickets.

For NSAA COVID skiing guidelines, see page 3C

See NUB'S, page 3C

Schummer's Ski Shop a local outfitting gem

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

Schummer's Ski Shop has been serving Grosse Pointe skiers since 1959. The shop is family- and locally-owned.

Mike Shanley, current owner, says the shop enjoys seeing a lot of local families.

"Most of our business is local families," he said.

The business appeals to families involved with different junior programs to help growing kids with their equipment. It offers both trade-in and season rental programs.

"The season lease program is really, really becoming popular,"

Shanley said. "We're very aware that people want to keep their growing kids in equipment as economically as possible. We do everything we can between the two programs (to make that happen)."

Due to the pandemic this year, Shanley is seeing an increase in demand for ski supplies.

"People are just clamoring to do anything that is outdoor," he said. "People have been getting back into skiing who haven't skied in a long time just because they want to get out and do stuff."

When asked what he thinks skiers, new and old, should prepare for as they go out for the season, Shanley emphasized the importance of layers.

"Assuming they have the equipment they need, you want to make sure you've got all the accessories you need," he said. "Some people forget that they need a good base layer. It's very important to have the right kind of sock. You've got to have a special ski sock that's going to wick."

Schummer's is allowing walk-ins, but encourages appointments for shoppers who may need a little more time or assistance in the store. The ski shop is located at 20778

Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Call Schummer's at (313) 881-4363 or schummersskishop.com



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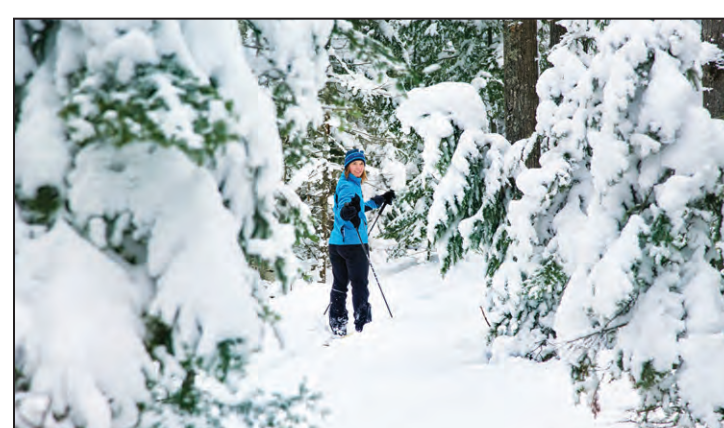
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Ski wear the family will love:

(At left) Orage girls ski coat - \$89.97
Orage girls pink snowpants - \$110
Burton kids unisex pants - \$119.95
Spyder boys jacket \$149.00
Spyder men's jacket - \$349
Scott mens black snowpants - \$190
Scott women's green/purple jacket - \$270
Orage women's beige snowpants - \$200
Helly Hansen navy leopard jacket - \$350
Spyder black softshell pants - \$199

(Above) Schummer's Mack Avenue ski shop in Grosse Pointe Woods has been serving community skiers for several generations. Skiwear has to be practical as well as attractive, and the seasoned pros at Schummer's will guide shoppers to make smart purchases that serve a purpose. For additional Schummer's skiwear and accessories, see page 3C.

If it's fun, it's Pure Michigan



(Top) Enjoying the snowy vista at Harbor Springs.

(Left) Cross country skiing on beautiful Marquette trails.



A picture-perfect day for family time at Boyne Highlands Resort.

Taking on Mt. Bohemia.

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Vintage ski art



South Pointe Vintage brings back memories

Lake Placid 1980 Olympics

This original vintage poster was commissioned by the Winter Olympic Organizing Committee to promote the ski events being held in Lake Placid in 1980.

- Artist: John Gallucci
- Circa: 1980
- Origin: U.S.A
- Dimensions: 36" x 24.5"

Ski France

This vintage poster was published by the French government. The French Alps offer a broad range of skiing opportunities along with a bright sun and a variety of elegant ski resorts.

- Artist: Dubois
- Circa: 1950
- Origin: France
- Dimensions: 24.5" x 39"

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SKIING Michigan

There's no place like home for year-round outdoor beauty and activity.

