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Robert Novitke

In memoriam: Robert Novitke

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

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GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Robert E. Novitke, Grosse Pointe Woods mayor, passed away Sunday, March 14.

The Woods city hall was renamed as the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, with Novitke and family present.

Novitke was a resident of the Woods more than 40 years. He served on city council 13 years before serving as mayor more than 30 years, since

The city council acknowledged the missing presence of Novitke with a minute of silence to start their council meeting

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Historic district talk is history

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Residents have overwhelmingly spoken and city council has listened. In a unanimous decision during the

Monday, March 15 council meeting, the historic district study was discontinued, with the moratorium on demolition and new construction within the Estate Residential District, in place since July 2020, lifted.

A petition circulating for about a week, and not yet submitted to council, already had gained 135 signatures from City residents age 18 and older and in opposition to the creation of a historic district.

“In my years on city council, I’ve never been involved in such unanimous non-support on an issue,” Councilman John Stempfle said. “I don’t think I’ve received one

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Local elections soon underway

Filing deadlines approach

By Kate Vanderstelt and Laurel Kraus
Staff Writers

date.

THE GROSSE POINTES — With filing deadlines for local government approaching, voters may be interested in learning what seats will be open this upcoming election and perhaps even how they can file as a candi-

In the Farms and Park, open seats will appear on the Aug. 3 non-partisan primary election ballot, unless there are not enough candidates to warrant a primary election, in which case the candidates will be on the ballot Nov. 2.

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Winter waning

Shirl Goedike’s oil on canvas painting, “Winter Beach, Antibes, 1975,” is all of us right now, waiting for the chill to leave the air and spring to arrive so we take off our jackets and go for a dip in the lake.

Departments attend implicit bias training

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Something initially set up for the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, a training entitled “Understanding

the Effects of Implicit Bias on Law Enforcement” grew into a citywide educational tool.

“Initially it was for the public safety department and it grew into all city departments,” Interim Chief Lt. James Bostock

said. “City administration, court personnel, public works, parks and recreation, the water department — every department was represented.”

Bostock organized the training by bringing in

Darnell Z. Blackburn, who has worked for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards for 16 years. MCOLES is nationally recognized as a leader in

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All Michigan adults eligible for vaccination April 5

Ford Field federally selected as mass vaccination site

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

MICHIGAN — With the goal of vaccinating 70 percent of Michiganders older than age 16, all Michigan adults ages 16

and up will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as of Monday, April 5, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced

Friday.

It likely will take several weeks beyond then for everyone interested to be able to schedule an appointment, officials noted.

“Over 2.7 million doses of the safe and effective COVID vaccines have been administered in Michigan and we are

well on our way to vaccinating 70 percent of Michiganders age 16 and up,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS, in a press release. “We are pleased to lay out our plan for when every Michigander age 16 and up will be able to get a

vaccine. We will continue to focus our efforts on removing barriers to access for our most vulnerable to exposure and those at highest risk of severe illness due to COVID-19. These vaccines are the way we are going to end this pan-

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Lisa Thams
Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
Organizer of local charity branch bringing Christmas gifts and Jesus’ love to the children of incarcerated parents.



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ELECTION:

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In the City, Shores and Woods, these positions will go straight to the Nov. 2 ballot.

Open local office positions in the Pointes

The mayoral seat, a 2-year term, and three council seats, 4-year terms, are up for election in the City, Farms and Park.

In the City, first-term Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak is anticipating running for re-election, while council members Maureen Juip, Chris Walsh and Daniel Williams intend to run again, as well.

Farms Mayor Louis Theros and councilmembers John Gillooly and Beth Konrad-Wilberding will run for re-election. Councilman James Farquhar plans to run for re-election at the current time.

The Park's Mayor Bob Denner has announced his plans not to run for re-election after having served as mayor since 2015. Current Councilwoman Lauri Read announced her plans to run for the mayoral seat. Councilwoman Darci McConnell intends to run for re-election. Councilman Jim Robson, the third seat up for election, has held a council seat since 2001.

Current Park Judge Carl F. Jarboe holds a term expiring December 2021.

Two council seats, 4-year terms, will be open in the Shores. When asked, councilmen Robert Barette and Matthew Seely said they were running for re-election.

Due to age limitations, Judge Matthew Rumora of the Farms and Shores will retire from the position he has held since 1988.

Charles "Chip" Berschback, who recently retired as the Woods city attorney after nearly two decades, already has announced intent to run, calling a main reason for his retirement to show his level of commitment to becoming judge.

Three council seats, 4-year terms, are up for grabs in the Woods. The three expiring seats include Councilwoman Vicki Granger, Councilman Todd McConaghy and a currently vacant seat the Woods intends to fill soon. The mayoral seat, held by Robert E. Novitke, who passed away Sunday, March 14, was scheduled to be up for election this year.

In the City, Park and Shores, there is no salary for mayor or council members. The Farms mayor receives an annual salary of \$900, while council receives \$600. The Woods mayor receives an annual salary of \$6,000, while council members receive \$3,750.

Receiving separate compensation from the two cities, the Farms/Shores municipal judge will earn \$30,000 from

the Farms and \$15,000 from the Shores, annually. Until its March council meeting, the Farms compensated with \$23,645 plus health-care insurance. The changes will be effective as of the seating of a new judge.

The Park municipal judge earns a salary of \$23,000.

Running for a council or mayoral position

While the process to file as a candidate for council or mayor in the Grosse Pointes is similar, each community is unique.

Under the basic requirements to run for a council or mayoral position in the City, candidates must be registered voters in the City for three years and are required to submit an original birth certificate, naturalization papers or a valid passport as proof of citizenship.

In the Farms, one must be a resident of the Farms for two years and cannot be financially indebted to the city.

To run in the Park, applicants must be residents for two years at the time of filing.

In the Shores, a candidate must only have resided in the city at least 30 days.

In the Woods, applicants must be 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a two-year Woods resident, a Woods registered voter and a tax-abiding resident.

The first step in filing is the same across the

board: reach out to the city clerk's office and express interest.

"If anyone is interested in running for a local elected office, they need to contact the city clerk first and make sure they understand the process just to avoid any confusion," said Derrick Kozicki, Farms assistant city manager/city clerk.

After providing a general overview of the process and collecting the necessary information from the interested person, the city clerk will set up an appointment to provide the potential candidate with a packet that includes nominating petitions and information regarding campaign finance.

The potential candidate then is required to get a specified number of petition signatures from residents of the city in which they are running for office who also are registered voters.

"The city clerk, who is the filing official, will review the signatures on the nominating petitions against the state database of signatures that matches the driver's license, so it's similar to how we check signatures for absentee voting," Kozicki explained.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, petitions should be signed by not less than 20 or more than 40 registered and qualified electors. In Grosse Pointe Farms, a minimum of 50 signatures and not more than 75 are required. In Grosse Pointe Park, no less than 25 and no more than 50 signatures are required, according to the city charter. In Grosse Pointe Shores, 15 signatures are needed, according to

Assistant City Manager Tom Krolczyk. In Grosse Pointe Woods, a minimum of 200 signatures of registered voters and not more than 250 are required.

How to run for Farm/Shores municipal judge

To run for the position of Farms/Shores municipal judge, a candidate needs to be a resident of the Farms or Shores, licensed to practice law in the state of Michigan, admitted to practice law at least five years as of Jan. 1, 2022, and must sign an affidavit for the age requirement.

"You have to want to serve the public," Rumora advised. "If you're elected, that's your job to serve the public and it's not about you, but the litigants who are seeking justice who appear before you."

"And you really have to like people," he added. "If you don't like people, this job is not for you, because you have to have a lot of patience."

Because the municipal judge district is set up as the Grosse Pointe Shores division of the Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court, Kozicki is considered the filing official regardless of whether the candidate is a Farms or Shores resident, and is who potential candidates should approach to get started with the process.

"Even if every single signature was from their residents in Grosse Pointe Shores, they would obtain the signatures and then they'd bring it to me and I would be the one checking it," he explained.

The municipal judge position in the Farms also requires not less than 50 and not more than 75 signatures for the filing petition, but the signatures can be collected from residents of either city.

The two Pointes will hold their own separate elections, after which the results for municipal judge will be combined on election night.

How to run for Park municipal judge

To run for the position of municipal judge in the Park, a candidate must be a Park resident for two years and be licensed to practice law in the state of Michigan.

Like open mayoral and council seats, candidates wishing to run for the judge position must obtain no less than 25 but no more than 50 signatures on a filing petition.

Filing deadlines

The filing deadlines for the Pointes are as follows: at 4 p.m. April 20, for the Farms and Park; and 4 p.m. July 20, for the City, Shores and Woods.

The filing deadline for Farms/Shores municipal judge is by 4 p.m. April 20.

The filing deadline for Park municipal judge aligns with the April 20 deadline for mayoral and council seats.

Information regarding how to file for local elections also may be found under the Secretary of State website, Michigan.gov/SOS, under elections in Michigan and information for candidates.

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Dog park rules adopted

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City Manager Nick Sizeland reported at a city council meeting

Monday, March 8, a work order for the dog park in Patterson Park has been agreed upon.

City Attorney Jake Howlett reviewed the agreement between the donor and the city.

The recreation commission will have a special meeting Thursday, March 25, to consider adoption of the proposed dog park rules.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Information on how to access the meeting can be found on the city's website, grossepointepark.org, or Facebook page as the date approaches.

— Kate Vanderstelt

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No salary for Mayor or Council Members

Filing deadline: July 20, 4 p.m.

*Terms expiring:

Mayor: 2-year term

Sheila Tomkowiak

Council Members 4-year terms

Maureen Juip

Christopher D. Walsh

Daniel J. Williams

Grosse Pointe Farms

(313) 885-6600 • www.grossepointefarms.org

Salary: Mayor, \$900, Council Members, \$600

4-year terms for Council Members;

2-year term for Mayor

Filing deadline: April 20, 4 p.m.

*Terms expiring:

Mayor:

Louis Theros

Council Members

James C. Farquhar Jr.

John Gillooly

Beth Konrad-Wilberding

Municipal Judge, 4-year term – salary \$30,000

Matthew R. Rumora (statutory retirement)

Grosse Pointe Park

(313) 822-6200 • www.grossepointepark.org

No salary for Mayor or Council Members

4-year terms for Council Members;

2-year term for Mayor

Filing deadline: April 20, 4 p.m.

*Terms expiring:

Mayor

Robert Denner

Council Members

Darci McConnell

Lauri Read

James E. Robson

Municipal Judge, 4-year term – salary \$23,000

Carl F. Jarboe.....term expires 12-21

Grosse Pointe Shores

(313) 881-6565 • www.gpshoresmi.gov

No salary for Mayor or Council Members

4-year terms for Council Members and Mayor

Filing deadline: July 20, 4 p.m.

Terms expiring:

Council Members

Robert H. Barrette Jr.

Matthew Seely

Municipal Judge, 4-year term - \$15,000

Matthew R. Rumora (statutory retirement)

Grosse Pointe Woods

(313) 343-2440 • www.gpwmi.us

Salary: Mayor, \$6,000; Council Members, \$3,750

4-year terms for Council Members and Mayor

Filing deadline: July 20, 4 p.m.

*Terms expiring:

Mayor

Vacant

Council Members

Victoria Granger

Todd A. McConaghy

Vacant

City of Harper Woods

(313) 343-2500 • www.harperwoodscity.org

Salary: Mayor, \$2,700, Council Members, \$2,400

4-year terms for Council Members; 2-year term for Mayor

Filing deadline: April 20, 4 p.m.

*Terms expiring:

Mayor

Valerie Kindle

Council Members

Ernestine Lyons

Vivian Sawicki

Ivery Toussant Jr.

*Unless otherwise specified, all seats expire in November and will be on the Nov. 2, 2021 ballot. Source: LWV-GP

Pier Park to welcome new gazebo

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With a \$100,000 donation from the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, and in partnership with city funding, Farms residents soon will be able to enjoy a new gazebo at Pier Park.

The prior gazebo, which served two decades as a gathering place for weddings, family photos and enjoying the view of Lake St. Clair, was demolished mid-October after it was discovered the foundation and supports were failing to a point where the structure was deemed unsafe.

"This is one of the key spots in the park that has really drawn people to our park," Mayor Louis Therios said. "It was also the site of a tragedy many, many years ago

that many people remember. It has a long storied history in the Farms and its replacement is absolutely vital to remember those injured and lost in that tragedy many years ago and those who still enjoy it and start their lives anew with (weddings)."

With construction anticipated to begin within the next couple weeks and conclude by the end of May in time for the season opening, the replacement gazebo will be Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, with a ramp on the side toward the community building, and approximately four feet larger in total diameter than the original.

Designed by Grissim Metz Andriese Landscape Architects, the gazebo will mimic the architecture from the community building, booster pump



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Construction of the replacement gazebo is expected to be complete by the end of May.

station and fire pit to create harmony among the structures.

Bids for the project were surprisingly high, City Manager Shane Reeside said, because of

high material and labor costs, as well as the challenge of the gazebo's location. Heavy equipment such as gravel and cement trucks cannot be brought along the path-

ways and instead will require smaller vehicles to shuttle back and forth.

Awarded to Backer Landscaping, which was the low bidder and recently did extensive work at Kerby Field, in the amount of \$226,371 with \$15,921 for site work, the total project cost comes to \$242,312.

Along with the community donations, the city also may be able to cut down on the site work costs by having some of the work done in-house by the department of public works.

The gazebo itself is in the \$100,000 range, Reeside added, with the site work, foundation work, pavers and more adding to the cost.

"I think it's a very nice looking design," Councilman Lev Wood said. "We can afford it. We have the money in the budget and I think it's well worth it, especially considering we're going to be getting money from the foundation."

Approval for the project passed council 6-1 during the meeting Monday, March 8, with Councilman Neil Sroka opposed, calling himself not anti-gazebo, but anti-really-expensive gazebo.

"I think it would be a wonderful addition to the park in terms of just the aesthetics," he said, adding that spending \$50,000 of taxpayer money on this would be more reasonable. "... It just seems like a heck of a lot of money to pay for a nice, pretty thing as opposed to something that could be a lot more functional and, frankly, be impactful on a larger group of people."

While it wasn't anticipated that the gazebo would need to be replaced as quickly as it has, it was deemed an integral part of an evolving master plan for Pier Park, which also includes considerations for upcoming work on the swimming pool, bathhouse and tot lot as bonds on the community building and harbor expansion improvements approach being paid off.

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TRAINING:

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the development of training and ethical standards for law enforcement officers. Blackburn also is the founder of the "Be the Change" initiative, which strives to encourage more diversity within the law enforcement community.

The training took place Thursday, March 11, and Friday, March 12. Blackburn's presentation focused on perception, attitude, implicit bias and unconscious bias. Objectives of the presentation, as outlined in Blackburn's proposal, were for attendees to recognize personal biases, create a culturally competent mindset, foster better relationships, improve effective communication, adopt a positive mindset based on a



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Darnell Blackburn led a recent training session for Grosse Pointe Park employees and staff.

better understanding of biases and prevent situations from escalating.

In an exercise, attendees placed family at the

top of a list ranking the importance of different things in their lives. Blackburn turned this into a mindset.

"The whole idea of the training was to treat somebody like how you would want your family to be treated," Bostock said. "That spoke volumes."

Bostock believed the training was well received.

"The goal of training, no matter what it is, it's either you're gaining new skills or we're building upon existing skills," Bostock said. "It's not a one-stop shop; it's an ongoing process. Just like any other training, whether it's sports or whatever ... it's an ongoing process. And to use the analogy, we're looking to add tools to our toolbox so we can effectively serve and do the best job that we can."



Blackburn puts up a slide about implicit bias, which are actions stemming from negative associations of unconscious bias or hidden bias and produce behavior that diverges from the explicit attitudes that many people profess.

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Special Recreation Commission meeting, regarding the dog park, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Egg Stroll at Lake Front Park. Advanced registration is required.

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Sharing the love of Jesus with those who need it most

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Rather than the night before, it's the Saturday before Christmas when the local branch of the nationwide Angel Tree project visits the homes of children with incarcerated parents to share gifts, groceries and the love of Jesus.

Led and organized by Farms resident Lisa Thams the last 20 years, volunteers bring wish-list gifts, a Bible, Christmas meal, homemade cookies, handmade Christmas cards and, prior to the pandemic, pray with the children and their caregivers.

"The focus of Angel Tree is that these children know the love of their parents who aren't present, but also the love of Jesus for them," Thams said. "That they're not forgotten, that they're loved. It's really recognizing how important the connection between a parent and a child is and that no matter what your parent is incarcerated for, they're still your parent."

This past Christmas, the teams opted to sing a carol to the families in place of prayer to adhere with social distancing, but also were able to add little Christmas trees and gift cards to the offerings thanks to generous donations. Having gone to as many as 90 homes in the past, this past December saw efforts toward 72 homes, with some in the Grosse Pointes.

"One of the big things in fostering the relationship of the child with their incarcerated parent and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lisa Thams

with Jesus (is that) these kids are in jeopardy of repeating the same pattern," Thams explained. "You never know really what becomes of the kids and their families, but you hope that in some way you might be disrupting a cycle by making the children's upbringing different than maybe their parents' was."

The Angel Tree project originated with a woman who started the ministry after being released from prison, where she had witnessed prisoners wrap up little soaps or other items of equal value simply to be able to give their children something of theirs for Christmas.

While it would be nice to have the chance to hear how the children are

doing down the road, Thams said, "I think that part of doing service is that you have to trust that your part is enough and that however the story unfolds from your touchpoint, that it's in God's hands. That your hopes — the hope of the families being reunited and that there's healing and transformation and the knowledge of love of parent to child and Jesus to parent and Jesus to child — carries on in their lives. And that it's meaningful and it keeps them on a path that is healthy and brings them good in their future."

With Thams at the head, her efforts have become a family affair through the years, each member having eventu-



Christmas would not be the same, Thams said, without the charity work going on in the background, with supplies piled around her home.

ally fallen into their responsibilities: Her husband, Eric, is in charge of coordinating the purchase of all groceries, while her children, Ellie, Frankie, Tommy and Giovanni, help sort groceries and gifts into groupings by the recipients' homes. They also are integral in making sure each team gets the correct items and there are no mix-ups in all the excitement the morning of the drop-offs.

"I can't imagine Christmas without it," Thams said. "It has become a cornerstone of just what happens in our home over Christmas and it is majorly chaotic because all the gifts are delivered here and we have all the cookies here and all the groceries here, but I really think that at this point, Christmas wouldn't be complete if it wasn't happening in the background of our personal happenings over Christmas."

Noting it is in the giving that one receives, Thams plans to continue this tradition of service for the foreseeable future until, one day, someone else will want to take it over and continue forward. Anyone interested in

contributing to this year's efforts may reach Thams at lisathams@aol.com or (248) 515-6832. To donate directly to the organization, visit prisonfellowship.org where "Angel Tree" is a subcategory page.



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December 2020 saw gifts, groceries and more delivered to 72 area homes, where the children of incarcerated parents live.

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Monday, March 15.

"Before we start tonight, there's a really big hole in our midst, and that's the absence of Bob. I think it affects us all greatly," Mayor Pro Tem Art Bryant said. "I would like to take a full minute and let us just think about Bob and his family."

The Woods administration sent out an "In Memoriam" statement regarding Novitke's passing and the impact he left on the city.

"Throughout his tenure, Mayor Novitke was keenly focused on the development of 'community' — making Grosse Pointe Woods the kind of hometown where all families and individuals could enjoy a fulfilling life with

dependable services, special events that appeal to and attract all age groups, outstanding city parks and recreation programs, well-maintained neighborhoods and a vibrant business district," the statement said.

"He was a very well-loved man and did a lot," Bryant said. "It's really just very hard to think of the city without thinking of Bob and his commitment to the city, and his vision for Grosse Pointe Woods will be his lasting legacy."

Flags at all city properties were lowered to half-staff in honor of Novitke. He is survived by his wife, Marsha, their five children and three grandchildren.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Reading between pages

Five checks pulled from various parts of a 76-year-old Grosse Pointe man's checkbook within the last six months and totaling \$2,465 were used without the man's authorization.

The 26-year-old son of the man's girlfriend offered officers a full confession.

Infant formula stolen

A 47-year-old Mount Clemens man was arrested for stealing six cans of infant formula from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Avenue at 2:36 p.m. Friday, March 12.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Speeding while suspended

After being pulled over at 9:37 p.m. Thursday, March 11, for speeding 50 mph at Lakeshore Road and Vernier Road, a 20-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Vehicle identity crisis

A 49-year-old Hazel Park man was pulled over and arrested at 9:49 a.m. Sunday, March 14, near Lakeshore Road and Edsel Ford Court, after his plate was found to be registered to a different vehicle and he could not produce valid insurance.

Left on red

After turning left on a solid red light at Lakeshore Road and Moorland Drive, a 23-year-old Traverse City man was arrested at 2:29 p.m. Sunday, March 14, for not having insurance and only having an

expired temporary instructor permit.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Vehicle larcenies continue

After receiving notifications that his credit cards were being used at various locations around the metro area, a resident in the 200 block of Merriweather Road discovered both his vehicles had been rummaged through overnight Tuesday, March 9, and his wallet had been stolen.

I spy

After a vehicle was pulled over on Mack Avenue near Moross Road at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, for its cracked windshield and illegally tinted windows, a backup officer noticed a loaded handgun between the legs of the 23-year-old Oak Park passenger.

The weapon was found to be stolen out of Virginia and the man was arrested without incident.

Taillight attack

An unknown suspect cracked the outer lens of the right rear taillight on a vehicle parked on Meadow Lane overnight Wednesday, March 10.

Headed in the wrong direction

When pulled over for driving the wrong way on McMillian Road at Charlevoix Street at 10:45 a.m. Friday, March 12, a 24-year-old Detroit man was found to be driving with a suspended license and to have a loaded handgun under

the front passenger seat.

Park enthusiast thief

Around 2 a.m. Sunday, March 14, a resident discovered someone had rummaged through his vehicle parked in the 100 block of Moran Road and stolen his park passes.

Drunken driving

A 41-year-old Westland woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated after being pulled over for speeding on Lakeshore Road near Moran Road at 3 a.m. Sunday, March 14.

Thief tired of sunlight

Between 11 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 9 a.m. Sunday, March 14, an unknown suspect rummaged through a vehicle parked in a driveway in the 150 block of Merriweather Road and stole Coach sunglasses.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Chipped paint

A resident in the 1300 block of Oxford reported damage to his car parked in his driveway at 9:43 a.m. Thursday, March 11.

The car had been parked and locked the prior night.

His neighbor reported he saw a suspicious person at 3 a.m. near the car. Thursday morning, he found the driver's side door had a chip in the paint.

The cause of the damage is unknown.

Paintball incidents

At 10:21 p.m. Sunday, March 14, a resident in the 1000 block of North

Oxford reported their house was struck by paintballs. Several cars also had been struck.

The resident reported they heard something hitting their home and walked outside to find green paintball marks on her residence and surrounding vehicles.

A neighboring city also reported six to eight paintball incidents.

No permanent damage was found.

Paintball incidents, Pt. 2

At 10:46 p.m. Sunday, March 14, a public safety officer was checking the 1100 block of North Renaud following an earlier paintball incident. He found two vehicles that had been shot by paintballs.

He contacted the resident, who said they heard a car speeding away and the sound of a paintball gun firing.

The resident could not name any suspects.

No permanent damage was found.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Cash for check

A resident in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield received an online job application for the Samaritan's Purse company.

She was notified she was hired and was sent a check, which she was told to deposit and withdraw cash to send back to the company.

The resident's bank discovered the check was fraudulent after completing the transaction.

Stolen bike

A black and red Giant

ATX 3 21-speed bicycle valued at \$400 was stolen from the 15000 block of Kercheval between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9.

The bike was left unlocked at a bike rack and taken during the school day.

Stolen pet supplies

An Amazon package was stolen from the 700 block of Barrington between 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

The package, taken from the front porch of the residence, was said to have contained pet supplies.

Driving with suspended license

A vehicle was stopped for speeding on Beaconsfield and St. Paul at 3:29 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

The 25-year-old Detroit driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Marijuana use

A 19-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs at 10:38 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

The man was stopped at Mack and Bedford for speeding. It was clear upon stopping him that he was under the influence of marijuana.

Car thief

A 32-year-old Detroit man was arrested for attempting to steal two vehicles between Wednesday, March 10, and Thursday, March 11.

In the 15000 block of Kercheval, the man was caught on camera attempting to steal a Jeep Liberty. The owner of the car found damage

to the door handle and steering column.

In the 1200 block of Nottingham, the victim noticed a suspect in the driver's seat of her vehicle. The suspect got out of the car and fled on foot, but was caught by Park public safety officers.

He was identified as the same suspect in the surveillance video from the 15000 block of Kercheval.

The man admitted to attempting to steal both cars.

Retail fraud

A 47-year-old Mount Clemens man was arrested for retail fraud at Cadieux and Kercheval just after 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 12.

Park public safety officers were called to assist City public safety on a report of retail fraud at Kroger. The suspect fled on foot, was caught by Park public safety and turned over to the City.

Insufficient funds

A resident in the 1400 block of Nottingham received two checks from a real estate company at noon Monday, Dec. 21. Both checks were found to have insufficient funding or were fraudulent.

The investigation is ongoing.

Intoxicated speeding

A 41-year-old Detroit woman was stopped for speeding at Jefferson and Lakepointe at 11:14 p.m. Friday, March 12.

She was found to be intoxicated and had a prior conviction for operating while intoxicated. She was arrested.

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

GAZEBO:

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“(The gazebo) was envisioned really as a focal point to kind of the only great lawn area that we have at the park,” Reeside said. “I think it will be much more used for events. For weddings; for an outdoor concert or family gatherings; for people just to sit under and play a game of mahjong or checkers. We envisioned it to be a very integral part of the park.”

Availability remains for naming rights, which would include a plaque in recognition of a sub-

stantial gift. Anyone interested in a naming opportunity should contact Reeside at sreeside@grossepointefarms.org.

“This is a signature project,” said Jeff Huebner, chairman of the Farms foundation. “It's a special project.

It's a generational project. The last gazebo lasted more than 20 years. We're hoping this one lasts much longer and to have some special recognition on this project, I think, would be valuable (and) would be appreciated by any additional donors.”

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OUR VIEW

Mayor Novitke leaves long legacy

Probably no one summed it up better than Arthur Bryant, who noted the “really big hole in our midst” as the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council convened Monday after the death of Mayor Robert Novitke on Sunday.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant then asked for a minute of silence for everyone to think about the mayor. Afterward, Mr. Bryant returned somberly to the agenda, adding, “I know he would want us to move on.”

Mayor Novitke indeed kept his focus on the city during his long tenure. He was a council member for 13 years, then became mayor in 1990 and got the support of Woods voters in election after election thereafter.

Now flags are at half-staff throughout the city for a man who seemed to be permanently in place and is presumed to be a local record holder for length of service as mayor.

To its credit, the town was able to express its appreciation for him last fall, at the dedication of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center on Oct. 23. The honor came about two years after it was initially proposed, with construction, serious damage from a burst water pipe and more construction in between. The complex encompasses City Hall, Public Safety, the Community Center and Municipal Court.

On that day, he expressed his gratitude for the honor, but turned again to his passion for service: “When you accomplish something, especially something that is good for the city, that’s fulfilling,” he said.

In its statement announcing his passing, the council emphasized how much of Mayor Novitke’s energies were focused on making the Woods “the kind of hometown where all families and individuals could enjoy a fulfilling life” — rooted in good services, parks, neighborhoods and business areas.

Mr. Novitke was a native of Detroit’s east side. He served in Vietnam during his years in the Marine Corps, and held a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University and a Juris Doctor from Detroit College of Law. He then practiced law, starting in 1975. He leaves behind his wife, children and grandchildren.

The city council noted in its statement that Mayor Novitke served with “integrity, dignity and decisiveness” — a well-earned tribute that could become a goal for elected officials everywhere.

Certainly his passing has been noted widely. The Grosse Pointe City Council, which also met Monday night, concluded with Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak extending condolences from that community to the Grosse Pointe Woods community and to the Novitke family.

Plaudits will surely continue to arrive for a man who embraced public service with such long-term devotion. Robert Novitke will be missed

Good at figures

Hopes and cheers are rising from the Grosse Pointes and heading across the world to Sweden, where Grosse Pointe South grad Emilea Zingas competes next week in the 2021 World Figure Skating Championships.

Ms. Zingas has the distinction of becoming the first skater to represent Cyprus, where she has dual citizenship, in the World Championships. She earned her way to Stockholm by finishing third in the Challenge Cup in The Hague, Netherlands, in February.

All the international stops don’t change the fact that Ms. Zingas was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from South in 2020 and has trained in St. Clair Shores since she was small. Now on the world stage, she’s ready to push herself, potentially getting an Olympic berth if she scores high enough. “And that’s ultimately the goal,” she said.

Best wishes from everyone here will accompany her as the competition starts March 22. Let’s hear it for Emilea Zingas!

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The current Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Works building.

PONDERING IN THE PARK By Greg Theokas

Thwarting the new DPW building

For over a decade, Detroit residents have stared at the abandoned and burned-out buildings located on Mack and Alter. Dilapidated structures that actually were located on the Park side of those roads — the northern gateway to all the Grosse Pointes.

The same is true on Jefferson — the southern gateway, where the unsightly Park DPW yard now stands. It is a constant eyesore for nearby Detroit apartment dwellers, as well as St. Ambrose clergy, staff and visitors.

After several years of site searching and engineering studies, Park officials developed a well-publicized plan to move the DPW to a brand new, attractive, state-of-the-art building on Mack and Alter. Upon its completion, the current DPW building on Jefferson will be torn down.

Its land will then become part of the new donor funded art and performing arts center. A project now approaching a staggering \$45 million (in pledges!) — \$35 million for construction and \$10 million for a permanent operating expense endowment.

The construction cost of the new DPW building is \$4 million, as agreed to in writing by the builder. It will be owned by the Park TIFA (Tax Incentive Finance Authority) and leased to the city for 20 years at \$1 per year with an option to purchase the building for \$1 when the lease expires.

Not surprisingly, some irate social activists have determined that if they can stop the new DPW building, they can probably stop the art center. They could then replace it with their preferred zoning for that site: low-cost multi-family housing. A use they hope to incorporate in the upcoming Park Master Plan deliberations.

To bolster their case against the new DPW building,



the activists are attacking a decorative brick wall that will act as a screen between the new building and nearby Park residences on Wayburn. The decorative screening is mandated by the city code. But to them, it is an affront to the Detroit residents who might see it. Apparently, it’s more of an affront than the unsightly blight that the new DPW building will replace. Blight that

Detroiters have quietly endured for years.

But that’s not the activists’ only cause. Some of them have publicly declared their desire to end our resident-only lakefront parks and reopen long-closed Park streets.

Now they may have some inadvertent help in their campaign against the DPW project. In the December council meeting, the mayor and another council member made a motion to approve the \$1 per year lease. A third council member also was in favor. But the mayor couldn’t come up with a fourth vote. The lease remains unapproved.

If the 4-3 impasse continues, the art center could be brought to a standstill. This definitely would embolden the activists, who would view it as a victory.

It would be a loss for Detroiters, whose city council voted for the art center. And it would be heartbreaking for the art center’s many prospective users — like the Grosse Pointe Symphony, Grosse Pointe Theatre, Grosse Pointe schools, Michigan Opera Theater and Detroit Mosaic Youth Theatre.

Finally, one can only imagine the devastating effect it would have on future donations to the Park.

Greg Theokas is a past mayor and councilman in Grosse Pointe Park and a regular contributor to the Grosse Pointe News.

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.

Editor’s note: We received several letters in opposition to the discussed Historic District in the city of Grosse Pointe, which became moot after the city council Monday night voted to shelve the matter.

Trojan Horse?

To the Editor:

In his March 4 “Beware of Park Donors: Pondering in the Park” guest column, former Grosse Pointe Park Mayor and longtime City Councilperson Greg Theokas provided a detailed list of amenities supported by donations to our community. While we thank the donors, that is

not the whole story.

During Mr. Theokas’s tenure on council, the GPP administration ignored warnings from citizens who requested due diligence on various projects proposed and rubber-stamped. It has taken repeated requests to receive even basic accounting of the total costs of these projects to the residents, but the facts are coming to light.

For instance, the Schaaap Theater at Windmill Pointe Park was presented by City staff as a \$450,000 project funded with a gift of that amount from its namesakes. The project was brought to council without bids, just a verbal estimate. In reality, that

movie theater, which includes a private viewing balcony for its donors and council members, cost over \$900,000 to build. The city of Grosse Pointe Park had to spend \$255,000 of our tax dollars to complete its construction.

The vast majority of the amenities we enjoy in the Park are paid for by our collective tax dollars and we all have the right to be included in decisions about how they are spent.

Don’t get us wrong — a Trojan Horse can be very good-looking. We’d just like to see what’s inside.

MARY ROULEAU
BRIAN VOSBURG
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Grosse Pointe Park

Editor’s note: While the letter writers are roughly correct in their reporting of the costs of the Schaaap Theater, they imply the \$255,000 was unplanned money needed to complete the construction. It was planned, and approved by city council, for the purchase of the projector and other interior equipment and fur-

nishings. Further, according to FAQs on the city website, “The portion of the city cost was offset by ticket revenues for two years.”

Supports DPS

To the Editor via FB:

No one on council is attacking our department of public safety.

I spent my career working for a law enforcement agency, albeit a federal one, but I worked with many local officers. I’ve offered to help secure Grosse Pointe Park a place in the FBI’s prestigious National Academy training program. My husband is a law enforcement officer. Most, if not all, council members have sent snacks, cookies or lunch to our DPS at some point.

We can do that and also advocate for more training and agree that diversity is sorely needed.

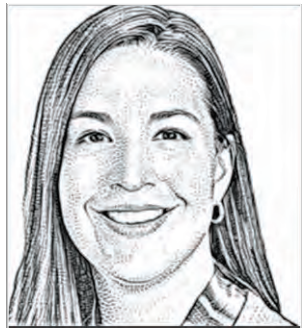
It’s very dramatic to say the “liberal” council members are attacking the police. It sounds scary to say half of council wants to ruin our DPS. Fear is a motivator. It demands

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

I SAY By Jody McVeigh

I will not be intimidated



Dear Instant Pot, You were a gift from my mom two Christmases ago and I was so excited to bring you home. I'd heard all about you, what wonders you could do in the kitchen — where my heart is — and thought you'd be a perfect fit in my often full schedule. Remember our first few weeks together? How excited I was to learn about you? Clean you up and show you off to

friends who stopped by? Waiting for the perfect moment to use you?

My excitement faded soon after I unboxed you, cleaned you and read your manual. There's more to you than I expected, Instant Pot, and truth be told, you scare me.

I'm partly to blame. I haven't put much effort into our relationship since the first time I tried you. I was nervous then, too. I remember you whispering, "What's the worst that could happen?" My mind took me to all the places we could go wrong — all of them leading to an explosion of some sort, piping hot food scalding my skin, my kitchen in flames because I didn't properly seal your lid.

Yes, I went there; it got that bad.

I tried to set aside my

fears, so I asked my friends about you. They claimed you were easy to use, made cooking care-free and provided a better way of doing things. They sold me on the idea of you being a regular in my kitchen.

Do you remember our first meal together, Instant Pot? You made it seem so easy. I take the blame for that; I chose something I knew would be simple for both of us. Nevertheless, my heart pounded as I prepped you, added the few simple ingredients for a rich and velvety macaroni and cheese, then sealed your lid. Waiting for you did nothing to slow my pulse as I still hoped I'd done everything right, prayed the pressure wouldn't be too much for you to handle.

You did not fail me; dinner was splendid.

But then things fell apart.

Despite our success, you were relinquished to storage. There is just not enough room on my countertop for you to stay. I bet you think I forgot about you. I did not.

I take the blame, Instant Pot, for our relationship souring. You did your job and you did it well, but as our days apart turned into weeks and into months — and then more than a year passed since that tasty meal — my nerves got the best of me. The fear built back up and I envisioned our next encounter; in my head, it once again involved flames.

Ugh, you were such a thoughtful gift! I even asked for you, if I recall correctly!

So I decided to let you back into my life, my kitchen. But, first, I

wanted to relearn your ways to ease the fear. I bought a cookbook that catered to you. I surfed for beginner recipes I thought we would both enjoy. I even joined not one, not two, but seven Facebook groups devoted to all the wonderful things you've accomplished in other people's lives.

I gave myself pep talks about how much of an impact you could have, how much time you would save, how having you in my life would be a move in the right direction. Slowly, I regained the confidence I needed to make us work.

For an hour, I scoured our cookbook for something simple, something I hoped we could both handle. Seafood quiche sounded perfect: Low pressure. Ten minutes. Steamed.

What went wrong, my

dear Instant Pot? I did everything that was asked of me, yet that scorching pan of egg and cheese and shrimp was raw when I took off your lid.

I even gave you a second chance. Same settings, same time ... same results. I had no choice but to turn to my tried-and-true companion, the oven, to finish what you started. You swore it would take 20 minutes, but from the time I cracked the first egg until I sat down for dinner, two hours had passed. There's nothing "instant" about that.

You broke my heart, Instant Pot, for the first time, but probably not the last. I am not giving up on you, on us. I will not let you get away with this behavior. I will face my fear and I will practice and I will learn. I will not be intimidated by you.

LETTERS:

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demands attention and reaction. Let's remember it's an election year and try to separate fact from fiction.

Aimee Fluitt
Councilmember
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor's note: The column did not state that anyone on the Grosse Pointe Park council attacked the department of public safety, nor did it reference liberals or conservatives. Further, the article did not state that half the council wanted to ruin the DPS.

Changing times

To the Editor:

Regarding "Wailing about a wall," March 11, 2021, Brad Lindberg and his editors seem to treat issues of racial justice as some sort of gotcha parlor game. That's not the kind of serious conversation our community needs in these changing times.

Racially impactful barriers to streets, parks, schools, movie theaters, residency and other resources raise the same moral questions Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King spoke about at his historic Grosse Pointe appearance on March 14, 1968. Fifty-three years later, I

think it would be better to discuss progress, or the lack thereof, on those problems.

One place to start might be to ask whether meaningless comparisons to DPW yards in other municipalities is an attempt to divert and distract attention away from the power of entrenched Grosse Pointe elites to operate in the exclusionary, heavy-handed, dishonest ways of the past. Such as imposing a DPW facility on a residential neighborhood in order to indulge the vanity "art center" project of a member of that very elite in the first place.

FRANK JOYCE
Grosse Pointe Park

Backing the blue

To the Editor:

I hesitated to write this letter, believing it best to let the current administration deal with the issues. However, after reading and hearing from numerous sources the arguments that are being presented, I felt compelled to comment.

I retired five years ago after serving 44 years, the last 13 as chief of police, director of public safety, for the city of Grosse Pointe Park. While I'm sure there are many citizens out there who are more than qualified to

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YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1946

75 years ago this week

RAT PROBLEM

SERIOUS: The rat situation in the Pointe, which is neither new nor lessening, was accentuated recently by the experience which a woman in Grosse Pointe City had with the pests. Coming down the front steps of her home, she saw a rat midway on the steps, that, she said, "looked as large as a small dog." Terror stricken, she tried to shoo him away, but the rodent regarded her with indifference, showing no disposition to run away; he just blinked at her with his little bead-like eyes.

1971

50 years ago this week

PARK FIREMEN

CERTIFIED: The Park complied with all the rules and regulations imposed by a recently passed state law requiring all firefighting personnel to train and complete all aspects of first aid and to qualify as ambulance attendants. The city also has complied with the law by carrying the most modern lifesaving equipment in its fire department ambulance.

Obituaries: Clara E. Cummings, Neil A. Patterson, Margaret I. Hanson, Lottie K. Stack, Carl Koseff, Winifred F. Nebel, Giosue Delia, Frederick J. Critchfield, Pricilla Brett Sides, Lulu A. Harbison

VanGampelaere, Betty Jane Landesman-Morgan, Irene M. LaFleur

2011

10 years ago this week

SPECIAL MOMENT

FOR NORTH STUDENT: Myles Harlan, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and sophomore at Grosse Pointe North, was hand-picked by a special selection committee associated with the GRAMMY Foundation to attend the

"Sound of Young America: The History of Motown" event at the White House. Along with other students, Harlan, 15, received a private tour of the West Wing by Michelle Obama and attended a workshop hosted by Michelle Obama, Smokey Robinson, John Legend and Berry Gordy Jr.

Obituaries: Thomas C. Boisture, Florence Mossner Hinks, Dorothy Ellen Renaud, Gayle Frances Bloink Lehman, David Edward Wagensomer, Madeline "Madge" Smolenski

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OUR VIEW

We can make Democracy last

The U.S. Constitution specifically prohibits its Bills of Attainder or Corruption of Blood. The founders of our country were codifying a new concept, that the family members of those that commit treason would not themselves be stained by the actions of the traitor. Put simply, governments had for the past two millennia, from the Republic of Rome to the Monarchy of Britain used this powerful tool to take the property, liberty and even life of the heirs of powerful parties in opposition to their rule.

Starting in the halls of the senate of Rome, the dictator Lucius Cornelius Sulla Felix in 81 BC put together his Proscription lists condemning thousands of Roman citizens to death for their familial relationship to those who opposed his rule, paving the way for the death of the Republic and the rise of the Empire. Plutarch states in his Life of Sulla that "Sulla now began to make blood flow, and he filled the city with deaths without number or limit," further alleging that many of the murdered victims had nothing to do with Sulla, though Sulla killed them to "please his adherents."

Our founders vehemently rejected the practice of staining the family of political opponents. The sins of the father would not be the sins of the son. This idea that everyone is in control of their own destiny was one of the very new rights and concepts being debated around the world. And the Constitution codified those rights like few others. Possibly one of the reasons the United States did not descend into the madness of France in the early days of our new republic.

It has been 234 years since the document that governs our nation was signed, roughly half the reign of the arc of the Republic of Rome. Our nation has experienced material challenges in its journey from the backwaters of another nation to the most powerful country in the world. Most Americans would agree that we have overcome those challenges and every year are the better for it, striving toward a more perfect union. Today, many in America have noticed that we are at an inflection point. All have either noticed that the divide in this country is deep and the chasm vast between the many identities we wrap around ourselves or they have remained willfully uniformed in their own bubbles.

We urge our readers to step back and look at the differences between our identities and those of other Americans. Political party, religion, science, sex, race, age, birthplace and food preferences. Look at the differences and truly evaluate them for being astonishingly similar. Our shared values as Americans with an emphasis on individuality,

meritocracy and liberty. Our wants and needs. Anyone who was either born here or moved here has a strong belief in freedom, in the right to vote at the age of majority, in a classless society, in education for all and in equal opportunities. We believe strongly in property rights, meaning if it is yours you can basically do whatever you want with it, whether a sacred religious text or an image of our leaders or a sacred government symbol. Here you can literally laugh at gods and man with no secular repercussions. You have the freedom to say almost whatever you want, an extreme unknown throughout the rest of the world. There are many many places throughout the world where all of these freedoms are unknown, unwanted and the phrase "off with their head" is a reality more than many of us could ever understand.

Whether white, Black, Libertarian, rich, young, born in Japan, Christian, Hindu, agnostic and/or female, most of us want a safe home, happy kids who grow up and have more kids, good friends and a healthy family. Not at the expense of anyone else, nor mutually exclusive to those around us. Whether in Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Southeast Michigan, Michigan or the United States, those wants and desires will be almost universal. Our political parties are truly not that far apart when looked at through the lens of the rest of the world and neither are the shared experiences we have. Often we watch the same sports, eat the same foods and binge watch the same shows. We hurt the same at the loss of loved ones.

The Divider in Chief is gone. Even if you liked his policies and the effect of those policies it was probably almost impossible to defend his pettiness and extreme personal attacks he would bring against his opponents and detractors. What we don't need is hundreds of new junior dividers. We need politicians who can reach across the aisle and find common ground for our shared interests and shared future prosperity. We need leaders that don't divide but convince us of their right to rule and lead. We need comity and comedy.

We can have debate on issues without personal attacks; we can have votes for our leaders without attacking the integrity of the system; we can have those leaders getting together and having a majority position to pass laws. We can have news organizations hold those leaders accountable and report on them without being maligned for credibility based on differences of opinion. We can do all of that without blood running in the streets as we have for the most part for the entirety of our nation's existence. We can have democracy that lasts.

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discussing residents' concerns, I believe I am certainly more than qualified to discuss the operation of public safety.

In the mid-'80s Grosse Pointe Park had a full-time fire department and full-time police department when we merged into a fully consolidated public safety department. A major component of this undertaking was the ability to put more officers on the street. Through implantation of such things as a 12-hour work schedule and one-man scout cars, not only were we improving the service to the community but at the same time reducing manpower through attrition. We take pride in having a response time to serious calls second to none.

Through the years not only did the PS change, so did the demographics of the city. At the same time, we began to review our procedures and policies to better respond to problems or complaints. We implemented in-car video, we revised a citizen complaint process that allows for both sides to be heard and a guaranteed response provided. Body cameras are now worn by all officers. I was extremely proud of the professional attitude the officers showed as we moved through these various issues and continue to do so. We may have made mistakes along the way, but then we were able to assess them and take corrective action when needed.

I bring these examples to you in response to criticism I hear on the lack

of diversity in the department. I am sure there are those who believe this is an orchestrated position taken by the department. Nothing could be further from the truth. In a small department like in Grosse Pointe Park, we are generally hiring only one person at any given time. Retirements and transfers occur, but with a small agency it's not often.

Our openings are posted on numerous statewide law enforcement contacts. We retained an independent agency to implement testing of potential candidates. The next phase involves an interview with members of the department. The goal of the interview is to begin to learn a little about the potential candidate. It is not uncommon today to have a candidate come into an oral board while currently being processed by other agencies.

The final phase for the potential candidate in the process is a background investigation. We maintain a list of those finalists for potential future use.

You will notice that in this letter I referred to someone seeking a law enforcement position as a candidate. That candidate has no color. That candidate has no gender. That candidate is joining an organization that is committed to providing professional service to our residents. I stand behind every one of them.

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Retired Grosse Pointe
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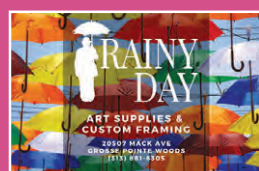
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Construction kicks off

War Memorial campus improvements underway

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While construction on major campus improvements at The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, including a new 25,000-square-foot addition and ballroom terrace, originally were not scheduled to begin until late 2022, preliminary site work of preparing the site, digging down to inspect the foundation and adding aesthetically pleasing fencing began last month.

The acceleration in the \$20 million plans was brought on by the pandemic as it has limited the ability to gather as a community, President and CEO Charles Burke explained, leading to the

decision to tackle the construction while there is significantly less foot traffic on the campus.

Since the site plan approval in August 2020, the designs, created in partnership with the Alger family and led by architecture firm ROSSETTI, haven't changed, but have grown into further specifics through the finalizing of construction documents.

These include upgrading all the life-safety systems, such as removing The Patriot Theater ceiling to place a contemporary sprinkler system, installing new HVAC systems and upgrading all of the electrical; replacing all kitchen equipment for the first time; replacing the ash trees along the main drive as two-thirds

of the trees on one side were dying despite aggressive treatment; and incorporating an energy-efficient roof onto the new addition.

"We're just excited to move forward over the next year and build something that is significant for our community," Burke said. "... We're really focused on doing this in a quality manner that matches the expectations of the community as they expect the best of us."

Work between August and February focused on asbestos abatement; submitting hundreds of pages of construction documents to earn permits through the city; engaging in a fair and equitable bidding process for all the subcon-

tractors; and securing the best quality and sustainable materials.

"We're proud to purchase American however we can (and) ... to source appropriately quality materials," Burke said. "We're also making design choices that are historically informed, from the floor materials in the ballroom matching quarter-sawn oak, which is the same wood and layout as you find in the historic Alger house."

Launching the first entry of a monthly construction report March 2, The War Memorial aims to continuously operate on a transparent basis through sharing the project's progress and challenges with the community each month.

The first entry features the first construction photos and an introduction to Wesley Lawrence, the recently hired owner's representative who will ensure quality and safety of work and who currently also is working with the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

"Unfortunately, not everybody can walk through a construction site every day," Burke explained, "so this is a manner in which we can share video, we can share photos and the adage of a picture speaks 1,000 words is absolutely true in this instance."

Focusing on preservation, restoration and enhancement of the nationally historic site, The War Memorial has made use of the unprecedented times to tackle



Physical site work has begun, including prepping the foundation of The War Memorial ballroom to create a watertight space along the lakeside of the building.

additional improvement projects around its campus, as well.

In the north wing, previously the media wing, the former cable access studio has been converted into an art gallery to feature work by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, while a grant earned from the Capital Improvement Program of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, which is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, will allow an elevator to be built in the fall. At the time it was built, the north wing didn't require an elevator, Burke said.

In the Alger house, the former welcome desk area — the new addition is intended to become the main entrance for the campus — has been returned to its historic layout by exposing the historic ceiling, walls and floor, and by using the historic materials to create a contemporary usage.

The Alger house also has gone through a "transformative declut-

tering," Burke explained, with extensive archiving of historical records and artifacts, as well as treatment and preservation of the historic floors, including stripping the stone-work in the memorial hall area down to its original form.

"It's been a really interesting mixture of adding new things with the new facility, caretaking of some of the older parts of the campus and then really being careful and delicate in how we approach everyone's Alger home here at The War Memorial," Burke said. "It's been a joy to watch this and use this moment in history, as we've not had a lot of foot traffic, to invest that time into stewardship of our campus."

The new facility now is expected to be complete and ready to welcome patrons by spring 2022.

Certain weather-dependent aspects of the project, such as landscaping and pavement work, are expected to continue for a period of time after that.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

With construction beginning in early February 2021, The War Memorial has been able to address many deferred maintenance issues, including updating life safety systems, installing a new HVAC system, updating electrical units, and improving upon energy efficiency.

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positive comment. ... We represent all of you and you're clearly against this. Because of that, I'm going to withdraw my support too."

The City began the study for the potential of a historic district in the current E-R District zone in September, with the intent to preserve its historic character, and a preliminary historic district study report was approved in mid-February. The next steps would have led to a public hearing in April, followed by council's decision on its creation.

Those in opposition to the restraints a historic district would place on homeowners raised concerns with the study process, such as not enough engagement with homeowners, the process being rushed and only favorable information being shared.

While in-person meetings would have been far more helpful in this situation to judge community opinion, Councilman Chris Walsh considered, various council members also echoed the belief that the process was completely transparent, in compliance with the Historic District Act and without nefarious intent.

"Councilman Walsh made a comment that everything comes from a good place for all of you and I can't agree more," resident Peter Heubner said. "Thank you for listening to the residents and the concerns that

many had regarding this subject."

While the potential for a historic district has been shut down, council members also largely agree that guidelines, at least in regard to new builds, still are needed and likely will be pursued, whether through ordinance changes or a set of design standards.

The result of modifying ordinances could be stricter than the flexibility historic district commissions are allowed

when working with homeowners, Councilman Dan Williams cautioned.

"I think this is good evidence that you can go to your neighbors and say, 'City council listens to us and they do represent what we want them to do when we tell them to do it,'" he said, "but I just caution you, I don't know what that's going to result in as far as what we're going to have to do to fix this problem."

The creation of a report

detailing historic assets in the potential district, conducted by Kidorf Preservation Consulting, cost the City \$17,772.

"I also would like to thank the study committee members for their hard work," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. "That work will stand

should residents decide at a later date that a historic district is worth considering, but until that happens, I believe this is the correct course of action.

"We have many important issues to focus on," she added, "including the Main Street Program to

rejuvenate The Village, the Mack Avenue Redevelopment Program and shepherding our community's recovery from COVID, so that we know that it can be rapid and complete. So thank you, everyone. I think it's time to put this one to rest."

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Rumora to retire as municipal judge after 33 years

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — After serving as the city's prosecutor two and a half years, Matthew Rumora was appointed the Farms municipal judge by city council in May 1988, when the judge at the time resigned in the middle of his term.

Eight elections — five unopposed and three opposed — and one merger of the Farms and Shores courts in 2011 later, and Rumora will retire from the position of Farms/Shores municipal judge come the November election.

"My accomplishment, if I were to talk about one, was that people that came before me were treated with respect and judged fairly," Rumora said. "At least that's what I strive for."

Called a great leader both on and off the bench



COURTESY PHOTO

Judge Matthew Rumora will retire from his judgeship after aging out of the position, per Michigan law.

by Councilman John Gillooly, Rumora "will definitely be sorely missed," City Manager Shane Reeside said during the March council meeting.

Because serious crime tends to be rare in the Pointes, Rumora's most memorable cases are those that were most serious, including the July 2019 shooting and

car chase up Moross that ended with crashing through the Pier Park gates and one car in Lake St. Clair; the murder of a well-known Farms interior designer in 2016; and

a gang rape that took place in the Farms during his first year on the bench.