Michigan especially sparkles during wintertime, when trees are coated in snowy splendor. When that perfect white powder covers our slopes, it makes for some of the best skiing in the entire country.

Here are a few favorite destinations for you to experience while you revel in fresh air, exercise and fun. With Covid precautions affecting Michigan businesses, it's best to check with resorts on hours of operation...and to see if reservations are required before you go.

Enjoy all of your Michigan winter adventures!

Downhill Skiing Locations

1. Mt. Zion*	16. Sault Seal	31. Missaukee Mountain
2. Big Powderhorn Mountain	17. Silver Mountain	32. Hanson Hills*
3. Indianhead/Blackjack	18. Nub's Nob*	33. Snow Snake
4. The Porkies	19. Boyne Highlands*	34. Apple Mountain
5. Mont Ripley	20. Mt. McSaubia	35. Mulligan's Hollow
6. Mount Bohemia	21. The Homestead	36. Cannonsburg
7. Covington Ski Hill	22. Boyne Mountain	37. Tower Mountain Ski Hill
8. Ski Brule	23. Otsego Mtn. (Private)*	38. Bittersweet
9. Caspian/Crystella Ski Hills	24. Treetops	39. Timber Ridge
10. Pine Mountain	25. Shanty Creek/*Schuss Mtn.	40. Swiss Valley
11. Norway Mountain	26. Summit Mountain	41. Mt. Holly
12. Marquette Mtn./Al Quaal	27. Hickory Hills	42. Pine Knob
13. Chatham Ski Hill	28. Mt. Holiday	43. Alpine Valley
14. Gladstone Ski Hill	29. Crystal Mountain*	44. Mt. Brighton
15. Big Valley Ski Hill	30. Caberfae Peaks*	

* Reported to offer cross country ski trails as well, check with facility for details

Cross Country and Snowshoe Trails

A. Porcupine Mountains	J. Mackinac Island State Park	R. Eagle Run
B. Sylvania Wilderness Area	K. Petoskey State Park/Old Baldy Trail	S. Mt. Pleasant
C. Twin Lakes	L. Sleeping Bear Dunes /Lake Ann	U. Muskegon Winter Sports Complex
D. Marquette	M. Hartwick Pines/Forbush Corner	V. P.J. Hoffmeister State Park/Grand Haven
E. Glidden Lakes State Forest	N. South Higgins Lake/Cross Country Ski HQ	W. Provin Trails Park
F. Pictured Rocks	O. Negwegon State Park	X. Woldumar Nature Center
G. Rapid River	P. Pere Marquette State Trails/Fred Meijer	Y. Independence Oaks
H. Wells State Park	Q. Reid Lake/Highbanks	Z. Iron Belle Trail
I. Tahquamenon Falls State Park	R. Eagle Run	

Frankenmuth: "The" winter place to be

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer



PHOTO BY KATE VANDERSTELT

If hitting the slopes isn't your thing – or even if it is – head to Michigan's Little Bavaria to experience a festive, European winter wonderland less than two hours away from home.

Though the pandemic has altered some of Frankenmuth's usual festivities, the Christmas town still found ways to maximize its cheer this season.

Start at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, the world's largest Christmas store. Open 361 days a year, Bronner's features everything Christmas, from lights to ornaments to Advent calendars. Visit on a weekday or evening to attain an easier shopping experience with less crowds.

Aside from its normal festive decorations, Frankenmuth has installed a new 40-foot-tall, fully lit Christmas tree in Zehnder Park this year. The tree puts on a light and musical show for guests to safely view several times a day. The show lasts seven minutes and is free to enjoy. The tree stands next to the life-sized Nativity scene that sits in the park each year.

Continue down Main Street to see every tree decked out with lights and arches lit up and decorated over the road.

As the Christmas season draws to a close but winter marches on, head to Frankenmuth at the end of January for the annual Zehnder's Snowfest. Though the event had to be tweaked a bit for safety, Jamie Furbush, president of Frankenmuth's Chamber of Commerce, said they are still excited to be able to host the festival this year.