"Most of the stuff is not major," Rumora said. "Most of the people who appear in court are basically good people, they just make mistakes, but there are some bad ones and you have to know to be tough on the bad ones and not so tough on the normal ones."

It was because he talked a lot as a young kid that Rumora's parents first encouraged him to go into law for his career.

"They inspired me and they taught me that anyone can achieve success and their goals with hard work and so I followed their advice," he said.

"My dad worked in sales. My mom was a teacher in Detroit. My dad said, 'Always work for yourself if you can. Be your own boss,' and so that's what I did. After I got admitted

to the bar, I worked for an attorney for a short time and then I opened up my own practice."

With his practice, Matthew Rumora, Attorney at Law, soon to be 47 years old, Rumora will retire from it at the end of the year, as well.

While he may still handle the occasional case going forward, he and his wife, Kate, to whom he's grateful for supporting him every time he ran for re-election, plan to move to Florida.

"The Michigan constitution says you can't run for judge after you turn 70, so I'm aged out," Rumora said. "I couldn't run anyway, but I think it's time for me to move on and let somebody else take over."

Find information on the qualifications needed to run for Farms/Shores municipal judge and how to file as a candidate in our initial 2021 election coverage, on page 1A.

Antibody therapy can reduce risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

With vaccinations for COVID-19 having been making their way through the American population since mid-December, approximately 23.1 percent of Michiganders have received at least one vaccine dose, according to the state's COVID-19 vaccination dashboard, as of press time.

In the meantime and for the past few months, the Beaumont Health System has been offering Bamlanivimab — a form of monoclonal antibody therapy that can aid in keeping COVID-19 symptoms mild — to those with high-risk factors, but who test positive

early enough that their symptoms are still mild and they can remain in out-patient care.

"If you have symptoms of COVID within 10 days of onset when you present and you don't need oxygen and you have what the FDA has decided are high-risk conditions for progression of disease to severe respiratory illness," explained Dr. Joel Fishbain, medical director of Infection Prevention and Epidemiology for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, "then these drugs seem to markedly reduce your need for hospitalization or having to be put on a ventilator."

The FDA notes the

treatment is for those 65 and older; 55 and older with cardiovascular disease, hypertension, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or other chronic respiratory disease; and 18 and older with a body mass index over 35, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, an immunosuppressive disease or currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment.

There are additional criteria for its use with 12- to 17-year-olds, as well.

Given through a vein by a single IV infusion, Bamlanivimab is in essence a manufactured antibody, made to target a specific part of the virus and achieve passive immunity.

"The way they work is, obviously, if I have circu-

lating virus in my body, but I have not had enough time to generate an immune response, where my own antibodies would attack it as well as certain types of white cells to shut down the virus, then this could give people an opportunity to get rid of the virus while they're waiting for their own immune system to work," Fishbain explained.

Prior to the Hepatitis A vaccination, those traveling overseas who could be exposed to the foodborne illness were given an immunoglobulin shot which had antibodies from people against Hepatitis A. This is another example of passive immunity, which is simply giving a person an antibody or antibodies to an infection, as opposed to active immunity, where

your own cells would attack the virus and create an immune response.

Ken (last name withheld for medical privacy) and his wife, Park residents, received infusions of Bamlanivimab at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak Tuesday, March 1, after testing positive for COVID-19 the day prior at a Beaumont Urgent Care.

The process, he said, took about two hours altogether, including waiting afterward to ensure there wouldn't be a negative reaction.

"We were beginning to feel better about that time, so it's a little hard to tell (the treatment's effect), because how do we know what we would have felt like if we hadn't gotten it?" he said. "You have no way to compare.

My symptoms dissipated within a few days after that and my wife was lagging a little bit, but we both feel pretty normal now."

After beginning to offer the monoclonal antibody treatment in December, the Beaumont system has given out 579 doses as of the beginning of March, at its two infusion centers at Troy Beaumont and Royal Oak Beaumont, respectively.

The fact that number isn't higher may come down to patients' willingness to accept the new treatment, Fishbain explained.

"I think a lot of patients are probably reluctant to receive what they might consider to be experimental treatments," he said.

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demic and I urge Michiganders to make a plan to get your vaccine when you are eligible."

The decision is based on the anticipated amount of vaccines becoming available to the state — the MDHHS expects to continue receiving at least a com-

bined 450,000 doses in first and second doses of Pfizer and Moderna each week, as well as a currently undetermined amount of Johnson & Johnson doses — and President Joe Biden's directive that all adults should be eligible by May 1.

Prior to the April 5 date, vaccine eligibility in the state will be expanded to those 16

and older with disabilities or high-risk medical conditions, as of Monday, March 22. The date also will mark vaccine eligibility for all Michiganders 50 and older.

"This is welcome news," said Michelle Roberts, executive director of Disability Rights Michigan, in a press release. "Since the vaccine rollout in Michigan started, we have pushed for all people with disabilities to be higher up on the vaccine priority list. It really can be a matter of life or death."

Also announced last week, Michigan has been selected, by the Biden Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to become one of the few states to receive a regional community vaccination site.

With Ford Field chosen as the mass vaccination site, it is set to open Wednesday, March 24, and offer 6,000 additional vaccine doses per day to the state for eight weeks, operating seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"FEMA is committed to the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5, in a press release. "In coordination with our federal, state

and local partners, we are establishing the Ford Field site to expand the rate of vaccinations in an efficient, effective and equitable manner, with an explicit focus on making sure that local communities with a high risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection are not left behind."

To register for a vaccination appointment at Ford Field, visit clinic.meijer.com/register/CL2021 or text "EndCOVID" to 75049. Those who don't have access to the internet or who need assistance navigating the vaccine registration process may call the MDHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 (press 1) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

After completing the registration process, you will receive an invitation via call or text when it's your turn to schedule an appointment, which will be scheduled a few days in advance.

Offered at no cost, vaccines will be administered based on the Social Vulnerability Index.

The site will be managed by the state, with support from FEMA, Wayne County, the city of Detroit, Ford Field, Meijer, Henry Ford Health System and the Detroit Lions.

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Public safety awards and annual report

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Park's annual public safety awards for 2019 and 2020 were presented at the city council meeting Monday, March 8.

Each year an awards board committee, consisting of a command officer, member of the detective bureau and public safety officer, meets to review recommendations for the awards.

For 2019, a Department Commendation was awarded to Sgt. Daniel Kolar and Public Safety Officer Scott Gilchrist; a Department Citation was awarded to PSO Kevin

Remus; a Department Life Saving Award was given to Sgt. Michael Miller and PSO Christopher Muklewicz; a Department Unit Commendation was awarded to Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman, Lt. James Bostock, dispatcher Jill Mazzara and PSO Robert Ruggero; a Department Citation was awarded to Muklewicz; a Department Commendation was awarded to Miller, PSO Kevin Remus and PSO Michael O'Brien; a Department Life Saving Award was given to Lt. Colin Connaire, PSO Erik Davis, O'Brien and PSO Brady Baetens; a

Department Unit Commendation was awarded to Detective Sgt. Michael Narduzzi, Pittman, Bostock, PSO Thomas Taylor, Remus and PSO Adam Bremer; and a Department Unit Commendation was awarded to O'Brien, PSO Jesse Lafriniere and Bremer.

For 2020, Department Commendations were awarded to Bostock, Kolar, PSOs Thomas Card, Aristides Reyes, Gilchrist,

Thomas Lada (2), Baetens and Ryan Nelson and dispatcher Josephine Hendrix. Department Citations were awarded to Narduzzi, PSOs Remus, Muklewicz, O'Brien, Bremer, Thomas Lada and Ryan Nelson and dispatcher Dawn Kelly. A Chief's Letter was awarded to Kolar, PSOs Ryan Milroth, Ronald M. Loosvelt, Thomas Card, Reyes, Gilchrist and Nelson and dispatcher Jodi East.

The public safety's annual report for 2020 showed a 32 percent decrease in crime from 2019; however, 2020 brought an increase in the reported number of assaults, drug crimes, drunken driving arrests, fraud and identity thefts. Larcenies, auto theft, weapon offenses and destruction of property crimes fell by almost 20 percent from 2019. Fire-related calls increased by 2 percent.

"I have to comment, just based on the time that I've been on council, this is probably the most favorable annual public safety report that I've had the privilege to review," Mayor Bob Denner said. "I think it's an indication that we do have an excellent department based on outcomes and that often has a lot to do with the effectiveness not only of the hiring process, but of the training process and the examples set."

Council amends ordinances

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Park city council passed multiple ordinance amendments at its meeting Monday, March 8.

Up for amendment were ordinance 222, regarding the planning commission; ordinance 221, regarding emergency electrical generators; ordinance 220, regarding dogs; and ordinance 223, regarding the Michigan vehicle code.

The proposed amendment for ordinance 222 regarding the planning commission included revision to compose the planning commission of seven members, six of whom would be representative of the city and one of whom would be an ex-officio member. This member would be a member of the city council. An eighth member of the council could be appointed simply as an administrative officer and would be a non-voting member. This amendment would align the planning commission's composition with the Park's peer communities.

It was proposed that ordinance 221, which regulates the use of emergency electrical generators, be amended to allow installation of generators on the side of properties rather than exclusively in the rear. This would require written consent of immediately adjacent neighbors. The process of installing a generator on the side of a unit would no longer require a variance brought to council.

The proposed amendment for ordinance 220 regarding dogs sur-

posed due to the approval of the Patterson Park park's opening. The council amended the ordinance to no longer allow dog-walking permits at Patterson Park.

"The sense of the committee was, and administration, this was supported by administration," Councilwoman Lauri Read said, "If we have a dog park at Patterson Park, we don't also need dog-walking licenses, permits I should say."

Ordinance 223 deals with the "super-drunk" portion of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Assistant City Attorney Katelyn Young explained as the code stands now, Park public safety cannot charge someone with a blood alcohol content of 0.17 or more.

"In order to charge defendants with a blood alcohol content of 0.17 or more, which carries an enhanced penalty of up to 180 days in jail, the city code needs to specifically enumerate the language set out in the motor vehicle code under MCL257.625(1)(c), so that it specifically includes the language regarding the offense, the penalties and the violations.

"As of the ordinance review committee date, four of the nine drunk-driving cases that the city saw could have been charged as super-drunk BACs," Young said. "So this would permit our officers to issue the enhanced charges there and keep those local, versus sending them to Wayne County to be charged since they do exceed the 93-day misdemeanor."

All four amendments were passed by council.



Paddy's Day pride

Motor City Pipes and Drums entertained the crowd on the corner of Beaconsfield and Kercheval during the first Paddy's in the Park, an outdoor St. Patrick's Day party hosted by the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Park TIFA and Grosse Pointe Magazine on March 13.



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Sloane Tobin, Claire Denworth, Hayley Davis, Ellie Fooks, Amelia Fooks, Dash McCarthy and Milo Cooley hang out with the crowd in front of Atwater Brewery.



Brendan Clancy toasts his dad, Mike Clancy, who purchased shamrock jackets for himself and his son last year, but couldn't wear them because of the shutdown. They were excited to debut the jackets this year.

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The Bronze Door makes a return

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In a nod to a popular restaurant of the same name and in the same location from the 1960s to early '80s, The Hill Seafood & Chop House has officially been re-named The Bronze Door and is anticipating an open date toward the end of April, dependent on acquiring personnel.

The Joe Vicari Restaurant Group became the operating partner of the restaurant in a 50/50 partnership with owner Anthony Soave of Soave Enterprises in September.

“We want to bring back what once was a great restaurant and we thought that the name would be very catchy,” said President Joe Vicari of Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, adding a bronze door will be placed at the Kercheval entrance as it was in the past. “I remember a lot of young people were going there for their

high school proms and homecoming, so it was a place to go when you had an occasion to celebrate.”

While the bar has been kept largely the same due to its popularity, an approximately \$300,000 remodel includes additional seating, new lighting and color schemes, and new kitchen equipment.

The biggest change is going to be the sophisticated vibe of the establishment, which has been well needed in Grosse Pointe, Vicari said.

“You’re going to know that you’re at a cool, special place,” he added. “Not necessarily expensive, but it’s going to be, ‘Wow, this is really a place to go.’ This will be a type of restaurant that Grosse Pointers drive to Troy or Birmingham (for). They won’t have to do that, because they’re going to have one right in their neighborhood.”

A new menu will emphasize fresh fish and seafood, potentially such as oysters and sushi, and will be switched out three



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Owners of The Hill Seafood & Chop House recently announced a name change for the establishment.

times a year for spring, summer and fall/winter.

“As the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group, we’re very proud to team up with Soave Enterprises,” Vicari said, “and I think the Grosse Pointe com-

munity is going to be very happy that The Bronze Door is reopening on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms.”

This is not the first time the JVRG has brought back an iconic restaurant

name.

After the Joe Muer Seafood brand, around since 1917, closed in 1988, the organization brought the name back in 2011.

The same was done

with Brownies on the Lake. With its namesake popular in the '70s, the group brought the name back 11 years ago, with permission from the family, after purchasing the old Jack’s Waterfront.

Bookshop plans progress in the Park

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A new bookstore is in the works for the Park’s Kercheval business district and is expected to open for business this June.

The bookstore, named Coreander’s Children’s Bookshope, heeds its name from “The Neverending Story” by Michael Ende. Main character Bastian Balthazar Bux found the book that took him on his adventure in Carl Conrad Coreander’s bookstore. Coreander taught Bastian about books in the store.

“You’re hiding, aren’t you?” Coreander said in the story. “The video arcade is down the street. Here, we just sell small, rectangular objects: they’re called ‘books.’ They require a little effort on your part and make no bee-bee-bee-beeps. On your way!”

Owners Shery Cotton, Mike Cotton and Sean Cotton have always dreamed of opening a bookstore.

“All of us are voracious readers and always wanted to own a bookstore, my mom for years



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A rendering of how Coreander’s Children’s Bookshope will appear.

and years,” Sean Cotton said. “I grew up with the bookstore being one of my favorite places to go as a kid, finding new adventures.”

Shery Cotton has a particular love for independent bookstores and tries to visit them in her travels.

“If I visit a city, an independent bookstore is always my first stop,” she said. “From Inverness, Scotland to Sardinia, Italy, I always am home

when I enter the local bookstore.”

Sean Cotton recalled traveling to bookstores throughout Manhattan during his college years. To him, the idea of bookstores becoming less mainstream with the surge of online shopping is upsetting.

“The loss of bookstores is devastating,” he said. “They are places to go and learn and love the written word.”

Coreander’s Children’s

Bookshope will cater mostly to readers aged newborn to young adult. A small section for parents is in the plans, consisting of a few periodicals and best sellers.

The owners hope to use the shop for more than just selling books. In a backroom space of the bookstore, they plan to host puppet shows, interactive learning experiences and Saturday movie nights, where par-

ents can drop off their children for pizza and a movie while they go out to dinner.

There are hopes of hosting author book readings. The owners also aim to provide an after-school learning program, potentially with reading tutors for the kids.

Coreander’s Children’s Bookshope will have a café, brewing coffee and cold brew and serving up hot chocolate, pastries

and gourmet ice cream. The café will have indoor space accompanied by an outdoor garden space next door, which will have tree-shaded tables and chairs.

To further enhance the Park’s Kercheval business district, two apartments are being built above the bookstore. The hope for the apartments is to have them rented out through an “artist in residence” and a “writer in residence” program each year. Occupants of the residency program will have access to the garden below.

Darrell Dinges with Ron and Roman is the local man on the ground helping design the shop with the famous duo.

“Dinges is on the team and lives in the Park and has been great to work with, very hands on,” Sean Cotton said. “The whole team is awesome and know how to bring a dream to life.”

William Thomas is the architect for the building. Thomas has been involved in many Grosse Pointe projects, including the Bricks Pizzeria and the future Oyster House.

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An interior rendering of Coreander’s Children’s Bookshope.



The proposed stage at Coreander’s.



People gather on opening day for food and drinks.

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Coriander Kitchen and Farm open for business

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

DETROIT — After 15 years of sitting empty, the former Tommy's and

Fisherman's Marina is now open as a farm-to-table restaurant, Coriander Kitchen and Farm.

The restaurant, which opened Saturday March

6, in Detroit's Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood, offers canal-side seating for customers to enjoy a COVID-safe dining experience.

The owners, chef Alison Heeres and farmer Gwen Meyer, first combined their passion for sustainability and farm fresh foods in 2015, and have since created seasonal menus and classic pub staples. "Bright herbs, crunchy

vegetables and sustainably sourced meat and fish make this canal-side eatery perfect for healthy eaters and traditional bar patrons alike," Heeres said in a press release.

Heeres told Grosse Pointe News that customer feedback has been positive. She said their opening signature cocktail, a Coriander Farm shiso-infused

vodka drink, which was supposed to last through April, already has sold out after only two weekends in business.

They also are selling a lot of whitefish sandwiches, which she shared are made with "love."

For now, dining is limited to outdoor only with fire pits available for reservations of up to six people, public picnic tables at a first-come, first-served basis, along with carryout options.

Heeres said they want to be responsible with their business by making the health and safety of their employees and customers a priority

amid the pandemic.

Coriander Kitchen is neighbors with Detroit River Sports, which is owned by Meyer's husband, Alex Howbert, who led the rehab of the complex.

A partnership between the two businesses will offer "Paddle to Table Dinners," including a Detroit River Sports tour on the water followed by a meal at Coriander.

The restaurant's farm fresh produce is grown at the Coriander Farm on Scott Street on Detroit's east side. Along with dining, there

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Sous chef Jake Osborn and line cooks Chris Cunningham and Zach Seltzer prepare the orders.

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Coffee, cuts and now cones

Park business owners taking on a new venture

By Whitney McDonald
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park business owners Chad and Jami Buchanan are restoring a local ice cream shop and adding it to their small business portfolio.

This is the seventh business the couple is taking on. They own four Detroit Barber Co. locations, two Lucky Detroit Coffee shops and now one ice cream parlor.

When Jami and her husband walked by the then-empty storefront of

G.P. Sweeties ice cream and candy shop, they thought it would be the perfect addition to their growing businesses, she said.

There are plans to start renovations in the next couple of weeks in anticipation for a June opening, just in time for summer.

The shop's name is still undecided, but they are certain the style of the store will honor its historical feel while adding in some rustic flare to match the barber and coffee shops.

Jami Buchanan shared

her love for the community in Grosse Pointe Park, specifically the support they have received for their businesses.

They plan to continue serving classic candies and create custom ice cream and coffee creations to bring together the individual stores.

Each store has several things in common, including looks, feel and the uniqueness they bring to each community they serve.

"It's exciting," she said. "We have a lot of work to do."



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The inside of the restaurant, which will be opened at a later date. At this time, the restaurant is open for outdoor dining and carryout only.

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are plans to sell fresh produce and flowers from the farm at the restaurant site.

Since the grand opening, the restaurant has expanded its hours. In addition to 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, the restaurant will be open 4 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays.

The pair hopes to be open full time this summer as the staff continues to grow.

"We are excited to see it come to life," Heeres said.



Samantha Friedman, Oakley Friedman and Jeffrey Friedman enjoy the sunshine while they wait for their orders — and while 3-year-old Crosby naps.

Coriander Kitchen and Farm is located at 14601 Riverside, Detroit. For more information, visit corianderkitchenandfarm.com.

Foster Financial breathes new life into Joe Louis parking structure

Foster Financial Company Inc., a metro Detroit-based real estate firm led by 28-year-old Bradley Foster of Grosse Pointe Farms, recently purchased the one-million-square-foot, 3,000-space parking structure formerly used as parking for the recently demolished Joe Louis Arena.

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Pointe-based family office Tribus LLC, Foster and Tribus purchased what has been a highly controversial, yet iconic piece of real estate in Detroit. The sale was successfully represented by Jerrod Wigal of Cushman Wakefield in Chicago, on behalf of the Seller, Sterling Group.



See LIFE, page 16A **Bradley Foster**



A view of the patio from the second floor space which, at some point in the future, will be able to be rented.



RENDERING COURTESY OF SEAN COTTON

A look at the proposed cafe inside Coreander's Children's Bookshope.

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Mark Brown Contracting is the builder.

Landscaping the garden and engineering water runoff will be headed by Joe Backer. Caroline Pernal has aided in the garden design.

The manager of Coreander's Children's Bookshope, Jennifer Kendall, has pursued a life filled with focus on childhood education. Kendall obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree at Mount Holyoke College, her master's degree at Caldwell College and her master's in education degree at

Columbia University, Teacher's College. She is on track to receive her doctorate of education from Vanderbilt University this May. From 2008 to 2020, Kendall was involved with The Grosse Pointe Academy as head of the Lower School.

Coreander's is expected to open in June 2021.

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Foster Financial recently purchased the Joe Louis Arena parking structure.

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While COVID has been a setback, the team feels the city's resurgence is only beginning. Though sale and leasing transactions have slowed down in the area, Foster remains bullish on the market in Detroit.

"The office and real estate environment around the entire country is evolving," said Foster, president of Foster Financial, "but there are too many intelligent and determined real estate investors in Detroit to allow us to take steps backward. We feel that we are in good company and when the opportunity to purchase the Joe Louis Arena parking deck came to us, we knew that we would regret not furthering our commitment to the city if we didn't proceed with the acquisition."

Foster partially attributed the desire to purchase the parking structure to the recent acquisition of the 211 Tower last October. Located at Fort and Washington streets, the 450,000-square-foot office building at 211 W. Fort presented leasing challenges, like many build-

ings in Detroit, due to its lack of on-site parking. By purchasing the parking deck, Foster will be able to offer nearly unlimited parking to prospective tenants at 211 Tower, while charging below-market rates. This will directly save Detroit employees thousands of dollars per year. With 120,000 square feet of contiguous vacancy and affordable parking, companies will be remiss to not consider 211 Tower as their new home.

The Joe Louis garage is quickly going to become more than just a place to park; it will be a mobility hub for those who work all around the city. With features such as a direct exit right off the M-10 Lodge Freeway, covered access to the People Mover, electric vehicle charging stations and electric bike and scooter rentals, this garage is a starting point for those who work in Detroit to disperse around the city easily and quickly in a variety of ways. Whether parkers work in Greektown or the Renaissance Center, the People Mover's quick loop makes it simple to save money on parking every month and efficiently get to work in 15

minutes or less. In addition to easy access, Foster will create a lounge and eatery for parkers to grab breakfast and a coffee in the morning before heading to work.

Foster has immediately kicked off a multi-million-dollar renovation that will make the parking deck state-of-the-art. Having been vacant many years, the garage is about to undergo a structural makeover, on top of new signage, camera and security systems, automated access and new LED lighting. Other upgrades being contemplated are car wash facilities, dry cleaning pickup and drop off and a shuttle service.

Brad Carson, Foster Financial's head of asset management, expressed the company's desire to redevelop the parking garage into something special.

"We want this property to be much more than just a place to park in the morning," he said. "Our company's strategy has always been to add value where others may not see opportunity. With 3,000 or more people starting their day at the Joe Louis deck, we are able to offer unique amenities on a large scale."

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The staff at Growing Smiles stands in front of the angel wings that adorn the side of the office.

New faces, warm welcome at Growing Smiles

Growing Smiles, which specializes in dental care for kids, recently welcomed to its staff two new doctors, both of whom are dedicated to making visits to the dentist or orthodontist hassle-free and fun.

“We wanted to create a place where children can have a positive dental experience from day one,” co-owner Kristy Slanec said. “When this happens, they will lead healthier lives and know how to prevent future dental issues. Pediatric dentists are special people. They are trained to work with children and have a sense of kindness

and fun about them. This is what we wanted to share — specialized care for kids with love, fun, kindness and state-of-the-art equipment.”

Growing Smiles welcomed Dr. Jenn Cleary to its team in January. The pediatric dentist said her goal in treating patients is for children to have a fun experience.

“We want to make sure kids want to come back to the dentist,” she said. “We work with kids through the appointment so they know what will happen. We want them to be lifelong patients.”

Growing Smiles treats children as young as six

months until they turn 18 years old.

“We’d like to see them at least by their first birthday,” Cleary said, “to help them get in the habit of seeing a dentist, to get comfortable coming to us.”

Pediatric dentists complete an additional two to three years of rigorous training after completing a four-year dental school. The specialized program of study prepares them to meet specific needs of infants, children and adolescents.

“Training in pediatric dentistry also covers

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March to your health with The Corner’s wellness tips

“A healthy body is a moving body,” says Corner Studio trainer and certified nutrition health coach Lindsay Perrigan. Springtime’s sunnier days and warmer temperatures inspire positive habits like eating well, being active and getting outdoors. Here, Lindsay’s tips for making bite-size changes for healthful months ahead.

Plate pretty portions

If you’re eating out, ask the server to bring out only half of your meal and put the remainder in a takeout. This prevents overindulging without feeling deprived. Make your plate the color of the rainbow by crowding out unhealthy foods with nutritious options, like fruits and vegetables.

Choose a happy workout

If running is your jam, then run. Break up the day with a bike ride or grab those walking shoes for a couple quick laps around the block. Shake up your old routine with diverse offerings at The Corner, or tune in virtually. We’re all at different fitness stages — you’ve just got to move!

Favor fresh air

Outdoor exercise is a great way to get your Vitamin D and embrace what Mother Nature has to offer. Take advantage of Michigan’s beautiful parks and trails this season. Check the weather and wear breathable, nonrestrictive attire.

Try Lindsay’s favorite healthy snack to make ahead for days on the go

Grab & Go Egg Muffins

Ingredients

- 16 Eggs
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- 1 medium onion
- 2 cups of fresh spinach, chopped
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Preheat oven 350 degrees. On stove top in medium pan, add one tablespoon olive oil and sauté onion and additional veggies until soft. Stir in spinach. Place veggie mixture in greased muffin tins. In a medium bowl, beat eggs and milk. Pour egg mixture over sautéed veggies. Bake 18-20 minutes. Once cooled, store/transport in sandwich bags or Tupperware containers.

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On the road again

Grandfather says he was back on his motorcycle one week after hip replacement surgery at Ascension St. John Hospital



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Vincent, a hip replacement surgery patient at Ascension St. John Hospital, says his grandchildren were key in prompting him to do something about his hip pain.

Vincent said he began noticing issues with his hip after running two half marathons with his daughter. He said the pain continued to get worse and he was struggling to keep up with his active grandchildren.

"We've got two beautiful grandkids right now and I found myself on the sidelines, watching more than participating," Vincent said. "That was a key trigger for me to do something about my hip pain."

Vincent had hip replacement surgery at Ascension St. John Hospital. He said the day after surgery, he was walking around outside with a walker and one week following his operation, he was back on his motorcycle.

"I would certainly recommend care at Ascension St. John Hospital," Vincent said. "They have a competent team and helped ease my concerns."

Michael Wind, D.O., was Vincent's orthopedic surgeon at Ascension St. John Hospital. He said it's always a great feeling to see patients' improvements after surgery.

"The most rewarding part of my job is increasing people's mobility and getting them back to enjoying

their life without medications and pain," Dr. Wind said. "If joint discomfort starts to affect your daily life, have a discussion with your doctor about joint replacement surgery."

Vincent said having hip replacement surgery has allowed him to take part in activities with his family again.

"Hip replacement surgery has really restored my relationship with the grandkids," he said. "I was really able to open up and have some fun."

"We've got two beautiful grandkids right now, and I found myself on the sidelines, watching more than participating. That was a key trigger for me to do something about my hip pain."

— Vincent U., a hip replacement surgery patient at Ascension St. John Hospital

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child psychology, growth and development, and caring for special needs patients," Slanec said. "Pediatric dentists are well prepared to help anxious or frightened children feel at ease and to provide a positive experience for them."

Cleary joins Dr. Justin Kammo, an orthodontist who became part of the Growing Smiles team six months ago. The two were dental school classmates, which creates a nice team environment, Cleary said.

Kammo said his goal is to provide patients a comfortable, fear-free experience, which he achieves by offering calm, relaxing visits.

"There are a lot of orthodontists in the area, but not a lot of them work with pediatric dentists," Kammo said. "A lot of kids get lost in the transition. When they turn 8 or 9, they're referred to an orthodontist and lose track of the pediatric dentist. ... We collaborate under one roof."

Added Slanec, "Having

an orthodontist in the same office as our pediatric dentist sets us apart from other offices. You have two specialists working as a team for your child and family."

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Virtual conferences popular with parents

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

How do you hold parent-teacher conferences during a pandemic?

Virtually, of course.

It turns out, the Grosse Pointe Public School System's virtual conferences have been faster, more convenient and just as informative as traditional in-person conferences, several parents said.

"I was in love with the conference virtually," said Nan Lewis Sabella of Grosse Pointe, who has a junior in Grosse Pointe

South High School.

Mike Cowan of Grosse Pointe Farms attended virtual conferences for a sixth grader at Brownell and a junior at South.

"They were quick," Cowan said. "It was nice to do it from your own home."

Amy Grulikowski Vorhees thought the virtual conferences for her sophomore daughter at South were "great."

"I think these were just as personal" as in-person conferences, Grulikowski Vorhees said. "You're not face-to-face, but it's just as personal."

"I was sent everything I needed to make the appointment and it turned out perfectly," Grulikowski Vorhees said.

In-person conferences mean a lot of time spent waiting in line to see teachers.

"This is actually the first year I've been able to attend all of his conferences," Lewis Sabella said.

A teacher, Lewis Sabella said she was always busy doing conferences for her students. When she could attend, she found the lines for

high school conferences were so long, she never made it to all of her son's teachers.

"I hope they continue with the video conferences," Cowan said.

GPPSS started doing video conferences in the fall. The key is the PTC Wizard program, which allows parents to see who their child's teacher is and when they are available, said Chris Stanley, the district's director of instructional technology.

"We started using it in the fall at the secondary level and it worked very well, so we decided to

use it in the elementaries this session," Stanley said.

He added there are still a few issues to work out. For example, how much time to you give to a reading specialist compared to a classroom teacher, because a reading specialist sees more students than a classroom teacher might.

The virtual conferences only work if everyone stays on schedule. This semester, high school and middle school students had five minutes per conference. Elementary students had 15 minutes.

But an elementary teacher may have 25 students and a high school teacher may have 100, Stanley said.

Will the virtual conferences continue? That decision hasn't been made, but the virtual conferences could end up as the silver lining of the pandemic.

"100 percent" we're using PTC Wizard next year, Stanley said. "We just heard great results from it."

But, he's not sure if the actual conferences will be in person, virtual or a hybrid version.

South senior honored as state Journalist of the Year

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The title of Michigan High School Journalist of the Year goes to Eva McCord, a 17-year-old senior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

A panel of judges from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association chose the Grosse Pointe Park resident over 27 other candidates from throughout the state.

"I think it goes without saying that I'm just super honored," McCord said. "At the same time, it just feels super validating."

McCord goes on to compete against winners from all 50 states for the national award.

"Eva is an accomplished student journalist who has dedicated time and effort to The Tower newspaper over the past four years," Tower adviser Kaitlin Edgerton said in an email. "Her writing and artistic talent stands out, which I believe is why Eva was selected as Michigan's Journalist of the Year."

McCord is assistant editor of the student newspaper and has worked with other staffers to help improve The Tower's overall quality, Edgerton said.

McCord said she enjoys taking on a wide variety of stories, but feature stories, stories about mental health and gender equality are among her favorites.

Her work on The Tower has helped convince McCord to pur-

sue a future in journalism.

"Even though I was on The Tower for four years, it wasn't until this summer that I decided to go into journalism in some capacity," McCord said.

She plans to attend the University of Chicago next year and pursue an interdisciplinary major in the history, philosophy and social studies of science and medicine.

"I just think with the pandemic and the really urgent need of science communications ... the world needs journalists that are skilled not just in reporting but in science," McCord said.

Her goal is to write in a way that helps people stay abreast of the facts and take care of their health.



Eva McCord

Early childhood program at Trombly OK'd for additional year

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's administration, during its last board meeting, asked the school board to run the early childhood program at Trombly Elementary for one more year in 2021-22.

Families were allowed to sign up and put down a deposit for the 2021-22 program, something Superintendent Gary

Niehaus said was a mistake.

Niehaus said he'd like to allow the program to run one more year to honor those commitments.

Trombly's early childhood program has a waiting list of three students for the pre-K program. All other programs currently have room for next year's classes, said Sara Meier of the early childhood program.

What to do about

Trombly's early education program turned out to be a very complicated problem that wasn't solved in one meeting. In the end, the board asked the administration to come up with costs and options for another day's discussion.

Trombly and Poupard elementary schools were closed after the 2019-20 school year, to save money as part of the district's efforts to combat declining enrollments.

However, Trombly was allowed to remain open this year as an early childhood learning center.

Trustee David Brumbaugh is a strong proponent of Trombly's early learning center and enrolled each of his daughters in the program when they reached the right age.

There are few childcare options in the community, Brumbaugh said, adding other districts such as Troy and Novi

have heavily invested in such programs.

"If we're going to be competitive, it's something that really sets us at a disadvantage if we don't have that program available," Brumbaugh said after the meeting.

Currently there is only space in early childhood programs for about 5 percent of the students who could be eligible, according to Brumbaugh's estimate. Consequently moving the Trombly students to other buildings could potentially displace students from those buildings, he said.

"I know families that have not located here in

the Pointes because of a lack of child care," Trustee Lisa Papas said. "I think there is a market here."

Several school board members wanted a long-term plan for Trombly. The discussion ranged from whether Trombly should be torn down to whether it could still become an early learning center. And of course, there were questions about how much any option would cost.

"The big picture thing has to be dealt with soon or we're going to have to demolish those two properties," Trustee Ahmed Ismael said.

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remained fully open.

Other parents worried the pandemic made in-classroom learning dangerous. Some worried the very contagious COVID-19 virus made classrooms unsafe by placing them too close together during the pandemic. Others were concerned the district's historic buildings weren't equipped to purify the air.

On the other side, teachers and administrators were forced into uncharted territory, navigating a pandemic that brought a frightening number of deaths and untested situations. Almost every aspect of the normal school day had to be suddenly analyzed and rethought, from sports and extracurricular activities to how to suddenly switch from teaching students in a classroom to via a computer.

Administrators spent

months working on making schools safe. They tried everything from air purifiers to making sure there are enough masks, hand sanitizer and other PPE for all who need them.

Social distancing was the most problematic. In the end, some of the district's classes simply could not be arranged to allow six feet between everyone. The district needed to compromise by spacing students as far away as possible in those cases.

"Administrators worked hard to arrange multiple lunch spaces with six feet of distancing - aiming for that 25 percent capacity restaurant guideline, as well as provide opportunities for socially distanced connections," Fannon said. "For example, South's Link Crew is hosting a freshman lunch in the main gym Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as the class becomes accustomed to lunch at South."

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A view of the restaurant patio on the first floor and the larger event space on the second floor with a balcony. The bird-safe glass prevents bird casualties caused by heavily windowed buildings.

Ford House preparing for public opening

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As part of a plan developed in 2012 to restore, reconstruct and rehabilitate the historic Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, the long-awaited public opening of the estate's new visitor center and administration building is just around the corner. Construction is complete; landscaping and signage are near completion. City and health department inspections have yet to be fulfilled. "We are anxious to do business and get going," Ford House CEO and President Mark Heppner said. "One thing that

makes this project a pleasure is my board of directors, the Ford family. I put pressure on myself and the staff, but it's nice that the family is saying the buildings are ready when they're ready. We want to make sure when we open the doors we have our best foot forward." The project — the addition of a 40,000-square-foot visitor center and 17,000-square-foot administration building — marks the largest new construction on the estate in more than 90 years. Construction broke ground in 2017. An anticipated opening date in early April has been pushed until the

end of May. Ford House Director of Communication and Engagement Clare Pfeiffer recommended watching Ford House's website for a firm date in coming weeks. "Until we have the certificate of occupancy, we can't physically move in," Heppner said, "into the gift shop, into our offices. We're vicariously living through just walking over there." Heppner said he expects physical relocation to take up to two weeks, once final approval is granted. Ford House also will unveil a newly designed Tribute Garden, as well

as a Kitchen Garden that sits outside the restaurant and a third yet-to-be-named garden. "There are many people who were important to his project who are no longer with us," Heppner said. "One of them is Kathleen Mullins, who had this vision. ... The (third) garden will be a space where they're recognized, but also a place to sit and enjoy the landscape." The updated landscape is just the start of what visitors can expect when they finally make their way past the Ford House front gates. Heppner said guests will notice an immediate difference, from a traditional feel to something more contemporary with the addition of road lights and signage. A larger parking area also will greet guests, as will electric vehicle charging stations that are free for use by the public. Of course, guests will be struck by the buildings, Heppner said, not just their size but also the materials used and quality of the work. Detroit-based SmithGroup designed the new buildings to reflect and complement the Albert Kahn-designed historical buildings, featuring a Cotswold style with a contemporary vernacular. "They'll see that sympathetic approach to the historic core," Heppner said. "That will continue as they walk into the lobby." The immense lobby was inspired by the main hall of the main house and includes a fireplace. "It's all new and all beautiful," Heppner said, "but it also feels intimate. What I love about the lobby is it's the heart of the institution. From there, all the arteries go off in different directions



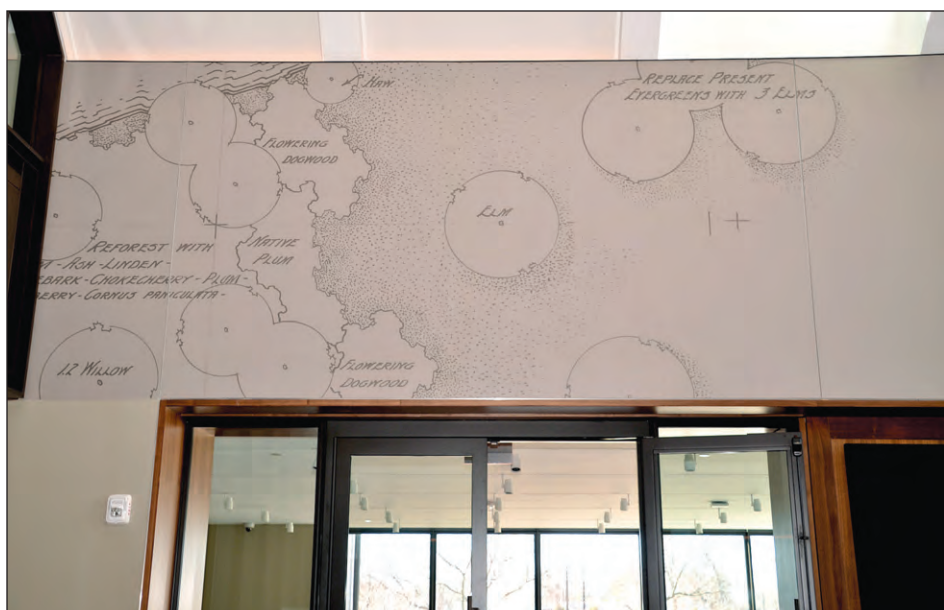
The restaurant, The Continental, will support seating for approximately 80, plus another 40 people on the patio. Wood from fallen and removed trees on the estate was milled and used to construct the restaurant's tables.

— the gift shop, the restaurant, the exhibitions." Each area of the visitor center has been thoughtfully named: ♦ The Speedster, a grab-and-go area featuring beer, wine, coffee and sandwiches; ♦ The Continental, a restaurant with seating for 80 indoors and 40 outdoors, as well as private dining for 20; ♦ The Shop, retail space featuring an array of products, both historical and locally made; ♦ The Lakeshore Room, main event space located upstairs, with a balcony overlooking Ford Cove; ♦ The Cove, a pre-function cocktail space upstairs; ♦ Gaukler Point Gallery, a rotating exhibition space. "The restaurant is a beautiful place to dine on Ford Cove and Lake St. Clair," Pfeiffer said. "We'll have rental space for family and corporate functions, classrooms that are multifunctional spaces to engage the community. ... When people come to Ford House, they'll have more ways to experience it." Changes to the visitor center are meant to put the focus on storytelling, Heppner said, from the merchandise in the gift shop to items on the menu. A big focus will be

on the audio-visual experience, "The Ford Family Story." "We're telling relevant stories of the family," he added. "Everybody knows the name 'Ford,' but not who's who. ... We're excited to be able to put out a consistent, compelling story in an engaging way. Guests will walk away with a better understanding." The lobby also will feature a bronze map of the property from 1944-45, which will "allow people for the first time to imagine what it looked like historically, but also get a sense of their bearings," Heppner said. Those bearings will help guests as they embark on never-before-offered self-guided tours. Guided tours will return when gathering guidelines allow. With the addition of the administration building, staff will be removed from the historic house into their own space. As such, the historic house will eventually be restored to its former glory and more spaces there will become part of public tours. Ford House hired a director of historic preservation in January for next steps. "All of this is about the visitor," Heppner said. "By doing all this, it



The outdoor fireplace on the patio of the visitor center.



The wallpaper in the lobby of the visitor center was created using the landscape designs of Jens Jensen, who designed the Fords' original grounds and gardens.

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Neighborhood Club preparing for spring programs

A variety of spring programs soon will begin at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, from soccer and lacrosse to co-ed T-ball and adult kickball.

Tiny Tykes Soccer for ages 3 to 5, and Mighty Tykes Soccer for ages 6 to 9, begin April 6, while a co-ed soccer team for children born between 2014 and 2018 begins April 17.

Co-Ed Soft Lacrosse for children in first and second grade begins April 25, and Co-Ed T-Ball leagues, for children born from 2014 to 2017, begin April 17. A field hockey league for girls in second through eighth grade also begins April 17.

The next session of swim lessons and programs runs April 10 to May 5; registration ends April 8, or when classes are full.

Men's Slow-pitch

Softball and Adult Co-Ed Kickball leagues soon will kick off, with softball beginning April 27, and kickball beginning May 3.

Fundamentals Basketball Camp, for boys and girls in second through eighth grade, kicks off July 19, while International Soccer Camp, for boys and girls ages 2 to 14, begins July 12.

Though registration for the Neighborhood Club's Kids Club Spring Break is coming to a close, registration for its Kids Club Summer Break, for ages 5 to 12, begins April 15. Summer Break programs run June 21 to Aug. 13, and are for members only.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit neighborhoodclub.net or call (313) 885-4600 or email web@neighborhoodclub.org.



One of Dominic Pangborn's heart sketches.



Holly Rutherford's sketch.

Fish, butterflies, dogs – and hearts!

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is well underway with its latest public art exhibit, "The Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe," as more than 100 creatively decorated heart designs have been submitted by local artists.

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location to rest their heart during public viewing.

Proceeds will be invested into the local business communities and senior friendly community initiatives.

For more information, call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 or visit grossepointechamber.com.



Blank hearts like this will serve as canvas for artists participating in the chamber's new community art project.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The Helm

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

◆ The movie "Harriet" is shown 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 26.

◆ PATH, or Personal Action Toward Health, a virtual class, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 14 to May 19, with facilitator Margaret Cooper and a Detroit Area Agency on Aging staff member.

◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month, with Jessica Malfa.

◆ Medicare Counseling When You Need It, for members and nonmembers, done by appointment via telephone or video conferencing. Call (313) 882-9600 for information or to schedule an appointment. Messages

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.

Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter offers educational programs designed to provide caregivers, families, health profes-

sionals and the general community with valuable information about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. All programs may be accessed via live online meetings at alz.org/gmc/helping_you/education_programs or by calling (800) 272-3900. The following programs are scheduled:

◆ COVID-19 Vaccine Update/Dementia Super Saturday Series, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

◆ COVID-19 & Caregiving/Dementia Super Saturday Series, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

◆ Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following virtual programs:

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

◆ Nonfiction Book Club,

7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 22. The group will discuss "Lost Children Archive" by Valeria Luiselli.

◆ Junior Financial Aid Night, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, with an Oakland University Student Financial Services representative.

◆ Finding Fossils with the U of M Museum of Natural History, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 23.

◆ In Cold Mug Book Group, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23. The group will discuss "Leave the World Behind" by Rumaan Alam.

◆ Shaddow Puppet Theater: Nain Rouge, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. This program is for adults and teens who do not scare easily.

◆ Thoughts to Action Book Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25. The group will discuss "Caste," parts 6 and 7.

◆ SF Hardy, A Children's Author Event, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27.

◆ Spice of the Month Club, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 27. The March spice is curry powder.

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

Gilda's Club Lake House

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

◆ Family Bereavement, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 22.

◆ Gentle Mat Yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 23.

◆ Chair Yoga, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 24.

◆ Gentle Mat Yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 30.

◆ Chair Yoga, 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

Register at gildasclubdetroit.org/events/calendar.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 16965 E. 12 Mile Road, Roseville.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, March 19, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, St. Basil Catholic Church, 22851 Lexington, Eastpointe.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. Sarah Emmerson and Nicole Runyon will discuss the mental health impact of the past 12 months. Visit grossepointerotary.org for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos offers the following art classes for children:

◆ Spring Break Pop Up, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$48.

◆ Clay & More Workshop, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, April 12 to May 3, for students in third through sixth grade. Cost is \$125.

◆ Tuesday or Thursday Art Club, 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. either Tuesdays, April 13 to May 11, or Thursdays, April 15 to May 13, for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Cost is \$145.

◆ Painting Club, 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 17 to May 15, for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Cost is \$150.

◆ Create Your Own Flower Pots, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24. Cost is \$28. Apart from embellishing their own flower pots, students will plant flowers in them as well.

Toastmasters

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

NAMI

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



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Shark bitten

South grad lands deal on ABC's 'Shark Tank'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As if being asked to appear on ABC's hit reality show "Shark Tank" wasn't enough, learning that one of the show's biggest names is a fan was the ultimate flattery for Samantha John.

The 2004 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate recently appeared before "the Sharks" — Kevin O'Leary, Barbara Corcoran, Daymond John, Mark Cuban, Lori Greiner and Robert Herjavec — to ask if any of them would like to invest in her company, Hopscotch.

She stepped on the soundstage looking for a \$400,000 investment in exchange for 4 percent equity, which would value the company at \$10 million.

After some intense negotiations, John left the studio with \$550,000 for 11 percent, valuing the company at \$5 million, in a deal with Cuban.



Since its inception, Hopscotch has been downloaded 24 million times and 35 million games have been published. It currently has around 200,000 active users per month.

Not a bad deal for someone who grew up completely uninterested in computers.

John, whose family still lives in Grosse Pointe Park, said it wasn't until her senior year at Columbia University, when she took a computational photography class, that she discovered this new love.

"For my final project, I turned in a photo mosaic — several of them," she said, "mosa-

ics of pictures of the campus made out of little photos of students from the senior class. It was so artistic, creative and meaningful.

"I looked at it like this secret everyone had been keeping from me," she added, "that programming could be fun and interesting. ... Why didn't anyone tell me this?"

After hearing from male friends they'd been programming for years, she wondered



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Samantha John made a business proposal on "Shark Tank" in hopes that one of the Sharks would invest in her company, Hopscotch.

why mostly boys were learning about programming and not girls. She wondered how she could get more girls to see that programming is not dry and technical, but creative and fun.

After buying her first iPad, she recognized how easy touchscreen interfaces are for children. She then set about creating a way to bring all her ideas together in Hopscotch.

"Hopscotch is a programming language I designed for touchscreen devices that kids can use to design their own games," John said. "It includes a step-by-step tutorial on how to create games or they can play games other

kids have made. Then, when they get better at it, they can make their own game, publish it, and share it with friends and family and the Hopscotch community." Since its inception in 2012, Hopscotch has been downloaded 24 million times and 35 million games have been published. It currently has around 200,000 active users per month. Among its one-time users were Mark Cuban's kids. When John appeared on the show, he told her he's a fan of her app.

"You were dominating for kids' programming language at the time," Cuban told John during the segment, which aired Feb. 26. "I look up to you for what you've been able to accomplish and what you've been able to do for my daughters and my son. I mean, thank you. Doing these games with them was thrilling to me."

John, who was contacted via LinkedIn by a casting producer to appear on the show, said the taping was nerve-racking. When her segment aired, she said she was surprised how authentic it was.

"I thought they would edit it more, but it was very linear," she said. "What you see is what happened."

John said meeting the celebrity investors was surreal and the negotiation process was intense, but in the end

she was thrilled when Cuban cut a deal with her.

"I really admire the work he's done trying to get kids into programming," she said. "And I can't believe he knows my company."

John said she's happy with the outcome of the show and the resulting uptick in new users since it aired.

"The segment really resonated with people," she said.

She also has introduced virtual currency in the app, so children can create and sell their games to other users.

"The currency is the big thing," she said. "We're letting kids start requesting currency to use for upgrades in the app. It's been really successful. ... The biggest category people are buying in right now is buying things from other kids. It's exciting to see this economy grow."

"Ultimately, I want to empower kids to do creative work and be compensated for it," she added. "I think kids are excited to become digital creators and make the type of games in the app that they play all day. And to make money from their creations is exciting for them."

Hopscotch may be downloaded on iPhone or iPad. For more information or links to available games, visit gethopscotch.com.



Samantha John pitches to the Sharks about her programming app, Hopscotch.

Wildlife tracking system takes flight at the Belle Isle Nature Center

A newly erected wildlife tracking tower at the Belle Isle Nature Center is collecting data about the movements of birds, bats and insects such as butterflies and dragonflies as part of an international network aimed at strengthening knowledge and conservation of wildlife.

The new tower supports the Motus pro-

gram, which uses coordinated radio telemetry to record the location of tagged animals that fly past or near one of these towers. Motus towers all over the world create a vast array of data used to map the movements of flying animals, including migratory birds, bats and insects.

Motus, which means

"movement" in Latin, was developed by Bird Studies Canada in collaboration with Acadia University and other research partners. The system enables an international community of researchers, educators, organizations and citizens to undertake impactful research and

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Looking for lost love

Former Pointer searching for high school sweetheart

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Alexander Moore Jr., who went by "Sandy" back in the day, remembers fondly the endearing courtship he shared with Paula Fisher during their teen years, while he was attending Grosse Pointe High School and she was at Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Those memories came flooding back while Moore, who graduated from The High in 1964, was going through some old files. Thumbing through the "N's," he came across a stack of Napoleon-themed postcards Fisher had given him.

"She sent me 10 Napoleon postcards from her trip to Paris in 1965," he said. "I was interested in Napoleon at the time. ... I thought, 'That's interesting.' I always wondered about her. She was delightful."

Those fond memories prompted him to write a recent letter to the Grosse Pointe News, addressed to the "Lost and Found Department."

"I met her in 10th grade at a junior assembly, which is something that happened every six months or so," Moore recalled. "The boys wore tuxedos, the girls dressed in formal attire. We would go to the Little Club or the Hunt Club, places like that. We had dance cards and orchestras."

"She must have been on my card to dance," he added. "She and a number of notable names like Nonie Ford and a Chalmers girl. ... Those junior assembly dances were quite something. I didn't really know who I was dancing with. Like Susie Chapin, the niece of Roy Chapin Jr., of

American Motors."

Something between Moore and Fisher clicked and the two embarked on a bit of a romance, he said.

"I connected with her for a couple years," he said. "We were a sweetheart couple. Back then, we were rather modest — a gentleman and a lady. ... She was blonde and ebullient and effervescent."

He remembers taking her to the drive-in, as well as debutante balls and a dance at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where his grandfather was a member. He also remembers becoming red-faced when The Kingsmen's "Louie Louie" played.

"She was amused at me, because of my embarrassment of certain lyrics," Moore said.

Fisher was equally embarrassed, he laughed, during a particular scene in "Little Big Man," which they watched together at Woods Theatre.

Moore has other memories of his sweetheart, like the time he couldn't take her to prom because of an unfortunate accident in chemistry class that landed him the hospital.

Or the time he showed up at her house in a borrowed 1960 Corvette, which promptly stalled.

"Another embarrassment," Moore said. "I want to take her for a ride and I can't get the thing started."

After graduating, Moore went off to college and though the couple stayed connected a little while, they eventually grew apart. Fisher went on to meet and marry Neil Hays.

"He, like me, was in Vietnam," Moore said. "But he didn't come home. I suspect she would have married

again."

Since moving to Traverse City 45 years ago, Moore said he's often wondered what happened to his dear Paula. He's tried to connect with her through friends, but to no avail.

"I really lost track of her in 1966," he said. "I'm not a computer person, but I happened to Google her name."

In doing so, Moore found mention of the Fisher family in a 1990 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, which is why he reached out to the newspaper for help.

"I don't get down to Grosse Pointe too often, maybe once or twice a year," he said, adding that a few years ago during a trip to the Pointes, he left a note at the former Academy of the Sacred Heart, now The Grosse Pointe Academy, just in case Fisher happened to return for her 50th reunion.

"I never heard back," he said.

Moore still has the box with a fleur-de-lis on its cover in which the Napoleon postcards were packaged.

"It's a treasure box for me," he said.