"It's not going to be our typical Snow-

The lit tree at Frankenmuth is a beloved tradition for winter visitors.

fest obviously because of the pandemic," she said. "We will still have the large snow carvings. It's going to be more of an exhibition because of the challenges with the pandemic. We do have carvers confirmed to do these exhibitions."

The event will consist of snow sculptures spread throughout Zehnder's and Bavarian Inn, and ice carvings will be displayed throughout town. Though there will not be a warming tent or entertainment due to the pandemic, Zehnder's Snowfest is free to all.

According to the town's official website, all stores and hotels are open, though differing hours may apply. Each hotel still has at least one pool open and, for the romantic at heart, horse-drawn carriages can still be heard clicking up and down Main Street.

National Ski Areas Association Tips For A Successful Ski Experience

- Know before you go. Make sure to do your research so you know what to expect when you arrive. Ski areas will keep their websites and other communications channels updated with info about parking, reservations, lessons, available amenities and mask requirements.
- Stay home if you are or could be sick... even if it is a powder day. It stinks to miss a day of skiing, but it's worse to miss an entire season. Assess your health before you go to the mountain. Ski area employees take daily wellness checks and have to stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. We all need to stay healthy to stay skiing and riding!
- Ski or ride mid-week. Weekends and holidays are generally the busiest times on the slopes. Try skiing mid-week for a more distanced experience with fewer people.
- Be flexible. Local and state public health regulations can change rapidly, and ski areas will comply with those regulations.
- Wear a mask and adhere to all physical distancing requirements. We all have a responsibility to protect ourselves and each other this season and every season. Plus, ski areas have to follow certain rules to stay open. So, bring a mask, keep it up over your nose, and let's work together to be the reason we have a season!

For more information, go to : nsaa.org/skiwellbeing

NUB'S

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"This season I think the big thing is to mask up and be prepared to stay outdoors," he said. "A two-layer neck gaiter is good to wear, but that can be wet. I think it's smart for skiers to be prepared with two or three masks."

In terms of food, Nub's Nob offers its typical food service; however, skiers have to be prepared to eat outside. Doornbos's tip: "It's not a bad idea to have Thermoses ready with hot chocolate for kids and use the cars as a campout space."

Grosse Pointe local Rick Muzingo, who skied at Nub's this season, said it felt like nothing was really too different. "Every time I wanted to go in, go to the bathroom, warm up, it was fine," he said. "You just weren't supposed to loiter for very long."

Overall, Muzingo said his experience was "enjoyable as always."

COVID or not, Doornbos is grateful to have the opportunity to take advantage of the season. "We're just happy to be out here on skis," he said.

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Accessories for the family

- Kombi kids tie dye mitten - \$21
- Kombi kids gloves technical camo - \$19
- Kombi men's gloves black - \$55
- X-Therm II Mitt by Swany in black - \$90
- Black Strap balaclava hoods - \$31.99
- Bula black earmuffs - \$30
- Giro goggles (kids & adult) - \$40
- Giro Neo Jr youth or adult helmet - \$90

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LOOKING COOL

Slopeside or fireside

This season, whether you opt for a double black diamond or a double Old-Fashioned, the warmest and coziest coats, cashmere and accessories are a must. These fashionable local finds will carry your whole family through all the fun of Michigan's winter wonderland in cozy, smart style.



Photo courtesy of Pure Michigan



Ski bunny with her sunnies from Tenue and Girlie Girl

360 Cashmere Ski Bunny sweater
Tom Ford sunglasses

Apparis teddy coat in ivory
Apparis teddy coat in camel



Beautiful in winter white from Tenue and Girlie Girl

Frame wool sweater
Citizens of Humanity cords
Louis Vuitton belt bag
Tom Ford Sunglasses



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Spanx leggings faux leather shimmer

BB Dakota faux fur jackets Snake or grey
BB Dakota faux fur black coat
Look grey gloves
Look 2-tone gloves
Look yarn ivory mittens



Winter blues - mixing prints keeps it fresh at Taylor Reese



Splendid soft black leggings with rouching
Bella Dahl shacket



Moyna navy/gold camo belt bag
Moyna black beaded bag
Oliver Thomas quilted cinch bag with clutch included