"I've been wanting to locate her for the last 45 years," he wrote in his letter to the newspaper, which also contained copies of two Napoleon postcards, "because if this note reaches her, she might be amused."

"If she is in favor of us meeting, I would meet her or at least establish correspondence with her," Moore said. "If she lives in Grosse Pointe, I would drive down there and say hello, just for fun."

To connect with Moore, email editor@grossepointenews.com.



Sterling Heights City Manager Mark Vanderpool is presented a plaque from Mary Lamparter, regional coordinator for Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, for the city's efforts in sponsoring service dog Sterling.

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Teamwork helps fund, pair service dog

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors has long supported Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, a Florida-based organization that raises and trains medical service and assistance dogs, then pairs them with first responders, veterans and individuals with disabilities.

While the GPBR currently is fundraising for its fifth dog, Barker — named for longtime GPBR member Judy Barker, who passed away last year — it currently celebrated the pairing of its third service dog, Sterling, with a Michigan veteran.

However, the GPBR did not act alone in raising money for Sterling's training. Funds were raised through a partnership with Jim Riehl's Friendly Chrysler Jeep dealership and the city of Sterling Heights.

GPBR CEO Bob Taylor said a chance conversation with the head of the Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Department led to further exploration of the partnership. It didn't take long before the city was on board.

Sterling Heights City Manager Mark Vanderpool said the city

regularly works with its businesses, among them DC3S, owned by Grosse Pointe Farms residents Mary and Ron Lamparter.

Mary Lamparter is the regional coordinator for Guardian Angels.

"I've had the privilege of attending a number of functions where she promoted the organization," Vanderpool said. "It's such an amazing story when you hear what they do to support veterans across the country by training and pairing service dogs."

Vanderpool said the idea of sponsoring a service dog "struck us as a community," adding that the city's fire and police departments were quick to jump on board.

"They understand the importance of service dogs," Vanderpool said of the departments. "There are lots of similarities between the military and police and fire. Many of our police and fire members have military experience. Post-traumatic stress disorder is prevalent; it's something we've focused on over the years, reaching out to police and fire members to address their needs."

Police Chief Dale Dwojakowski and former Fire Chief Chris Martin spearheaded the fundraising effort, hosting activities like an ice skating event in which members of the community made a donation to skate with local first responders.

"We are very happy and honored to be able to participate in such a worthwhile program, knowing that this dog is going to make an impact in someone's daily life," Dwojakowski said.

Other fundraisers took place throughout the

community, via social media and other outreach.

Vanderpool said he found the community very supportive of the cause.

"These are tough assignments; it took a good year to raise funding," he said. "But we were committed to it. Failure wasn't an option and we were able to push it over the finish line."

Joe Riehl, general manager at Jim Riehl's Friendly Chrysler Jeep, said he heard about Guardian Angels through his used car manager. Noting that his grandfather served in the military, Riehl said he didn't have to think twice about helping out.

"I thought it would be a good program for getting veterans the help they need to get back to their normal lives," he said. "Veterans sacrificed so much to give us our freedom, so it was a no-brainer to get involved. Some veterans get lost in the cracks and aren't taken care of. They need to not be forgotten."

Riehl said he's proud to have been a part of the process, adding that the dealership accepted donations, encouraged employees to contribute and promoted Guardian Angels on social media to reach more customers.

And though he has yet to meet the veteran who was paired with Sterling, he said he understands the two make a perfect pair.

"Mary made sure we were in the loop with the candidate," he said. "Sterling's handler couldn't be any better. It's exciting to wrap up

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Exhibition to open

The Hellenic Museum of Michigan presents the inaugural Hellenic Art Exhibition.

The exhibition is to recognize the achievement of Greek/American artists whose work shows creativity of concept, excellence of design and expertise of media through this un-

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Remembering the past, securing the future

Nonprofit Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends launches

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Those who watched the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, March 8, were formally introduced to a new 501(c)3 called Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends.

The organization was formed to ensure the excellence and viability of the public school system into the future, while providing a platform to stay connected and stay involved. It plans to accomplish these goals largely through the creation of an alumni association and endowment.

"The founding members all recognized at the same time there were two areas of opportunity the district was not taking advantage of: an alumni association for the whole district — both high schools — and an endowment fund for the school district," said Katie Horst, secretary of the group.

Though first introduced to the community last week, GPAF was two years in the making. To make sure every detail was ironed out before its public introduction, board members met monthly with district administrators and officially became a 501(c)3 in February 2020.

"We completed quiet phases, introduced ourselves to stakeholders," President Irena Palitano said.

"The concept of an



Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends

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endowment and alumni association is not a new concept," she added. "Many districts are using this to provide additional funding to their school districts. It took a great deal of time to get best practices (from other districts), to get to know the system, what worked, what doesn't work."

With its introduction, the group launched a comprehensive website that includes information about the endowment and association membership, as well as alumni spotlights, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, a blog and ways to show support.

"There are few things we can provide kids as impactful as education," said Scott Smith, chairman of the Generations Endowment. "Endowments are not new; they are time-tested and steadfast. This endowment will support the entire school district. This group is committed exclusively to this endowment and our goal is to provide as much flexibility to how the funds are distributed throughout the district for the students.

"This is a long-term venture," he added. "This organization will be here long after our kids are out of school. That kind of commitment we hope will help us recruit and retain the best teachers for our children, recruit families. We want people looking at our community to live in. An investment like this, we think, is going to help."

Palitano said the fundraising goal is in the millions, to keep the district and its programs supported in perpetuity, so programs aren't cut, but rather innovative and transformative programs are brought to the schools.

"We want to be that district everyone is looking to be like, to be the model for everyone else," she added. "We want to support funding so the schools are not strained by the budget of the state of Michigan."

Along with the endowment, forming the alumni association was a no-brainer for founding members.

"There is not a district-wide, well-coordinated alumni association for Grosse Pointe," said Tom

Nixon, marketing chairman. "That's antithetical to what Grosse Pointe is. Grosse Pointe is a very connected community."

The alumni association, Nixon said, is a means to keep people well-connected in a consistent way, "to come back, look back and give back to the Grosse Pointe Public Schools," he said. "The district is the heart of the community."

"Friends" is part of the group's name, because the alumni association is open to anyone who wants to join, from students and parents to grandparents or residents who simply want to show their support.

Added Palitano, "It's all about the engagement, all about connecting people who were impacted by the schools here. Currently, public schools, while you're in school you get notices, but once you graduate, you're taken off the list. You get no updates. We want to fill that gap to continue to connect graduates of Grosse Pointe Public Schools."

Palitano said the group wants to collaborate with alumni, perhaps bring

them back to speak to or work on projects with students.

"2021 is 100 years of GPPSS," she said. "What made the schools excellent took that long. We want to share their stories. I want to be that collaborative space for nonprofits and businesses in Grosse Pointe. ... There are so many good things you're not hearing about."

Highlighting alumni accomplishments and bringing them together for reunions, when it's safe, also are on the horizon for GPAF.

To accomplish these goals, the founding members are seeking support from other like-minded individuals who want to see the district prosper and grow, give a voice to alumni and invest in impactful, innovative programs and people to deliver continued educational excellence for generations to come.

"We need help," Vice President Gina Gabel said. "We can't do it with just the six of us. If anyone's interested, contact

us on the website or through email. We love talking about this. We will give people any opportunity we can to join our efforts.

"We always say this is bigger than us, bigger than the board of education, the administration," she continued. "We're just starting something we wish was started 100 years ago. To embark on something this massive requires we get everyone we can possibly get who's interested in helping."

The board meets weekly, but members are "really accessible," Gabel said. "We'll get together at a moment's notice. ... We're so excited about getting this off the ground that we just make it happen."

The group is planning a virtual town hall to answer any questions the public may have. While a date has yet to be determined, information will be posted on the group's Facebook page and/or newsletter. For more information or to get involved, visit gpalumniandfriends.org.

"Whatever we do," Nixon said, "we do it better together."

Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends is an independent 501(c)3 organization, a volunteer-led, mission-driven association unaffiliated with — but committed to supporting — the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

League to discuss impact of COVID-19 on homelessness

By Margaret Freundl
Guest Writer

Despite current restrictions, the League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe chapter continues to be active through virtual meetings and programs. The January 2021 meeting was devoted to a review of League of Women Voters-Michigan positions and a study of procedures and issues in lame duck legislative sessions. A final report of the discussion was submitted to LWVMI as it considers a public policy advocacy position.

In February, the chapter invited Daniel Baxter, director of external affairs for Wayne County, to share Wayne County data and offer strategies to make the league a

more welcoming organization. This and several prior programs are available to view online on the YouTube channel of the LWVGP website, lwvgrossepointe.org.

Beginning in January, the league formed a study group for discussion of the book, "A People's History of the United States." The Rev. Dr. Alexander Riegel of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church has served as discussion leader for biweekly virtual meetings that examine past historical misperceptions and hard truths, and offers an opportunity for sharing deeply felt experiences.

Local league members Lauri Kingsbury, Carol Lufburrow, Judy Masserang and Cathy

McAdam volunteered to serve on the state Communities of Interest team to learn about and monitor activities of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission in its charge to redraw the maps that will define both congressional and state districts for elections during the next 10 years.

The LWVGP updates and distributes the "Your Government Officials" brochure to the public. Due to COVID restrictions this year, a limited supply will be available through the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods city halls, high schools and libraries. An electronic version is accessible on the LWVGP website.

On March 23, the chap-

ter will learn about the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness through a

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Post 1146 in need of support

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Anyone who has attended The War Memorial's annual Memorial Day ceremony has witnessed the military honors performed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars 1146 Bruce Post ritual team.

"That's where people see us, our ritual team," said Brian Leslie, a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the ritual team's armorer and a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe. "We've performed the 21-gun salute there for I don't know how many years."

The VFW — located in St. Clair Shores, but serving the Grosse Pointes and neighboring communities — also provides military honors at funerals, as well as counseling services and other meetings.

"We provide any service for veterans that we can," Leslie said.

Pre-pandemic, its hall on Jefferson was available to rent for a variety of events, from weddings and banquets to scout gatherings and other meetings. But COVID-19 put a stop to any use of the facility — which also put an end to its revenue.

"The place has been closed for over a year and our income stream is down to literally nothing," Leslie said. "Our biggest fundraiser is our Lenten fish fries, which are open to the public on Fridays during Lent, but last year we had to cancel those."

During the shutdown, the hall laid off employees to keep costs down; however, maintenance, snow removal, lawn care and other expenses con-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

VFW Post 1146 ritual team performs a 21-gun salute during The War Memorial's Memorial Day ceremony.

tinued to add up.

"Our biggest expense of the last year was the seawall," Leslie said, noting the hall's lake-side location. "We did it mostly by volunteer labor; we drew from members in the construction field. We placed slabs of concrete on top of the existing

seawall. It cost less than \$20,000, but our surplus is gone just by that little activity."

On top of a lack of revenue, the hall, which was built in the 1940s, is in dire need of repair. The roof has been failing for years, Leslie said, and has been repeatedly patched.

"It's been cobbled together, but it's reached the point that it's beyond repair and needs to be replaced," Leslie said.

Bids for a new roof have ranged from \$160,000 to \$200,000.

Earlier this year, the nonprofit formed a fundraising committee; last month it announced a



VFW Post 1146 members during a military honors event.

capital-improvement campaign to raise \$500,000 to address the immediate roof replacement, as well as additional building repairs, including the building's heating and cooling system.

So far, among members, around \$40,000 has been raised. Now the committee is asking the community for help. Leslie said naming rights could be considered if the price is right.

"If someone wanted to get involved, we're con-

sidering possibly adding naming rights to the hall," he said. "They could have their name on the marquee."

Though the building reopened a couple weeks ago and the VFW's Lenten fish fries are in full swing, capacity tops out at 50 percent, per government mandate. The fish fries are volunteer-run to keep expenses down, but the organization still is a far cry from where it needs to be.

"We've lost our revenue for a whole year, so we've fallen way behind," he said. "Our clubhouse has been closed for a year, but we're coming back. We're staying six feet apart, but we are slowly coming back."

Leslie noted the importance of being the only VFW in the area, offering valuable services to members, many of whom live in Grosse Pointe. With many veterans selecting to serve multiple tours of duty, and with tours of duty lasting so long, many veterans are returning from overseas with problems, he said. The VFW is a place for them



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The post's roof has been failing for years and needs immediate replacement.

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Spring programs around the corner for Kids on the Go

Registration underway for summer session

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After spending January and February in virtual classes, students return to face-to-face learning for the spring session of Kids on the Go.

A variety of offerings are planned, many of them led by Grosse Pointers. Katy Wereley, owner of Mini Picassos art studio, will instruct students in Art Therapy, while registered dietician Bethany Matus takes the helm of the Cooking Around the World class.

Yoga classes return with the spring session and are led by Grosse Pointer Erin Paradise, assisted by Kids on the Go recreational therapist Kathy Smith, also a Pointe resident.

"Adaptive Dance is in collaboration with the Mack Avenue Dance Center," said Kristy Schena, founder and executive director of Kids on the Go. "We've stuck with them since September. ... The kids were back in the studio last week and are now rehearsing for their June dance recital."

The Teens to Work program also returns to full swing, Schena said. Students are preparing for an open house Saturday, March 20, complete with projects they



Podcaster Kate Bryan will lead a broadcasting class this spring at Kids on the Go.

created during the winter session.

"We had a volunteer go to each house and drop off kits for the week," Schena said, explaining the virtual winter session. "They were sent recordings on how to assemble the projects ... and then the same volunteer swung back to pick up the products."

Weekly Zoom classes and a monthly financial literacy class also were part of Teens to Work. The program, which began last year, already has yielded success, Schena said, noting one student who got his first job six weeks ago. A second teen who graduated from Teens to Work, she added, also is lined up for a job.

"It's the beginning of more of what we want to



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Cooking Around the World has become a popular class for Kids on the Go students.

do," Schena said, "which is develop relationships with small businesses. Our Teens to Work program gets them ready to be a part of the workforce."

A new program added to the spring session is Changing the World through Communication, which will be led by podcaster Kate Bryan, whose One Girl Revolution podcast focuses on women changing the world. Bryan recently interviewed Schena and agreed to teach the class.

The new program came about after a different podcast interview Schena was part of. Grosse Pointe South High School senior Jack Potter interviewed her for a class via Zoom.

"He did so well, I was inspired," she recalled, noting it made her think back to the start of the pandemic when all classes were virtual and "how successful and comfortable everyone was using this technology."

"Around the same time, JT Mestdagh interviewed me on his podcast, too," she continued. "We talked about how podcasting was improving communication skills and they could talk about topics that are important to them. ... This is a great platform for teens who struggle socially, for them to learn communication skills."

Mestdagh also plans to participate as a guest instructor via Zoom during the six-week broad-

casting class. A few seats are available for the spring session, as classes sizes are being kept small so students may socially distance. Masks are required as well.

"All CDC guidelines will be followed," Schena said, adding that 100 percent of parents backed the return to in-person learning for their students. "Everybody is ready to get back. ... We're prepared. If something happens and we have to go virtual, we're prepared."

Registration also is open for the summer session of Kids on the Go, which includes the new program, Bucket Drumming.

In the meantime, there are plenty of ways to support Kids on the Go, including volunteering for its Garden & Grounds Beautification Day, planned from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22.

"It's a family day where people can come and get the gardens ready and clean up the grounds," Schena said. "Patty Allemon of Allemon's Landscaping will lead the program."

Another way supporters can help Kids on the Go is participating in Monday Pizza Nights at Cloverleaf Pizza locations in St. Clair Shores and Roseville. From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. the third Monday of each month, a portion of the proceeds from food orders made by people who mention Kids on the



Mini Picassos founder Katy Wereley will teach Art Therapy at Kids on the Go this spring.

Go will directly benefit the nonprofit.

Additionally, Kids on the Go's annual golf outing returns this year after being canceled last year due to the pandemic.

"We are super excited to get our golf outing back," Schena said, noting that Ray Laethem Motor Village and Hill Mortgage are among the businesses supporting the event

through sponsorships.

The outing takes place 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 14, at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township. For more information, visit kotg.cbo.io.

For information on any of Kids on the Go's offerings, visit kidsonthego.com, call (313) 332-1026 or email kristy@kidsonthegocamp.com.



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Members of the VFW Post 1146 ritual team prepare to give a 21-gun salute.

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to meet and talk and feel less alone.

"They come here to meet other veterans and talk to them and feel better about their life," Leslie said. "We work with the VA and we offer counseling ourselves and referrals. We're the first stopping point if someone needs help. They're able to meet people with like interests and like experiences. It's a good thing."

To contribute to the VFW's capital campaign, visit vfw1146bru

cepost.org and click on "Home," then "Special Announcements."

The post's fish fries take place 4 to 8 p.m. Fridays, through April 2. Carryout options are available. For more information, call (586) 524-0449.

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presentation by Dana Paglia-King, a housing resource community coordinator and Master of Social Work degree candidate at Wayne State University's School of Social Work. This program is open to the public through advanced registration at the LWVGP website, lwv.grossepointe.org.

Marge Freundl is the publicity chair for the League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe.

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OBITUARIES

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Helen F. Lindberg

Helen F. Lindberg, 97, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died early Tuesday, March 9, of natural causes at a physical rehabilitation center in St. Clair Shores. She had been treated 20 years for heart problems.

Mrs. Lindberg was born Thanksgiving Day, 1923, to Roy W. and Hazel H. Ferguson in Cold Springs, Ind., a rural shipping point on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, for which her father worked as a telegrapher and dispatcher.

She was predeceased in 2000 by her husband of 49 years, Leland B. Lindberg. Also predeceased were brother, Paul W. Ferguson of North Vernon, Ind., and sister, Agnes Godfrey, of Fortson, Ga. Mrs. Lindberg is survived by daughter, Susan and son, Bradley.

Mrs. Lindberg will be buried alongside relatives at Graham Cemetery, located next to a Presbyterian church, near a stream, covered bridge and down a country road from a farm formerly owned by one of her ancestors, and a one-room schoolhouse her mother and grandmother attended in Lovett, Ind.

Mrs. Lindberg began her journalism career as a high school student reporting for the North Vernon Sun, one of two weekly newspapers in the town of her upbringing. Through savings and scholarships, she funded all of her higher education. She completed one year at Franklin College, Franklin, Ind., then transferred to the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She worked on the Columbia Missourian daily newspaper, learning the Missouri method of melding theory with practice. Unable to obtain credentials to cover what became known as Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech in 1946 at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., Mrs. Lindberg improvised the identity of a reporter from Georgia, drawled her way into the venue and got the story.

Mrs. Lindberg graduated in 1946, and started working at the Indianapolis bureau of United Press

International, but not before cutting short a prior job search at one of the city's newspapers known for sensationalism.

"Miss Helen, why do you want to work here?" she was asked.

"I don't," she answered, leaving.

She met her future husband, a fellow UPI reporter, in Indianapolis. They transferred to Chicago, where Mrs. Lindberg worked as an editor. She recalled laughing off complaints by Canadian government officials that winter weather reports containing the phrase "cold front from Canada" hurt the commonwealth's reputation.

A few years later, the couple transferred to the Detroit bureau and rented a basement apartment in Grosse Pointe Park. Mr. Lindberg became state bureau chief. In the mid-1950s, Mrs. Lindberg left the newsroom to raise a family. Mr. Lindberg joined the Michigan Bell Telephone Company public relations department. During his career the family transferred to New Jersey, settled back in the Park during the early 1960s, then the Farms in 1977.

Before advancing age began holding back Mrs. Lindberg about 20 years ago, she enjoyed tending her intentionally high-maintenance garden, watching sailboat races off Windmill Pointe Park, riding her bicycle throughout the neighborhood, to Farms Pier Park, Muiller's Market in the Park and, especially, the public library for biographies and mystery stories.

Mrs. Lindberg enjoyed movies, especially those from her youth starring Katherine Hepburn and Rosaline Russell as reporters.

A few days before her death, she tried to watch another favorite, "Sounder." She originally saw the film in 1972, with her son at the former Esquire Theatre on East Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. This time, Mrs. Lindberg fell asleep before one of her favorite scenes in which the sharecropper father tells his boy leaving home for school and adulthood, "Son, don't get too used to this place. Because wherever you are, I'm going to love you."

Stanton K. Smith Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Stanton Kinnie Smith Jr., passed away peacefully Thursday, March 4, 2021, in Evanston, Ill., at the Westminster Presbyterian Homes community, with his wife of 68 years, Mary Beth Sanders Smith, at his side. Born Feb. 14, 1931, in Rockford, Ill., to Stanton K. Smith Sr. and Elizabeth Starr Brown Smith Sparks Coleman of Rockford, he was 90.

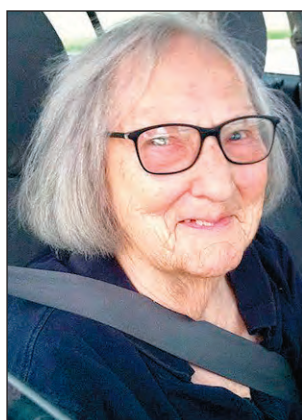
Kinnie was predeceased by his brother, C. Gordon Smith. He is survived by his sister, Lucretia Smith Paddock; children, Stanton Ernst Smith (Keylla), Kathryn Ann Smith Sigman (Barry) and Dana Smith McGillen (Sean); grandchildren, Stanton Ernst Smith Jr., Sara Elizabeth Smith, Sean Patrick McGillen Jr. and Daniel Joseph McGillen; and great-grandchildren, Penelope Grace Haught, Stanton Wascott Smith and James Carlos Haught.

Kinnie was a 1953 graduate of Yale University and earned a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. A swimmer at Yale, his team won four national championships.

Kinnie was a senior partner at Sidley, Austin, Burgess & Smith as he started his family in Winnetka, Ill. In 1973, he moved to Grosse Pointe and continued his work at Sidley & Austin and as general counsel at American Natural Resources Co. His legal career saw many accomplishments and he started several companies in the energy field. In 1982, he returned to Winnetka for two years, then returned to Grosse Pointe to work with Consumers Powers Co. and CMS Energy. Kinnie also worked at the Miller Canfield law firm.

Kinnie and his wife were supporters of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and active members of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, as well as the Evanston Unitarian Church after their retired to Illinois.

Kinnie will be laid to rest in late July, in Gordon, Wis., near his beloved summer home on Whitefish Lake. As



Helen F. Lindberg



Stanton K. Smith Jr.



Patricia D. Palm

family gatherings were important and precious to him, a Celebration of Life will be held with extended family, including Kinnie's many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, gpuuc.org; or Unitarian Church of Evanston, ucevanston.org.

Patricia D. Palm

Former Grosse Pointe resident Patricia Dennis Palm, 76, passed away Friday, March 5, 2021, after an eight-year battle with ovarian cancer.

A mother and homemaker, community volunteer and development director for independent schools, Pat's life exemplified a wonderful balance of family, career and community.

Her children, Merritt Palm Keffer and Justin Dennis Palm, were her major priorities, and watching them grow and succeed in personal and professional endeavors gave her great pride and satisfaction. While Pat raised her children, volunteering for the Junior League of Detroit served as a springboard for an extensive career in development for independent schools. Pat also was actively involved at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where she served as an elder and Stephen minister.

Pat was born in 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Joseph and Florence (nee Gedge) Dennis. She grew up in the Cleveland suburb of South Euclid, where she was active and competitive in many sports. At 13, Pat started sailing at the Red Cross Sailing Camp at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club, where she met her eventual husband, Edward Bert Palm.

Pat and Ed married in 1966, and shortly thereafter moved to Detroit. Two years later, the couple started a family with the birth of their daughter, Merritt. After their son, Justin, was born in 1970, the family moved to Grosse Pointe, where Pat devoted her time and attention to raising

children, while Ed focused on growing his business. Pat's friendly personality, energy and positive attitude helped her quickly acclimate to the community and make new connections, which led to her Junior League volunteer work.

Her work started with Operation Linc, including highly visible projects like Detroit's Kern Block and Orchestra Hall, and culminated with being awarded the Junior League's prestigious Placement Award in 1982. Pat spent a number of years working to grow and develop the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Junior Sailing program.

As her children grew, Pat's professional life evolved, starting with management of a direct mail business and a printing franchise. Her management skills and consistent ability to connect people and resources with community needs led her to become director of development at The Grosse Pointe Academy, a position she held 16 years.

She moved on to director of development positions at Lake Forest Country Day School and the Odyssey School in suburban Baltimore, from which she retired in 2016. In each situation, Pat formulated and implemented strategies with professionalism and achieved outstanding results. As a member of the Council for the Advancement of Support and Education and National Association of Independent Schools, she spoke at annual conferences for both organizations and served as a lecturer and mentor for new development officer training programs.

Pat also had an affinity for sports and being active. Experienced and accomplished at sailing, she was an avid tennis player and runner. Considered a gourmet chef by the most discriminating of palates, Pat loved cooking and the joy a well-prepared meal could bring, especially during the holiday season. Her specialty was apple pie, and a few lucky friends were annual recipients of her famous egg casserole

served on Christmas morning. In summer, Pat enjoyed time at her family's cottage on Burt Lake, where she provided great hospitality to family and friends.

Evidenced by her refrigerator door, Pat was best known as "Grammie" the last 13 years. She was her grandchildren's biggest fan, seen on the sidelines of soccer and lacrosse fields throughout the Baltimore area. The ultimate chauffeur, Pat picked up and dropped off anywhere, anytime, if it had to do with a grandchild. In recent summers, she drove by the Little Traverse Sailors in Harbor Springs hoping to see Allie or Drew on the water sailing. Her favorite day of the year was Christmas, cookie baking with the grands.

Pat enjoyed people above all. She took a genuine interest in nearly everyone she met, with an ability to relate to them or their experience, and most often ended a conversation on a positive note.

She will be remembered by her work colleagues as the consummate professional, her family said. To her incredible number of friends, Pat was the epitome of positivity; to her family, she was the never-ending source of love and support. To everyone who knew her, her gracious smile will remain etched in their minds forever. She was, by all definitions, a true class act.

Patricia Dennis Palm is survived by her children, Merritt Palm Keffer (Chris) and Justin Dennis Palm; grandchildren, Allison Bower Keffer and Andrew Joseph Keffer; and siblings, Pamela Dennis Hall and J. Harlan Dennis. She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Florence Dennis, and former husband, Edward B. Palm.

A memorial service will be held this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Pat's memory may be made to Little Traverse Sailors, littletraversesailors.org; or Hopewell Cancer Support, hopewellcancersupport.org.

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"Belle Isle is in a well-known migratory route for several species of birds," said Bonnie Van Dam, associate curator of birds for the Detroit Zoological Society. "It is a stopover site for migrating waterfowl and a hot spot for migrating songbirds."

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'Belle Isle is in a well-known migratory route for several species of birds.'

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With help from the Motus data pool, scientists are able to pinpoint locations for conservation efforts like "lights out for migration," in which building owners are encouraged to turn off excessive lighting. This can help prevent birds from colliding with tall structures and provides a safer migratory route through cit-

ies. Said Van Dam, "We are thrilled to be part of the Motus network and to help build knowledge that aids conservation of birds, bats and other animals in southeast Michigan and around the world."

The Belle Isle Nature Center is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Foundation offering scholarships to young sailors

Application deadline is April 2

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since 2010, the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation has awarded college scholarships to 99 high school seniors with sailing experience. This year, it plans to award 14 more scholarships, each one for \$1,500.

"The program was originally designed to get parents to put their kids in junior sailing," said Jim Morrow, presi-

dent of the GPYNEF.

Whether a junior sailor in a local club or part of a high school sailing program, current seniors planning to attend classes in the 2021-22 academic year are eligible to apply, regardless of how long it's been since their time in the program.

"If you were a junior sailor, but then you move on to basketball, you still qualify," Morrow said. "You just have to have some junior experience."

The field of candidates should continue to grow, as the popularity of junior sailing in the Grosse Pointes continues to grow, Morrow said.

"Last year, we set a

record for the junior sailing program," Morrow said, noting 178 students participated. "We already have 80 signed up for this year and it's still March. That's a really good sign. I think this year will be even better."

As a result of junior sailing growth, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club developed a Kinder Sail program for ages 5 to 7, "to get young ones familiar with the water," Morrow said.

Apart from the technical skills gained from learning to sail, there are other benefits to it, he added, among them confidence, leadership and attentiveness.

Not only has Morrow

heard testimonials from other parents whose children have benefitted from learning to sail, he's seen it firsthand in his own children.

"My girls were shy; they were shrinking violets," he said. "We put them in the (sailing) program and now we have two graduate engineers today."

Scholarship applications are due Friday, April 2. The application form and rules may be found online at gpynef.org.

In addition to the application, those interested in applying must submit a resume of accomplishments, two short essays, high school transcripts and SAT

scores.

All entries are judged by outside directors, Morrow said.

Eleven of the 14 scholarships are funded in perpetuity, he added, and so are presented every year. This year's other three scholarships are funded through private donations, from the Detroit Regional Yachting Association and Grosse Pointe residents Glenn Sheets and Jeff Laetham.

The scholarships will be presented at brunch Sunday, May 23, during the Great Lakes Boating Festival, hosted at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Scholarship recipients, parents and scholarship donors all are

invited.

"It's \$1,500," Morrow said. "With the cost of college today, anything is a help."

"But really, we want to encourage families to get their kids involved in junior sailing," he continued. "These (scholarships) are some of the benefits at the end of the rainbow, even if they don't pursue sailing over time. If they don't pursue it as a career, it's OK. But if you're growing up on Lake St. Clair, water safety is really important. I think it's key for young people to have respect for the water, especially if they're around it."

For more information, visit gpynef.org.

Sophie Hugh is American Legion state speech winner

Grosse Pointe Post 303 American Legion Commander Dan McCrary recently announced Sophie Hugh, a Grosse Pointe South High School senior, placed as a finalist at the state level of the American Legion's Oratorical Contest.

Scholarships at the state level ranged from \$1,600 to \$3,000. The contestants all had previously received awards ranging from \$175 at the local level and \$500 at the zone level. Since the final level of national competition had to be canceled because of COVID-19, every state contest first-place winner received an additional \$5,000 scholarship because they could not go on to the final level of competition at the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

A series of contests were held at the local, zone and state levels. Finals were held at the Michigan Department of the American Legion in Lansing on March 6. The state contest is divided into five zone areas throughout the state with students winning first place in their districts and zones going on to the state level.

The state zone contestants delivered a pre-



Sophie Hugh

pared 8- to 10-minute oration on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution with emphasis on citizens' duties and obligations to the government. A 3- to 5-minute oration on a randomly assigned constitutional topic was given as well. Hugh impressed the judges with a speech titled, "We Owe Our Nation a Contribution." The random extemporaneous speech was on Article III, Section 1, regarding the judicial power of the Supreme Court, the establishment of the Supreme Court and the appointment of judges.

Hugh, who is taking honor courses, is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Association. She is a Girl Scout, teaches a Sunday School class, is a member of the Yoga Club and

has a part-time job at TCBY in Grosse Pointe. She has not yet decided on a college and is still in the interviewing process.

Commander McCrary said, "It was truly an honor to work with Sophie and observe the other speakers at the state contest. I am totally pleased to recognize that we all are in the great hands of our future generation. It was also a pleasure to work with Sophie's mother, Victoria Hugh, in preparation for the contest. It was an American Legion family effort."

Her grandfather, 99, is a World War II veteran who participated in the Normandy invasion.

Her father, Joe Hugh, is a member of Grosse Pointe Post 303. He is an Afghanistan veteran, Purple Heart recipient and retired Army veteran. He encouraged his daughter to participate in the contest after attending a Post 303 meeting and listening to past state winner Maria Fields, a University Liggett School graduate, 2019 finalist and 2020 first-place winner in the state contest.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the

program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of the nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Since its beginning, the contest has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships to partici-

pants at the national level. It currently awards more than \$200,000 annually to department winners competing at the national level. Thousands more are awarded in scholarships to winners at the department, district and post levels.

The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate Alan Keyes, television

commentator Lou Dobbs, former Vice President Mike Pence and Grosse Pointe resident and past chairman of The War Memorial, Ted Everingham.

Everingham was a finalist in the 1957 National Contest making it possible for him to attend Albion College, which he said was a game-changer in his life.

For more information, visit legion.org/oratorical.



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American Legion State Commander Barry Wood, contestant Sophie Hugh and Education and Scholarship Chairman John Bradford.

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what's been a year in the making. ... I hope those two have a nice relationship and help each other through the next walks of life.

"I want to thank Mary and Guardian Angels," he added. "I'd like to keep the communication open, if there's anything else we can do."

Vanderpool said he hopes other communities follow Sterling Heights' lead and support Guardian Angels, too, if not for having a dog named after a municipality, for the life-saving partnership formed between service dog and veteran.

"Sterling is in the hands of someone who definitely relies on him," Vanderpool said. "It's a win-win. There's a great quality of life for Sterling and for the veteran he was paired with."

"I hope this serves as a model for other communities," he added. "We'd be happy to help out again and partner with other communities."

Vanderpool also thanked Lamparter for her efforts with Guardian Angels.

"I want to thank, on behalf of the city, Mary Lamparter, who devotes an inordinate amount of time to this cause," he said. "She's the real hero. Without her effort this simply would not be possible."

Though paired around a year ago, difficulties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic prevented Sterling's pairing from being celebrated. During recent visits to Sterling Heights City Hall and the GPBR, all three organizations involved received plaques from Lamparter, thanking them for their efforts.

It costs around \$25,000 to board, feed and train one dog.

"These three organizations came together to make that happen," Lamparter said. "Any time and any way we can get another dog into the hands of a veteran who needs help, it's a great day."

Veterans and first responders who wish to

be paired with a service dog may visit medicalservedogs.org to fill out an application. Those who would like more information about the program may reach out to Lamparter.

"I'm always happy to talk to someone and explain how the process works," she said, noting her annual Celebrate Michigan's Military event, planned for Nov. 13, raises funds for GAMSD. "Any time I put information out, it's amazing how people find me or find the organization."

Taylor, who considers himself a champion of the work Guardian Angels does for veterans and first responders, said his organization's support for the effort is ongoing.

"Our veterans don't give up two or four years of their life; they give up their entire life," he said. "You join the service at 18, and come back at 22 or whatever age and you're changed. You're different."

"For us to do what we do on a daily basis ... they make sure we can do that," he added. "This is the least we can do for those who come back, who have changed so significantly. When you provide a Guardian Angel Medical Service Dog to a first responder or a veteran with PTSD, you're returning a significant other to their significant other, a parent to their child, a child to their parent, a neighbor to their neighbor. I can't think of anybody to whom we owe that effort to more than our first responders and veterans."

Find more details at medicalservedogs.org.



New date selected for EyesOn Design 2021 Car Show

In light of the continuing health pandemic, the Executive Leadership Committee of EyesOn Design has announced the move of its traditional Father's Day car show to the new date of Sunday, Sept. 19, at the historic Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The theme of the show will remain "Marques of Extinction: Significant Designs of Bygone Brands," curated through the work and knowledge of the EyesOn Design Vehicle Selection Committee, headed by Glenn Abbott.

"We are indebted to the VSC, as well as the 300-plus volunteers whose enthusiasm and year-round dedication has become a hallmark of the EyesOn Design experience," Abbott said.

"Our disappointment with this delay is eased in part by proximity of the new date to Motor Bella, the Sept. 21 to 26, next-generation mobility event at the M1 Concourse in Pontiac," said Kathy Pecar Lightbody, EyesOn Design chair-

man. "We'll have announcements coming soon about additional ways we plan to celebrate automotive design in 2021."

Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology Medical Director Philip C. Hessburg, M.D. said, "We are grateful for the sponsors who make it possible for us to produce a world-class show right here in metro Detroit and in doing so, support the important work of the DIO."

EyesOn Design is the major fundraiser for the DIO. It remains unique among auto shows because it celebrates vehicle design — not rarity, restoration or celebrity ownership.

The ceremony honoring racing and design legend Peter Brock with the EyesOn Design Lifetime Design Achievement Award will be moved to June 2022, and enhanced with tours, a design symposium and meet-and-greet opportunities.



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Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors CEO Bob Taylor shows the plaque given to him for his organization's sponsorship of Sterling.



The hall leading up to the event space is lined with photos of past Ford House events.

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allows us to open up more areas of the estate to tell engaging and exciting stories."

Also, the estate has begun restoring the property's swimming pool, lagoon and surrounding landscape on the southeast corner to its original state. When the restoration project is complete, visitors will be able to see the area just as the Ford family did when the estate was their home in the 1920s and 1930s. The restoration is expected to be completed in mid-2022.

The restoration of Ford Cove and the development of a new interpretive master plan also are underway.

Ford House plans to celebrate its opening weekend with a member preview, before hosting a ribbon-cutting event and opening to the public.

"We'll have educational activities," Pfeiffer said. "The house will be open for tours. The restaurant and quick-pick area will be open. It'll be more about opening the doors



The Speedster grab-and-go counter will offer take-out options like sandwiches, salads and snacks.

and giving people an opportunity to come through, like an open house.

"We hope in the fall to have the bigger events we love to have," she added. "Watch our website for dates and to reserve tickets for our opening activities. It's all coming very soon."

And while there's more work to be done, Heppner said for now the team is going to step back and "be mindful of the moment."

"We want to stop and celebrate," he said. "We're not going to go from this great milestone

... to the next big thing. It's important to get used to the buildings, grow into the buildings. We want to take time for celebration with the community and internally.

"I would encourage our stakeholders, repeat users, new users ... to come back and give us an opportunity," Heppner added. "I guarantee they're not going to be sorry, whether they just come to the restaurant or to a corporate event or baby shower. We have such great organizations and associations in our community, but nothing like this."

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The Finer Pointes: Meet Jane McFeely

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

This series profiles the finalists of the Grosse Pointe News' "The Finer Pointes" art contest. Due to a tie, 11 finalists have been selected to compete for a \$5,000 prize. Artwork must be submitted by April 30, at which time Grosse Pointe News subscribers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite entry.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Jane McFeely majored in art at Albion College, then was presented the opportunity to study in Aix-en-Provence, France.

"It was a great opportunity," she said, noting the disciplined instruction she received. "I was exposed to incredible light in Southern France. And studying art history there was an entirely different experience than studying here."

McFeely came back to Grosse Pointe to teach at The Grosse Pointe Academy. During her tenure, she alternated between teaching French and elementary art.

"Kids are fabulous," she said. "There's nothing like watching little kids create when they have no notion of right or



wrong. They are pure spirits."

Each of her years at The Academy, McFeely donated a painting to its annual Action Auction. She began to notice, year after year, the bids on her work were getting higher and higher. At the suggestion of her husband, she stopped teaching and began painting full time.

Though she dabbled in watercolor and acrylic paints earlier in her training, McFeely has long considered herself "an oil girl."

"And I've ruined so many brushes ... that I started using knives," she said. "I'd seen work done with knives by a number of great artists. I fell in love with it."

Apart from easy clean up, oil painting using a knife gives texture to the piece, making it stand out from other oil paintings, she explained. It's also easy to change her mind.

"I put (the paint) on and the next morning, if I don't really like it, it stays wet long enough to clear it off," she said.

McFeely said she finds inspiration all around her.

"It could be anything from a beautiful vista to an unintentional still life," she said. "My eye is attracted to color, composition and light."

McFeely, who enjoys bicycling with her husband, said she'll use the pastime as inspiration for her entry in "The Finer Pointes." Regular treks down Jefferson to Indian Village, Belle Isle, the Detroit Riverfront and other locations continue to delight her, but it's the

beauty of Lake St. Clair that will be her focus.

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

"Finding joy in our everyday lives has always been the focus of my paintings," she added. "My plan for this exciting project is a little taste of our beautiful Detroit waterfront."

The lifelong Pointer said that love of community is one of the reasons she entered "The Finer Pointes."

"I like to support and be a part of what's going on," she said. "This is a community builder. It's uplifting and fun; it's nice

The Finer Pointes finalists

In alphabetical order

- Linda Boyle
- Scott Brown
- Callie Lewicki
- Sue Majewski
- Jane McFeely
- Kathleen McNamee
- Hugh O'Connor
- Rachel Quinlan
- Leslie Rabaut
- Sarah Stahl
- Basil Zaviski

to be a part of that."

Find more of her work at janemcfeelypaints.com and on her social media pages.



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Examples of Jane McFeely's work.



Subscribers to vote for contest winner

The deadline for finalists to submit their work into "The Finer Pointes," the Grosse Pointe News' inaugural art contest, is Friday, April 30.

One winner will be chosen Saturday, May 15.

Between those two dates, Grosse Pointe News subscribers will be asked to vote for their favorite entry. Artists' names will not be associated with entries so it will be a "blind" judging by subscribers.

"The Finer Pointes" was established to foster the arts locally and showcase the artistic talent in the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores. The Grosse Pointe News put out a call to artists in January, asking for samples of their work and an idea of what they'd like to submit to the contest.

A panel of judges was tasked with narrowing a field of 30 entries to the top 10. A tie in votes allowed for 11 artists to be named finalists in the contest.

Each finalist was given a \$500 stipend for materials and the green light

to start their projects.

Once the final projects are turned in, the artwork will be displayed in at least one public venue; details will soon follow. The Grosse Pointe Artists Association is helping coordinate the effort.

The works will be available to all for viewing, with Grosse Pointe News subscribers tasked with the responsibility for voting for the winner. Photos of the finalists' work also will appear in the Grosse Pointe News, as well as on its Facebook and Instagram pages.

Subscribers may vote for their favorite work of art at grossepointenews.com/art/vote. Subscribers also may call in their vote to (313) 882-6900 or write in their vote to 16980 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. Written and telephonic votes must be received by Friday, May 14.

The top vote-getter will be awarded \$5,000 and the winning artwork will be donated to a public institution for display.

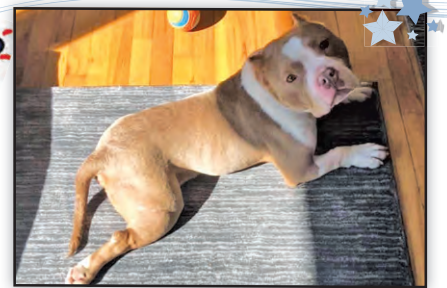
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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Mop in the name of love

Why are men okay with living in gross conditions? The guy I started dating is a sweetheart, but his place is absolutely disgusting (including the kitchen and bathroom). He doesn't even notice it. Why do women seem to have a higher standard for cleanliness than men?
—Dismayed

Some men do wait a while to clean the bathroom -- like until they go from needing a bottle of Mr. Clean to needing a bottle of Mr. Arson.

Science suggests you're right in observing that men, generally speaking, are less disturbed by gross living conditions. Study after study finds higher "disgust sensitivity" in women, meaning women tend to be more icked out by signs of pathogens -- bacteria and microorganisms -- and indications of possible infection or disease.

Evolutionary psycholo-

gist Diana Fleischman explains that women have faced recurring issues over evolutionary history that may have led to "heightened pathogen disgust sensitivity." These include women's temporary declines in immunity during the menstrual cycle and pregnancy. "Women also must protect children and infants who are vulnerable (to) disease." Additionally, women are "uniquely able" to pass infections on to their offspring during pregnancy, birth, and breastfeeding.

Let the guy know you're a woman with needs: clean sheets and towels, a clean bathroom and kitchen, and general housekeeping at his place. Suggest options (rather than telling him what to do): He *could* clean the place himself; however, hiring a cleaning service (especially for the first go-round) might be a good idea.

Professionals have vastly higher standards

for cleanliness, while he seems to be waiting for a sign to scour the place like the crud on the coffee table growling at him when he sets down his beer.

Flee Infestation

Disturbingly, I've had two close female friends "ghost" me in five months. I've known each for 15 years. (They don't know each other, and one lives out of state.) I've tried repeatedly to contact each, asking "Did I do anything to hurt or offend you?" No response. I just want the truth so I can move on.

—Baffled

There comes a time when you wish someone would treat you with a little more kindness, like by screaming out all the reasons you deserve to be left for dead and have your face eaten off by raccoons.

Even more painful than being dumped by a friend

is being dumped by a friend and having no idea why. Linger questions we can't answer are mental weevils. Their fave food is our peace of mind, which they gnaw through at random moments. Psychologist Bluma Zeigarnik found that when we have unfinished business, the mind remains in a "state of tension" until we get closure.

Questions that are both unanswered and unanswerable eat away at us because of the way our memory is engineered. Psychologist Robert Bjork explains that we encode information into memory by first taking it in, then taking a break from it, and later going back and retrieving it. Each "retrieval" is a "learning event," bur-nishing the info more deeply into memory. So, each time you pull up this unanswerable question, "Why did these friends ditch me?" you move it a seat or two closer to the

front row of your consciousness.

To shove it back to the crappier seats, consider the apparent function of nagging questions: pushing us to figure things out. (We can't learn from our mistakes unless we know what they were.) Though "Why did they ditch me?" will likely remain a mystery, there are constructive questions you *can* answer, like, "Am I generally a good friend? Are there ways I fell short?"

Also consider whether you have shared values. We like to believe this is the basis of our friendships. However, I love the finding by psychologist Mitja Back that we tend to form friendships through "mere proximity" -- like being next-door neighbors -- though we'll congratulate ourselves for "choosing" so wisely...well, until we find out who they voted for.

Another way to cut the spin cycle is imagining a plausible reason each disappeared on you (like clashing values) and accepting it as THE reason. Psychologist Elizabeth Loftus finds that recalling

an event we were told about but didn't actually experience can implant it in memory, turning it into an experience we swear we had. So, the more you reflect on the *plausible* reason, the more it might pass for the actual one.

Finally, you could try to make peace with the mystery. When "Why did they ditch me?" swings around, have a stock answer at the ready: "Hey, self, remember I've decided to accept that I just can't know, and I'm good with that." Comforting as it would be to finally get answers, sometimes the kindest thing you can do for yourself is not only give up hope but crush it, burn it in a trash can, and then flush its ashes down the toilet.

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At Work

by Lindsey Novak



Clearing the confusion of a hostile work environment

Many employees think a workplace that is emotionally upsetting, verbally abusive or stress-inducing meets the legal requirements of a "hostile" work environment. According to Stephen Bourtin and Jason Krellenstein, attorneys with The Boyd Law Group, the requirements for a legally actionable "hostile work environment" set the bar much higher than simply working for a rude, demanding boss or among sniping, mannerless coworkers. "A common misconception is that there is a legal remedy for an unpleasant workplace. The reality is that the law will shield workers from dis-

crimination, but it won't inoculate them from ugly or mean discourse."

Federal employment discrimination statutes and the law of most states, including Connecticut, Texas and New York, suggest at least three different theories of actionable hostility. The most common originates from sexual discourse or behavior such as unwelcome sexual or vulgar comments, sexual advances, depictions of a sexual nature or physical contact of a sexual nature. The offensive conduct must be so harsh or pervasive that it adversely affects a term or condition of employment or impairs

work performance. Often, if this kind of case is to survive in court, the employer may need to have been

aware of the conduct and failed to take reasonable steps to address it. There can be exceptions, though, when recourse to correct the unwanted behavior is limited because the harasser occupies a preeminent position of power in the organization, such as the



individual's direct supervisor or head of the company.

A second form of hostile work environment involves the same type of activity -- serious or pervasive hostility, intimidation or offensive conduct -- but the sexual or gender-based component is replaced by offensive conduct targeting race, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability or other federally protected status. The offending behavior must be pervasive or intensely harsh and must materially affect some aspect of the employment relationship. If the harassment is caused by a co-worker rather than

a supervisor, the employer's liability may be reduced if the organization acts promptly to investigate the accusation and take corrective action. The organization's liability may be entirely reduced if the organization had never been made aware of the problem until

after the employee made the claim.

Each type of hostile work environment requires some of the same basic information. First, there is the degree of the hostility that relies on two factors: 1) severity and 2) pervasiveness. These concepts overlap and work together on a sliding scale, but either element, if sufficiently egregious, may support a claim on its own. This means a single, severe incident, such as a sexual assault at work, may itself create an actionable hostile work environment. Less severe cases based on single or isolated incidents are often dismissed. On the other hand, a prolonged series of less shocking incidents, such as crude or offensive comments or jokes occurring with sufficient ongoing regularity, could be actionable if found to be highly pervasive.

The offensive conduct also must often impair the victim's ability to perform his or her duties or job function. Sometimes, such a report or investigation evaluates whether the workplace is sufficiently toxic to prevent reasonable

employees from meeting performance standards. For pragmatic reasons, this is a difficult burden -- and different individual standards of workplace sensitivities prohibit a one-size-fits-all analysis. Most courts will consider whether the hostility was persistent or isolated, whether physical contact is involved, whether the victim could have reasonably avoided the abuse, whether the hostility was kept secret or was open and obvious, and whether and how the victim sought remediation from the employer, among other factors.

Determining a hostile work environment is not an easy matter. Most court jurisdictions have emphasized that the laws on hostile work environments are not intended to serve as "workplace civility codes."

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Couple's future is threatened by fiancée's grief, depression

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée and I have been together for four years. I have lost A LOT of people in my life, so I am used to death. She, on the other hand, didn't experience it until two years ago, when she lost her grandfather. The next year, her mother passed, and last year we lost a child -- her oldest -- my stepson.

Abby, she is so lost. She's no longer the same person she once was, and I totally understand that. I'm sad and depressed, too, but she's bad.

I love this woman like I have never loved any other. I can't picture life without her, but lately I have begun to wonder

how it would affect me, her and the kids if I left. I'm not equipped to deal with someone else's depression on top of my own. I have been trying, but I'm finding myself getting more and more angry. What should I do?
-- TORN IN THE EAST

DEAR TORN: You mentioned that you, too, suffer from depression. Are you receiving treatment for it? If you are seeing a psychologist (and being medicated), discuss this with the person who is working with you. You may need a change in your medication.

It isn't surprising that with so much loss all at once in her life, your

fiancée is grieving and depressed. Frankly, while I might suggest she join a support group for help in coping with the loss of her child, she may also need help from a licensed mental health professional.

Although you are tempted, I don't think now is the time to abandon your fiancée and her children. Once she is stabilized, you may not want to leave at all.

DEAR ABBY: My 13-, almost 14-year-old daughter, "Gabbi," is a shining star of responsibility and being self-driven. She also likes nice things.

Gabbi has been babysitting for my sister for



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

several months and has saved almost every penny, which amounts to hundreds of dollars. I'm proud of her discipline. However, I think she should start buying some of her "frivolous wants" herself.

I'm willing to buy her and my other children gifts when I can and on special occasions on my single income, but Gabbi often asks me for \$10 here and \$10 there. Because it's more than I can afford, I have to say no and see her silent disappointment. I know the simple answer is to not give in, but I want my daughter to learn that it's OK to spend a little on

herself here and there. I'm not sure what words to use to convince her. Can you help? -- MOM ON A BUDGET

DEAR MOM: Your daughter is old enough for an honest conversation with her mom. Start by telling her how proud of her you are that she has shown how disciplined and responsible she is because those traits will serve her well in years to come.

Tell her you feel bad about disappointing her when you refuse her requests, but now that she's nearly 14, she's mature enough to under-

stand you are the sole wage earner, money is tight and her frequent requests put a strain on the budget. Then point out that she has saved quite a bit of income from her babysitting, and she should direct some of it toward the items she's asking you for.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I divorced last summer. We have a 9-year-old son and a 6-year-old daughter. I bought a house a few miles from my ex-husband, and the children and I have been living there for the last five months.

My daughter slept with me for the first month we were in our new house, until I could afford to buy her a bed. I admit it was nice, and I didn't mind. I like having my children close. The problem is, it has been five months, and she still wants to sleep in my bed. I wouldn't mind, but I am afraid it could be damaging to her in some way. I could use some advice, Ann. -- Suzi in Houston

Dear Suzi: It is not a good idea for young children to become accustomed to sleeping with an adult parent. Put the child back in

her own room, and help her go to sleep there. Divorced parents should not use a child as a spouse substitute.

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to address this to all the young women who, for whatever reason, think having a baby is "cool."

I am the 17-year-old mother of a 4-month-old daughter. I will be the first to tell you it is not easy. And if you think having a baby will improve the relationship between you and your boyfriend, you are wrong. It will only make matters worse. My boyfriend and I called it quits a couple of weeks ago, when the fighting became unbearable. After three years of being very close, it's over.

If I have changed just one teenager's mind about getting pregnant,

the time it took to write this letter will have been well worth it. -- Been There in Indiana

Dear Indiana: Thanks for the testimony. I hope my teenage readers will pay close attention to what you have written. You are a far better authority on this subject that I am. And P.S. Don't give up without trying counseling with your boyfriend. You have a child now who needs two parents.

Feeling pressured to have sex? How informed are you? Check out Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teenager."

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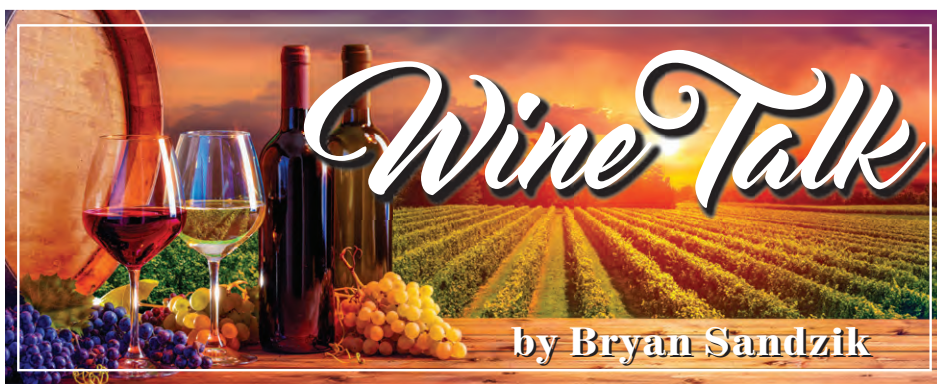
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The Greatest of Stories

Mr. Hobbs



by Bryan Sandzik

Prosecco's next act

The 2008 Great Recession lead many wine drinkers to seek value in varietals (types of grapes) they had normally overlooked. As expensive Champagne became out of reach for some, they found a welcomed new source of bubbles to satisfy their palates - Prosecco.

Prosecco has a wonderful balance of natural sweetness and appealing acidity, as well as a range of effervescence (spumante for strong bubbles and frizzante for a lighter bubble.) Prosecco, along with most other sparkling wine options, pair extremely well with all regions of cuisine. These are attributed to:

- Bubbles** which cleanse the palate after each bite

- Acidity** to balance oily, salty and fatty foods

- Fruit** forward profile for Indian and Mediterranean cuisine

- Low alcohol** for spicy and seafood dishes

Some great Prosecco pairings to try for yourself:

- Brut** style with a fontina cheese and parma charcuterie board, sushi or spicy Thai dishes

- Extra Dry** with salty, buttery popcorn

- Prosecco** Rose with your favorite BBQ fare

Hailing primarily from northern Italy in Veneto and Friuli, be assured proper methods are followed in making your new go-to



sparkler. Italian wine law is some of the oldest and most complex in the wine world. All Prosecco must be produced with at least 85% Glera, the main varietal used in Prosecco production: Quick note, almost all European wines are labeled by the region they are produced in and not the grape varietal in the bottle. Another item you'll notice, and not just for Prosecco, is the sticker located at the top of the bottle of Italian wines that read DOC or DOCG. These will indicate the quality of wine inside the bottle you are about to grab off the shelf (or wine list.) If the bottle doesn't have one of these black bands, it is either lower quality juice (didn't achieve the

requirements needed), or it was pushed into the IGT world of Italian wines for those producers that wanted to buck tradition and do their own thing.

DOC Prosecco makes up the bulk of production and export market while DOCG is starting to increase availability in the US. What do you get for the extra consonant? A guarantee. The "G" is an indication of a guaranteed quality

based on the laws within Prosecco. In addition, with its smaller production and nurturing/pricier process, price tags can go above and beyond some of your favorite Champagnes.

The newest trend that will pick up heavily this spring and summer will be Prosecco Rose. As rose's to-the-moon rise in still wine showed over the last 10 years, the creation of rose anything will increase demand. These wines will be blended with pinot nero in order to create the pale pink hue. While you won't see any DOCG yet, they couldn't get out of their own way, expect to see plenty of DOC and lower-level Prosecco Rose soon.

Pasta with roasted tomatoes and fennel

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

I am constantly on the hunt for a vegetarian meal that my family might actually eat, especially during Lent. Other than macaroni and cheese, I strike out most times. However, they all actually ate this dish. It's simple, fast and light.

The tomatoes are roasted with garlic until they're browned and a bit caramelized. I remove the whole cloves at the end because they've done their job flavoring the oil and tomatoes in the oven.

The fennel is cooked until soft and sweet. The sauce is basically just pasta water, so make sure it is salted enough.

My favorite part is the dollop of ricotta at the end. It slowly melts into the pasta making it just decadent enough. I was lucky enough to use the Mauviel Copper Rondeau from Atelier (ateliergp.com). A beautiful pan always inspires me.

This meal is about taking simple ingredients and turning them into something simply exquisite.

Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes and Fennel (Serves 6)

6 tbsp olive oil, divided

1lb of gemelli pasta

2 pints grape tomatoes, sliced in half

4 whole garlic cloves

2 minced garlic cloves

1 large fennel bulb or 2 small bulbs

½ cup of grated parmesan
1 cup of ricotta
10 fresh basil leaves
2 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper

Place a large pot of water on the stove and bring to a boil. Meanwhile preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Put the tomatoes, 3 tablespoons of

During the last 2 minutes, add the 2 minced garlic cloves.

When cooked, the fennel should be soft and a bit browned.

When the water comes to a boil, add in 2 heaping tablespoons of salt and the pasta. Cook it al dente. For gemelli, it takes about 10 minutes.

Reserve 1 cup of the pasta water for the sauce. I like to take a mug to dip in the pot to get the water. Drain



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olive oil and whole garlic cloves on a baking sheet. Toss with 1 tsp of salt and ½ tsp of pepper. Roast for 20 mins stirring halfway through.

While the tomatoes are roasting, slice the white part of the fennel into thin slices and make sure to remove the core. Saute in a large skillet with the remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil for about 15 minutes.

pasta and add to the fennel.

Take tomatoes out of the oven and remove the whole garlic cloves. Add the tomatoes and all of the juices and oil in with the pasta and fennel.

Add in reserved pasta water and parmesan. Stir the pasta to incorporate everything.

At the last minute, stir in fresh cut basil. Serve with a dollop of ricotta.

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MOVIE REVIEW
"Captain Fantastic"

Based on its title, you'd think this was a movie from the Marvel Comic universe you'd never heard of. It's far from it.



Viggo Mortensen plays a middle-age hippie who's raising his family off the grid somewhere in the Pacific Northwest. He's training them survival techniques while giving them a home education that's light years ahead of anything they'd get in a conventional school system.

When he learns that his institutionalized wife has committed suicide, he has to decide whether to attend her funeral in New Mexico or not. After he's warned by his father-in-law, (Frank Langella), that he's not welcome, he opts to make the trek.

This film is much more than a fun road trip adventure. It's about relationships, redemption, being true to one's self, and much more. As an aging hippie myself, I could totally relate to the

lead character. And I enjoyed it so much, when it ended, I was tempted to start it over again.

As a bonus, much of the soundtrack featured music from one of my favorite groups, Sigur Ros. My only beef is with the title. But after ruminating on it for a while I decided, what else could it be called?!

★★★★☆

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total

waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

While I watch a lot of streaming movies, this column will feature those offered by Kanopy.com. If you're not familiar with this great service, it's offered through the Grosse Pointe Public Library system with your library card. Sign up online in less than a minute, then stream six movies a month for free.

These are high-quality movies you'll have a hard time finding elsewhere, and include a ton of indie gems I'd never heard of.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any recommendations, feel free to email me at dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you're looking for more movies, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

Autotrader names Lincoln Corsair a top 10 best car interior for 2021

DEARBORN, Mich. — Creating a serene sanctuary for clients on their everyday journey – near or far – is core to the Lincoln brand.

To celebrate the advancements and thoughtful details in vehicle interiors, Autotrader has announced its 10 Best Car Interiors Under \$50,000 for 2021 – and the Lincoln Corsair has been named to that list for the second consecutive year.

The 2021 Corsair, Lincoln's spacious, compact luxury two-row SUV offers a sense of sanctuary with a visually soothing design – horizontal lines, a pleasing mix of glossy and matte surfaces and hand-selected materials and refinements in sound characteristics that stay true to the Lincoln brand.

"The interior of the Lincoln Corsair is a

quiet, serene sanctuary that is comfortable for everyone inside. Overall, Lincoln interiors look and feel like they're crafted to a higher standard than other luxury vehicles. There's also a good deal of versatility inside. For example, the rear seat can slide and recline." said Brian Moody, executive editor for Autotrader.

"This feature not only improves passenger comfort, but it also allows you to customize your interior to optimize passenger space, cargo space or some combination of both."

Autotrader's 10 Best Car Interiors Under \$50,000 recognition helps clients look beyond the exterior appearance, putting focus on the importance of a vehicle's interior at an affordable price point.

"Corsair embraces the rejuvenating, hori-

zontal elements of our full-size Navigator and three-row Aviator, while underscoring these cues with even more dynamic emphasis," said Robert Gelardi, Lincoln chief interior designer. "Our diligence of imbuing these characteristics in Corsair has paid off with this wonderful recognition, providing our clients not only with a serene respite from the outside world, but also the technology to make their journey effortless and reflective of the overall Lincoln brand."

The expressive, elegant Lincoln Corsair combines refined power and a confident, whisper-quiet ride that is uniquely Lincoln. And as the brand's volume leader, Lincoln plans to continue its momentum with the launch of the Corsair GrandTouring, its second plug-in hybrid SUV, later this spring.



A baby born today has a Sun in Pisces and a Moon in Taurus until 7:46 p.m., when the Moon enters Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 18, 2021:

Mild-mannered, sweet and insecure, your friends will always be your greatest support system. This year, you can strengthen all relationships and fix those that may have been broken. Think outside the box and initiate financially lucrative projects. You want to make a difference in the world, so give back to the community. If single, there is someone waiting for you. If attached, explore new destinations together. **ARIES** gets you moving.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is not a day to laze around the house. Meet a friend and then go shopping. Try on a few outfits that fit your budget. Admire but do not touch what you cannot afford. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Dress to impress someone special. Wear that new outfit and get your hair done. Put your stamp on a project that involves helping someone in need. No need to be humble. Enjoy the kudos but show gratitude. Tonight: Celebrate your success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Express yourself through a creative medium. Use your imagination and try something you have never done before. Balance your private and public time. Family will support whatever you decide to do in your spare time. Tonight: Bubble bath and aromatherapy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

An email, text or call from someone you care about will brighten your day. Prepare to offer heartfelt advice and a listening ear. Be pleased that you could help a friend with your point of view. Tonight: Share exciting ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Pursue an open position at your day job or an organization where you volunteer. Aim high, and it may not be as daunting as it seems. You may get a promotion, raise or leadership opportunity. Tonight: Relax just a little.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You may not be able to take an overseas vacation anytime soon. Instead, use your imagination to travel the world. Learn a language. Sample international cuisine. Watch cooking shows and foreign films. Tonight: Take the remote and browse your shows.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Put off signing papers about a business or financial transaction. The perfect time will make itself known soon enough. Get your juices flowing and enter a tournament or contest. The competition and intensity feed your soul. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Commit to a team project that you may have vacillated about. It may or may not work out, but you will be happy you made a decision. Plan a romantic evening with no dis-

tractions. Tonight: A foot massage is heavenly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Get simple things done you keep putting off. Connect with your body and remember to slow down and take a few deep breaths. Yoga positions work wonders.

If you have a pet, give it extra attention. Tonight: Lots of laughter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Get tickets to a sporting event. If you cannot do that in person, get comfortable in front of the TV.

Good friends and a cup of hot chocolate make your day complete. Tonight: Plan a day to take off work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Get in touch with feelings that you may be holding back.

Family disputes cause tension, so quell them the moment they begin. Start researching genealogical roots. Once you start you won't be able to stop. Tonight: Clear the air with someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You may get invited to a party where new contacts await you. Don't hide in the corner. Strut your stuff, and an opportunity may come your way. Try your hand at writing something you can publish.

Tonight: Prepare a fabulous meal.

BORN TODAY

Composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844), singer Charley Pride (1934), actress Queen Latifah (1970).

Contract Bridge

TURNING DEFEAT INTO VICTORY

East dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 10 8 5 2
♥ J 9 8 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 6

WEST

♠ 9 6
♥ Q 10 5 4
♦ 7
♣ 10 9 8 7 4 2

EAST

♠ —
♥ 7 6 3
♦ K J 10 9 4 3
♣ A K 5 3

SOUTH

♠ A K J 7 4 3
♥ A K
♦ 8 5 2
♣ Q J

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♦	Dble	2♣	3♣
5♣	5♠		

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

It is not uncommon for declarer to be playing in a contract where he appears to have bitten off more than he can chew. In many cases, declarer can do nothing to salvage such contracts, but there are some occasions where careful play can turn apparent defeat into victory.

Here is such a case. South is playing in five spades, and West leads his singleton diamond. Declarer sees

that his probable losers are two diamonds and a club, but he also notes that if either opponent was dealt three hearts to the queen, he can develop an extra trick by ruffing one of dummy's hearts and so make the contract.

Accordingly, he wins the opening lead with the ace of diamonds, cashes the A-K of spades and A-K of hearts, then enters dummy with a trump to lead the nine of hearts and ruff it.

The queen does not fall, but he is not yet completely out of ammunition. He still has another chance to make the contract, and it costs him nothing to try. So at this point he leads the jack of clubs.

East wins the club with the king and makes the best defensive play of continuing with the ace. Declarer ruffs in dummy and plays the jack of hearts, on which East shows out.

South takes advantage of this favorable development by discarding one of his diamond losers on the jack of hearts. Declarer can afford to make this play, since he has two diamond losers in any case, but, more importantly, it enables him to make the contract if East started with six diamonds.

Sure enough, West, upon winning the heart with the queen, has no choice but to return a club. Declarer ruffs in dummy while discarding his remaining diamond, and the contract is home.

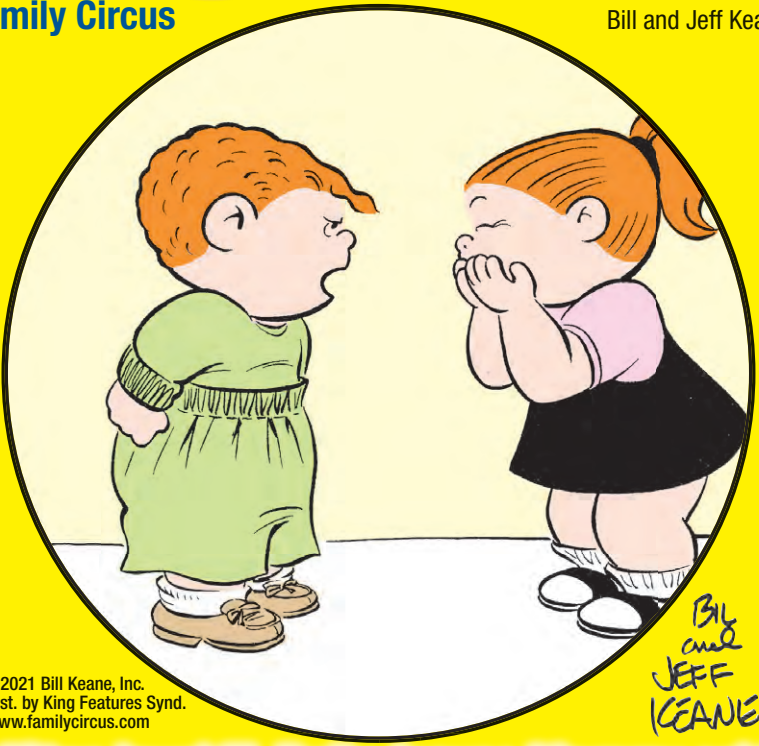
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"Stop laughi', Dolly, 'cause Mommy said they'll SHRINK when she washes them!"

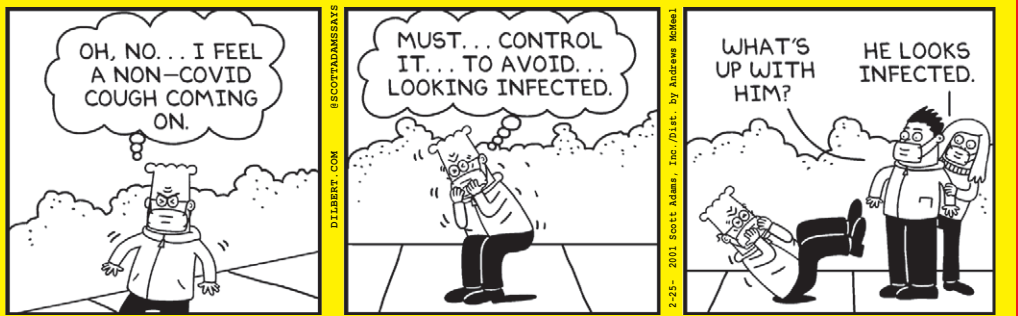
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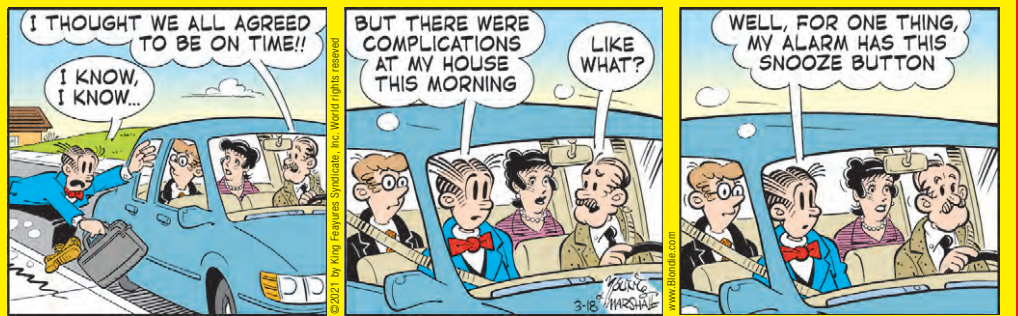
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Greg and Mort Walker



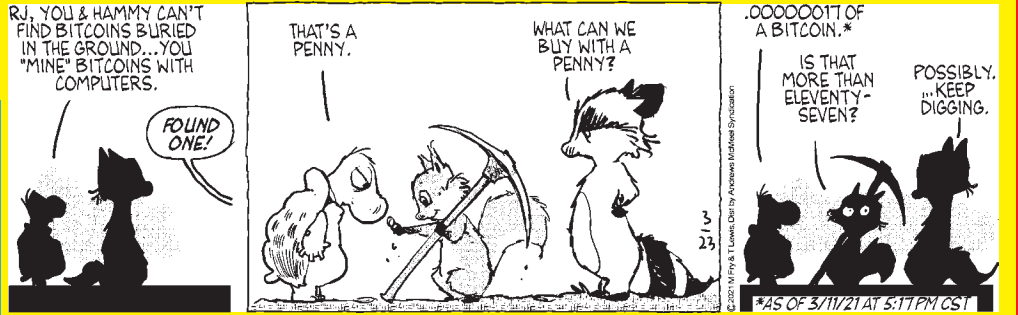
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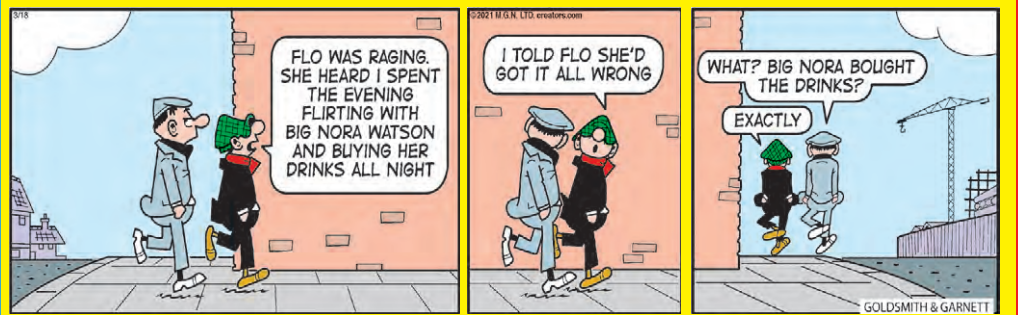
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Michael Fry and T. Lewis



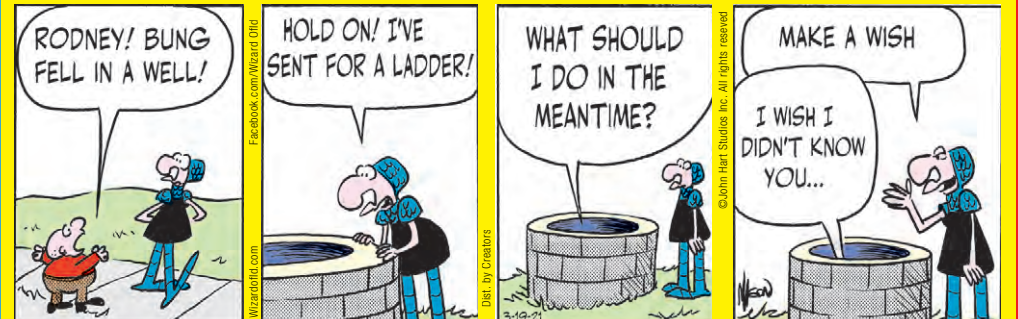
Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



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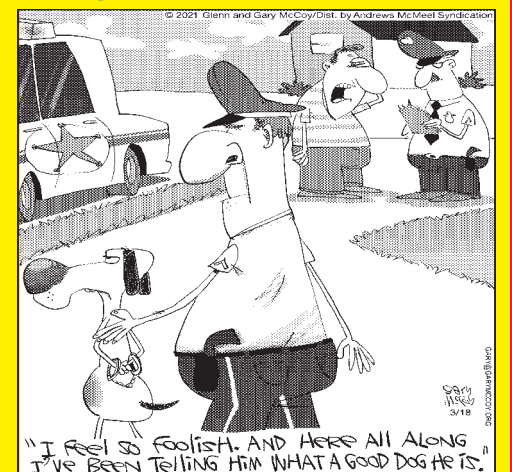


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

7	9	6	2	1	8	4	3	5	
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg March 18, 2021

ACROSS

- 1 Show agreement
- 4 Easy to bend
- 10 Legendary Yankees shortstop, informally
- 14 Dominican lover's word
- 15 Hang around
- 16 Manage somehow
- 17 Devotion to circular take-out food?
- 19 Group of families
- 20 Feeling relaxed
- 21 100%
- 22 "___ up to you"
- 23 Distinguished British women
- 26 Have mercy on
- 29 "Of course, Ms. Boop?"
- 33 Less feral
- 34 Skirt lines
- 35 Starter for "horn" or "string"
- 36 ___-Wan Kenobi
- 37 Ruckuses
- 38 Hammer's cleaning partner
- 39 Bone that's longer than a radius
- 41 (Stay away from my pride!)
- 42 Sound pollution
- 44 Cat that may bring you a wrench?
- 46 Fiery crime

- 47 About to fall out, like a tooth
- 48 Actress LaRue or Longoria
- 49 Ancient art venues
- 52 Allotment
- 56 Name whose last three letters are a limb
- 57 Really large place to land?
- 61 Additional
- 62 "Don't ___ it" (caution about strenuous activity)
- 63 UFO crew
- 64 Part of a certain necklace
- 65 Chevy SUVs
- 66 Friend of Larry and Curly

DOWN

- 1 California wine region
- 2 Exclude
- 3 Nod off
- 4 It may contain lime and water
- 5 Moves with long strides
- 6 Three, on a sundial
- 7 Enjoyed empanadas, say
- 8 Work without a ___
- 9 Make an effort
- 10 Points a finger at
- 11 Piece of sushi
- 12 Outback gemstone

- 13 Reject as false
- 18 Democratic Republic of the Congo, once
- 21 What starts with 2/1: Abbr.
- 23 Assignment information
- 24 Site of stored weapons
- 25 State of untidiness
- 26 Heavily built
- 27 Cellist Casals
- 28 ___ acid (protein component)
- 29 Emergent plants
- 30 Bangkok residents
- 31 Abdomen's body section
- 32 Oman neighbor
- 37 Group such as Emerson, Lake & Palmer

- 40 Not yet proven
- 42 Some Arizona natives
- 43 Speak pompously, perhaps
- 45 Boxing stats
- 48 Wear away
- 49 Its teeth may touch a brush
- 50 With 51-Down, soothing plant
- 51 See 50-Down
- 53 Something purchased
- 54 Palindromic German name
- 55 The Big Board in the Big Apple: Abbr.
- 57 Quickly note (down)
- 58 State sch. southwest of D.C.
- 59 "Unimpressive"
- 60 "Dude!"

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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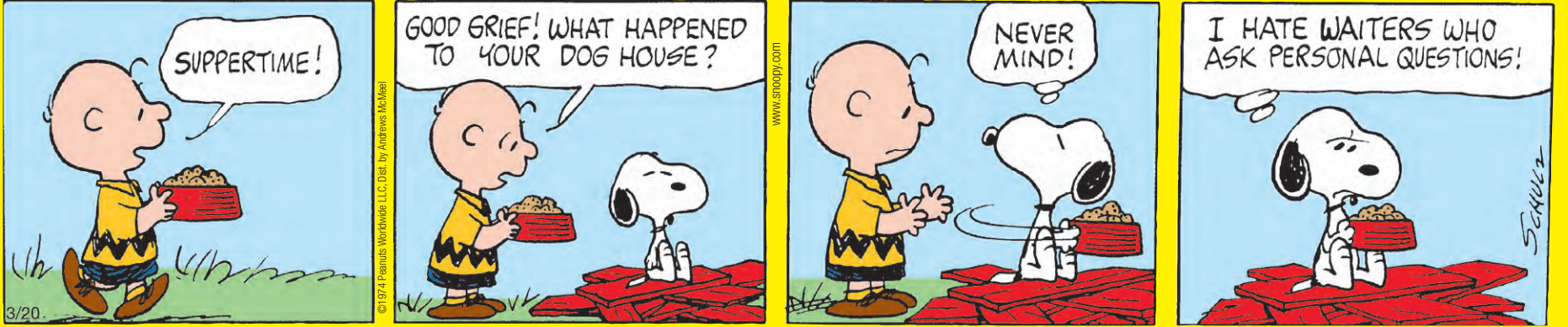
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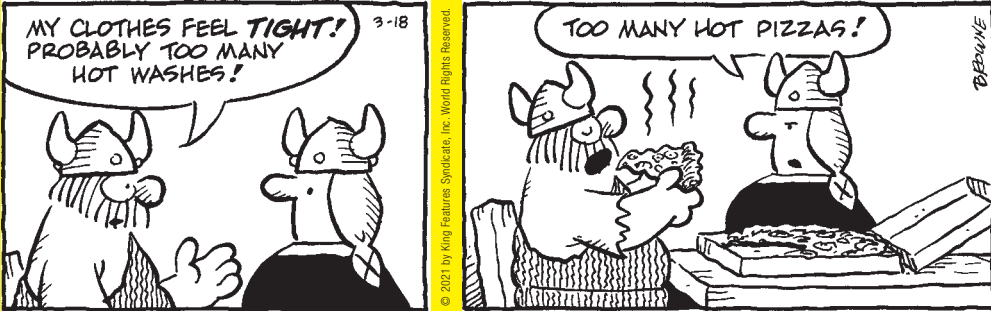
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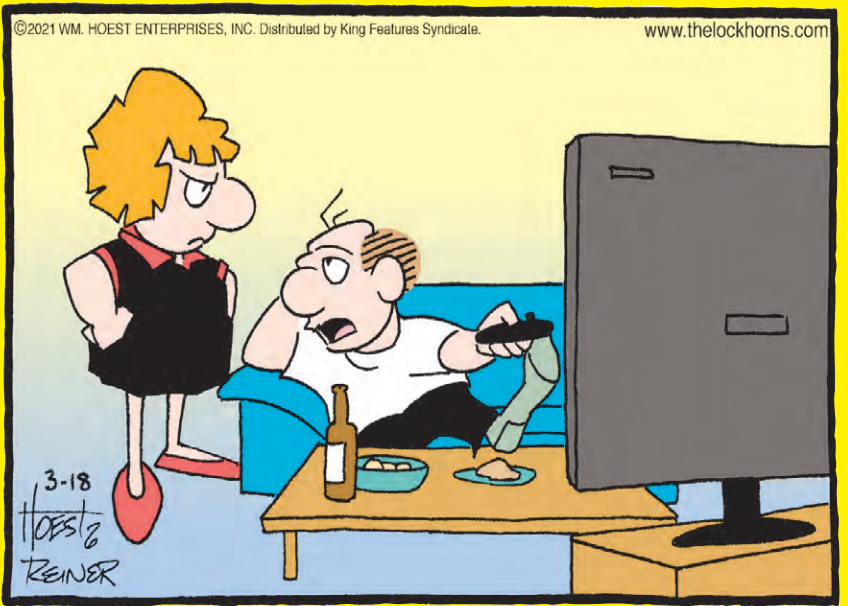
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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

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F Minus

Tony Carrilo



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Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



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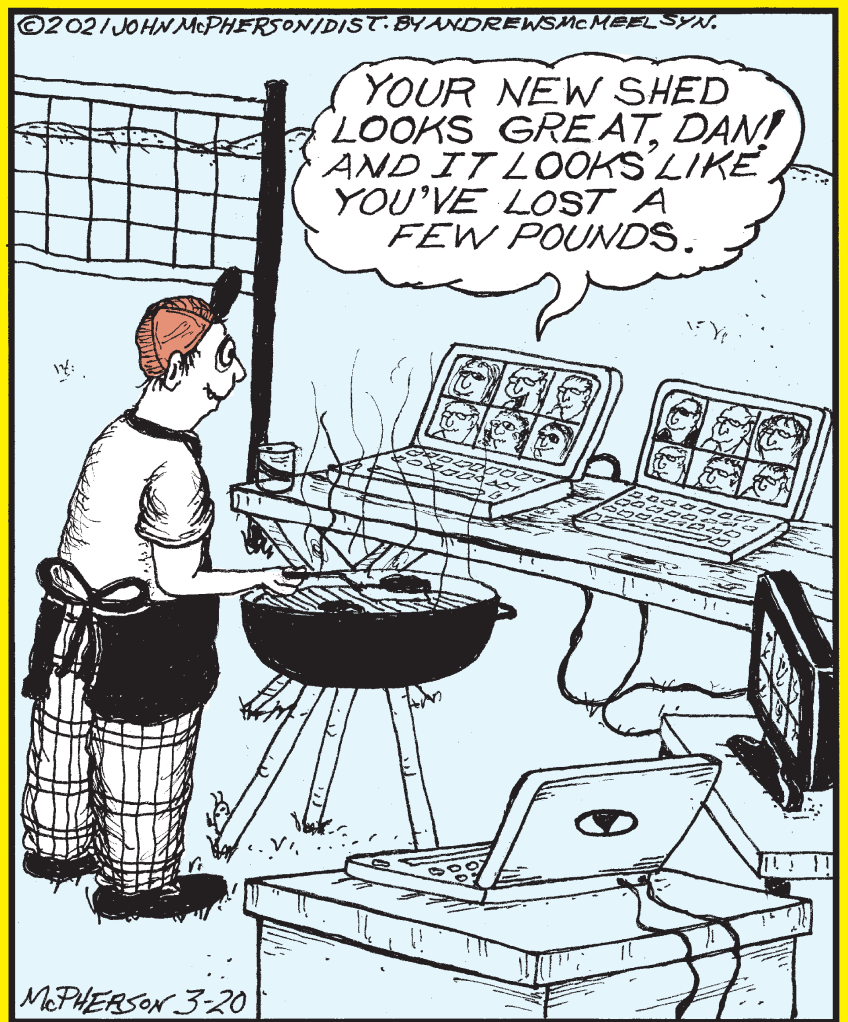
Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



Close To Home

John McPherson



At the Zoom Inc. annual company picnic.

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Don't worry. Left field, center field, right field, Marmaduke has them all."

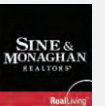
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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

The Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils boys swimming and diving team captured its 23rd consecutive MAC Red title on Saturday.

Blue Devils swimmers continue historic run of MAC titles

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For the 23rd year in a row, the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils are MAC Red Swimming & Diving Champions. The Blue Devils claimed another championship during the MAC Red Championship meet Friday and Saturday, hosted at South. Blue Devils coach John Fodell

believes this MAC Red title is the type of boost his team needs heading to state championships. "We had a couple more state cuts," he said. "Getting our state team bigger always helps. It's where we need to be. I think it's a good place to be moving forward and obviously we have to stay healthy and be ready when it comes time for the state meet."

The Blue Devils finished first with a team score of 421 points. Grosse Pointe North came in third with a team score of 240.5. Norsemen junior Gianni Carlino was named MAC Red Swimmer of the Year during Saturday's meet. Carlino also set one of the many new MAC records that were achieved Saturday, with a record time of 4:38.84

in the 500-yard freestyle. South's Keiran Rahmaan set MAC records in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke. Tucker Briggs broke the 100-yard freestyle record and South's team set new records in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays. South's Drew Vandeputte also set records in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley.

"It's big to get it done. Obviously it's been nerve-racking with all the protocols and everything that's been different," Fodell said about what a MAC Red championship means to his team in a season like this. "It helps the boys a ton, but now we move forward. Just being able to meet here is good for every school here, just being able to compete

and have some sort of conclusion to the regular season." South sophomore Logan Hepner claimed first place in the MAC Red diving championship and will move on to compete in MHSAA regionals for diving Thursday. The Blue Devils swimmers now look forward to the state championship meet March 27.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Norsemen senior Madeline Kohler handles the ball in North's win over Dakota.

North girls earn division title with dominant win over Cougars

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team was crowned MAC Red Division champions Thursday night with a dominant 59-36 win over the Dakota Cougars. In a high school basketball season unlike any other, an achievement like this is a welcome and unexpected surprise for Norsemen coach Gary Bennett. "It's quite an accomplishment," he said. "I've got to hand it to the kids, because they've worked hard and they're great people. I'm just proud of them, really proud of them." Thursday's win was the ninth victory in division play for the Norsemen, who led from start to finish against the Cougars. The scoring was relatively spread out, with three North players reaching double digits. Freshman Natalie Babcock scored 11, senior Maddie Kohler finished with 12, and sophomore Annabel Ayrault led all scorers with 17. In a

game where his team scored plenty, Bennett was most proud of his squad's effort on the defensive end. "I thought it was all going to come down to how well we played on defense," Bennett said. "I think that ended up being the difference. We broke the game open by getting some layoffs off of our defense and I felt we got some good looks off of our defense." Although a division championship is an outstanding accomplishment, North still has conference and state playoffs to look forward to in the coming weeks. With the most crucial part of the season on the horizon, Bennett knows there's still room for improvement. "We make bad decisions and we try to force stuff," he said. "We've got to eliminate unforced errors like travels and things like that or making a decision to make a real risky pass when you don't have to. ... I feel very fortunate that we've got to play this year at all, so really everything is gravy."

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Knights senior Tyriq Hurt steps up on defense as the Cardinals bring the ball up court.

Knights fall to Cardinals in quarterfinals

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School boys basketball team hosted the Cardinals of Cardinal Mooney Catholic on Monday night in the quarterfinals of the CHSL tournament. Energy and emotions in the gym were high for much of the game and in the end, the Knights failed to hold onto their lead as the Cardinals emerged victorious 58-52.

"I think in the fourth quarter we lost our composure a bit," said Knights coach Solomon Spann, following the loss where his team led by seven points going into the final quarter. "They were denying the basketball and making it hard for us to bring the ball up the court. ... When they sped us up, we got a little bit out of control."

The Knights got out to a slow start, with Cardinal Mooney going on an 8-2 run to open the

game, but managed to lead at the end of each quarter except the final one. A three-pointer from Cardinal Mooney's Luc Julio early in the fourth quarter tied the game 43-43, and things went back and forth after that.

It was another shot from beyond the arc by Julio with just under 4 minutes left in the game that brought the Cardinals into the lead for good. Tensions were high throughout the fourth quarter among players, fans and coaches during this important conference playoff matchup, and Spann tried to keep his team composed during the most crucial moments of the game.

"The main thing was that they played all season, too, and they want to advance, too," he said. "In order for them to take it up a notch, they're going to fight, scratch and claw, and they might not get any calls or we might not get any calls, but we've got

to remain calm under pressure regardless of the fact."

For the Knights, it was a pair of seniors who ended up leading the scoring in the loss. Michael Clark finished with 19 points, while Cameron Strong netted 17 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

The Knights must regroup from the tough loss and prepare for state playoffs next week. In order to pick up the team, Spann said he knows the key is playing tough and smart through all four quarters.

"Despite everything that was going seemingly somewhat against us, we were leading the game at the start of the fourth quarter, so we've got to be able to finish," he said. "... We all know championships are won in the fourth quarter and we've got to be able to execute."

MHSAA district playoffs for the Knights begin March 23, and are hosted at Southeastern High School in Detroit.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Adam Ayrault gets fouled while attempting a three-pointer in the Norsemen's win over Roseville.

North earns close win over Roseville Panthers

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After nearly 10 days off, the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team was back in action Friday night as the Norsemen traveled on the road to face Roseville. It was a hard-fought and close contest, with North managing to maintain a slim lead for much of the second half en route to a 59-54 win.

"Our defense has really picked up to the point where I think we can guard a lot of teams who don't expect it," Norsemen coach Andy Ayrault said after the victory. "Drew Hill, our point guard, might be the best defender in the league based on what I've seen. ... He sort of sets the tone for us defensively."

The Norsemen played solid defense throughout, but it was some big plays on the offensive side of the ball that helped create much of the momentum that ultimately led to a win. North had a tremendous night shooting the ball, especially from long range, knocking down 10

three-pointers.

"We really worked on, the last few days, getting the ball to the middle, whether it be on a drive or kick to the middle, then getting kicks out," Ayrault said. "It works because the defense will collapse then we get shots from the outside."

Seniors Jordan Shepherd and Andrew Dudek were the top scorers for the Norsemen on Friday. Shepherd finished with 15 points, with Dudek just one behind with 14. With the regular season winding down it, Norsemen coach and playoffs on the horizon, Ayrault knows the final stretch of the season will be anything but easy.

"I think we got a couple of tough opponents ahead of us," he said. "We've just got to compete as hard as we did tonight and we're going to be pretty good, because defense travels and both of those are away games."

The Norsemen have a rivalry matchup against Grosse Pointe South on Thursday night, then travel to Warren Mott to close out the regular season.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session for reviewing the 2021 Assessment Roll. Sessions will be held both in-person in the City Council Chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan and by video (Zoom) and telephone access in accordance with public health orders and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods City Council Resolution adopted November 16, 2020, establishing rules for remote attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, as amended. This notice is being provided to ensure that those wishing to participate in the meeting have an opportunity to do so.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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University Liggett boys hockey seniors from left to right: Grant Lindsay, William Bowen, Tommy Gebeck, Alec Leonard, Matthew Holder, Nick Fallon

Knights victorious on Senior Day, prepare for regional playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School Knights boys hockey team celebrated Senior Day on Saturday in the regular season finale. With six seniors being honored during the game, it seemed only fitting the Knights ended up with a 6-2 win over the Dakota Cougars.

"It turned out to be a great day," Knights coach Mike Maltese said. "... This group is a bit more

special to me as a coach, because I've been here all four years that they've been here. The six senior leaders we have, they certainly led the way, especially senior captain Alec Leonard."

The Knights' senior captain did have a big day, netting two goals in the victory. Maltese knows that having one of the biggest team leaders step up like that is a huge momentum boost.

"On a Senior Night where your captain is

stepping up like that, it's just pretty special for the group," he said.

Now, Liggett turns its attention to the MHSAA playoffs, beginning with the regional tournament this week. The Knights are the hosts of this year's regional at McCann Ice Arena and also earned a first-round bye and automatic bid into the semifinals.

The Knights have had some ups and downs during this short season. However, Saturday's vic-

tory has Maltese feeling upbeat about his team's play heading into the playoffs.

"We have to be a hard team to play against and I know we've had success in the last couple years in regional play and that's because we had complete total buy-in from everyone on the team," Maltese said. "There's little disparity between teams, in my opinion. It's mostly which ever team pays attention to details and capitalizes on their chances and that's the attitude we kind

of have coming in."

Liggett will play in the semifinals Friday night against the winner of the quarterfinal matchup between Grosse Pointe South and De La Salle. If the Knights advance to Saturday's regional final, they could face a potential matchup with the U of D Jesuit Cubs, the region's top seed.

The Knights and Cubs faced off once this season already, with Liggett coming out on the wrong end of a 3-0 shutout. With a loss to U of D already this

season, Maltese knows being underdogs in a potential rematch could be exactly the spark his team needs.

"Having that in the back of their mind that they already beat us 3-0 one time, that they might take us a bit lighter," Maltese said. "I think we're playing our best hockey as of late. ... It's a good time to start firing on all cylinders and I think if we take that team-first mentality every single shift, every single game will give us a better chance to win."

Grosse Pointe North celebrates Senior Night, final home game

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe North girls varsity hockey team celebrated Senior Night at ESH Ice Arena March 15, in a game against the Cranbrook Kingswood Cranes. The Norsemen put up a good fight, but were defeated 5-2 by the Cranes, having been outshot 52-24.

The Cranes scored two quick goals just minutes into the game, which took the wind out of the Grosse Pointe North team's sails. However, bouncing back at the start of the third, the Norsemen were able to sneak a couple of goals past Crane's goaltender, Paige Gorman.

The Norsemen tightened the score 4-1 with a goal from Lucy Turrini, assisted by Toni Miano, and senior Erin Murphy beat both Cranes defenses on a breakaway goal to finish the game, 5-2.

"This was our second game back after quarantine and I thought we played well," said

Grosse Pointe North head coach Casey Quick. "I'm happy with how we played Cranbrook. They always have the strongest defense and goaltending in the league, so I told the girls that if they can score on Cranbrook, they can score on anyone."

Both teams were coming off of a 14-day quarantine, this being Grosse Pointe North's second game back and Cranbrook's first game back.

"You could see the girls getting their legs back as the game progressed," said Cranbrook defensive coach Jared DeHaven. "It was obvious from us at least that we had not been practicing regularly as the first period saw a lot of turnover and collisions. However, by the start of the second, we developed more confidence and started playing a faster, more competitive hockey game."

North senior goaltender Mia Cassar had an outstanding game, saving 47 of 52 shots on

goal.

"Mia turned down shot after shot and took away the Cranes' opportunity to capitalize on rebound bounces," Quick said. "That game could have gone a lot differently if her rebounds were not controlled."

When asked how he felt about heading into playoffs after the break, Quick replied that his girls are just excited to have the chance to compete.

"It was honestly unexpected that we were able to resume our season," he said. "The seniors were crying after the last quarantine was announced and honestly believed they would not have a Senior Night or another home game with their team. I'm just so glad we had the opportunity to play this game."

The Norsemen have one final league game before heading into the state playoffs. They face Regina/Lutheran North March 17. They will see Troy United for their first playoff game at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

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Coach, businessman publishes first book

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Swimmer, coach and entrepreneur Fares Ksebati has come a long way since graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2009. The co-founder and CEO of MySwimPro now is also an author, with his new book, "Swim like a Pro," available now.

"I realized there are so many people I'd be able to help that I'm not helping right now if I just take everything I've already done and package it in a new format," Ksebati said. "A lot of the information and things I share in the book are accessible in different mediums like YouTube videos or articles I've written. ... In August, I decided I was going to write a book and within about six months we have it."

After swimming for Grosse Pointe South during high school, Ksebati swam for Wayne State University until graduating in 2013. While running MySwimPro, Ksebati also works as a swim coach at the Detroit Athletic Club and has spent time on the coaching staff of the Grosse Pointe Gators swim club.

Ksebati launched MySwimPro, a mobile fitness and training app, in 2015. MySwimPro was named Apple Watch App of the Year by Apple in

2016. Even with a successful app and now a book, Ksebati never thought he'd end up where he is today.

"I never really planned on going deep into swimming as a career or actually building a business inside of swimming," he said. "I had thought about maybe being a full-time coach because I really liked coaching swimming. ... The reason I started MySwimPro is because I was coaching and I saw there are so many challenges swimmers face. ... I wanted to be able to provide that level of coaching for people all over the world."

With years of coaching experience when it comes to swimming, Ksebati found a way to make his new book unique from other sports and fitness books out there. "Swim like a Pro" comes with an online companion course offering readers video instruction to go along with each chapter. Ksebati believes his coaching experience and years in the pool helped him realize a move like this would make his book stand out from the rest.

"Swimming is something that you can't just read words on a page," Ksebati said. "That's one thing I didn't like about a lot of the swimming books. They had pictures in the book and tried to explain it, but you're not

going to be able to look at a picture and understand that's how you swim; it doesn't work like that."

Ksebati decided to write the book when he realized last year that the pandemic has reignited a passion for reading in many people. The pandemic also brought around unprecedented challenges, especially for athletes. In that case, Ksebati knows athletes can benefit from his book's focus on mental training.

"In life, you're going to have plenty of challenges along the way, whether it's swimming or professional or personal," he said. "Having the right mindset is so important and I have an entire chapter just on mindset and the idea of having a growth mindset."

Almost everyone has faced challenges the past year, including those who don't necessarily aspire to be competitive swimmers. With that, Ksebati wrote his book and designed his training course with the goal of allowing everyone to benefit from it in some way.

"It's not just for a super competitive person or someone trying to lose weight," he said. "It's for anyone trying to improve upon themselves and get better."

"Swim like a Pro" is available on Amazon and MySwimPro.com.



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Grosse Pointe South alum Fares Ksebati celebrating the release of his new book "Swim Like A Pro."



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM LINDOW

The 2021 Pointe Paddle Classic champions were crowned on Saturday. From left: John Lamb, Dave Strickler, David Smith, and Paul Babcock

2021 Pointe Paddle Classic crowns two sets of champions

By Tim Lindow
Guest Writer

The sixth annual Pointe Paddle Classic was held in Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Grosse Pointe last week. The event culminated in two sets of champions being crowned at the Country Club of Detroit Saturday, March 13. Thirty-two competitors battled over several nights of fierce competition coupled with tremendous camaraderie.

Grosse Pointe Farms residents Paul Babcock and David Smith came

out on top in the A Flight, while City of Grosse Pointe residents John Lamb and Dave Strickler won the B Flight. Second-place finishers included Pat Cahill, Jeffrey Fogel, Jamie Dingeman and Ben Roeder. Generous support was given by Xenon Paddle.

Tournament organizers were Paul Babcock, Greg Brink, Tim Peacock and David Smith of Grosse Pointe Farms, Rick Linnell and Tim Lindow of the City of Grosse Pointe, and Tony Agosta of Grosse Pointe Park.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 220

On March 8, 2021, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 220 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective March 28, 2021, which Ordinance provides for amendment to Section 17-18, Chapter 17, Article II, of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, regarding dogs in the parks.

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Brothers Luc, left, and Liam Walz have their eyes set on one day sailing in the Olympics.

Brothers pursue Olympic sailing dreams

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Brothers Liam and Luc Walz both found success in their individual sailing careers. However, to achieve their ultimate goal of one day competing in the Olympics, the pair of Grosse Pointe South graduates are teaming up for their long-term campaign to make it to the world's biggest stage.

"I feel like we have a better dynamic going into the team," Liam Walz said about teaming up with his younger brother. "Logistically, it's a lot more efficient and I feel like we're able to get a lot out of our practices."

Both Walz brothers are alumni of Grosse Pointe South – Liam graduated in 2017 and Luc in 2020 – and did their high school sailing out of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The brothers are sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, one of the organizations helping them pursue their Olympic dreams.

"I'm speechless half the time with the amount of support we've been given from the community," Liam Walz said. "... The Grosse Pointe community alone has been shocking to me how helpful they've been."

Sailing is a unique sport and not one a majority of people might

say they are familiar with. To those who find sailing to be their passion, like the Walz brothers, they often find themselves in a supportive community of people who share that passion. It's that support from their fellow sailors that is a major motivation for the brothers.

"Every team is kind of like friends with each other. ... It's like a big friendship," Luc Walz said. "It's really nice to try and get to know everybody around. ... It's pretty great that it's just one large community."

"We just secured enough funding so we don't need to borrow one from the U.S. sailing team anymore, so this May we'll be picking up

our own boat and this summer we're going to be training," Liam Walz said about how far their supporters have helped get them.

The journey to one day make the Olympics will not be easy and it also will not happen quickly. Regardless, the Walz brothers know they have to be patient and keep working hard in order to get there.

"To even get on to the U.S. sailing team, we're probably looking at a four-year plan overall," Liam Walz said. "I would say the 2024 Olympics is probably a stretch, but 2028, which is going to be hosted in Los Angeles, is definitely in the realm of possibility for us to be ready for."

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

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On March 8, 2021, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 223 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective March 28, 2021, which Ordinance provides for amendment to Section 22-1 and 22-3, Chapter 22, Article I, of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, incorporating the statutory language required to enforce section 625(1)(c) of the Motor Vehicle Code for certain drunk driving offenses.

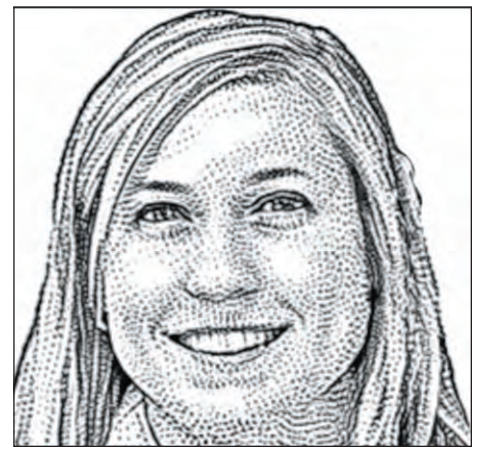
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Coach's Corner

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer



It's hard to believe that in two weeks we will be wrapping up what is possibly one of the strangest high school hockey seasons on record. It's as though the season came and went without ever really happening at all.

That being said, there will still be a state tournament to determine a champion for winter sports. Boys high school hockey teams have already begun play-off games and the girls will play their state tournament at the Arctic Edge in Canton from March 18 to 27.

Interestingly enough, the girls high school hockey state championship begins as many of these teams end a two-week quarantine that halted the majority of league games and practices leading into playoffs. What has this meant for these teams?

1. Uneven amounts of practices
2. Uneven game count
3. Disparities in playoff preparedness

Coaching high school hockey gives coaches the opportunity to develop players over the course of four years. This season, coaches were lucky to have a total of two weeks of practice. A shortened season, such as this one, has limited the amount of time a coach can spend educating their players and a lot less time on the ice honing their skills. Players have had to hold themselves much more accountable than in previous seasons to do at-home workouts and self-educate on their sport.

Having been the girls' varsity high school hockey coach at Cranbrook Kingwood for seven years, I have watched players of all levels learn and develop at their own pace. Many coaches run system-based teams with set plays and face-off lineups, ignoring individual

skill development. This is all effective until you run into a team that is creative enough to shut down your system and then you are left with nothing.

The most difficult part about the COVID-19 pandemic on a team sport, such as hockey, has been the inability to teach a game that is extremely complex. A truly talented team has skill, vision, creativity and the ability to adapt in any situation. The small skills are just as important as the big ones and each element is important and necessary for developing a player's creativity and in turn developing a well-rounded hockey team.

The challenge this year for teams all around has been building a hockey team without having a consistent practice or game schedule.

Looking ahead to the 2021 state playoffs, most teams are fresh out of quarantine. They are unpracticed and either nervous to take the ice for the tournament or eager for the season to be over. It will be interesting to see the dynamics of these teams. Who has adapted to the different style of learning? Which teams will display the most well-rounded athletes? How is it all going to play out? Hopefully with limited injuries and positive outcomes.

When a student athlete encounters a new challenge such as this one, it can be an invaluable learning experience. The lessons they have acquired this season will, hopefully, have positive longterm effects on work ethic, self-motivation and adaptation.

Good luck to all of the student athletes on the end of your winter sports seasons.



PHOTO BY DOUG WAKE

The Walz brothers have received support from all over the sailing community, including the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT

The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System ("Owner" or "School District") will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

PROJECT - GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (GPPSS) 2021 MASONRY REPAIR PROGRAM

Contractor's Bid Proposals will be received by Amanda Matheson, Deputy Director of Business office of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, **on or before 2:00 p.m. (local time) on Thursday, March 25, 2021 ("Due Date")**. The Board of Education will not consider or accept a Bid Proposal received after the Due Date, the date and time specified for Bid Proposal submission. Bid Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the Due Date at the same location.

Notify Mr. Rich VanGorder at vangorr@gpschools.org prior to visiting any site. Bidders must follow GPPSS COVID protocols when accessing project sites.

Each Bid Proposal must 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 or the Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The Board of Education will not accept a Bid Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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For questions regarding the projects, email **Mr. Rich VanGorder** at vangorr@gpschools.org and **Jackie LaDuke** at jladuke@sda-eng.com. Reference "GPPSS 2021 Masonry Repair Program" in the subject line. Please submit all questions prior to March 19th, 2021 at 4pm.

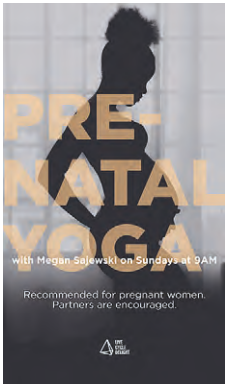
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