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Tennis House plans getting a workout

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Site plan review of the Tennis House condominium project at the tip of Moselle Place is rescheduled to next month's city council meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, March 6.

Review had been on this month's agenda.

The matter was set back to give the building's owners and city planners more time to steward a construction project having the intricacies of a small subdivision.

"There's a lot of coordination with the city water and sewer service to do this right and make it

first class," said Matthew Kornmeier, director of property management for ANK Enterprises, owners of the building and operators of the 80-year-old private tennis club since 2013. "It's like we're putting a new, little neighborhood within the neighborhood."

Declining club membership makes continued tennis operations uneconomical, Kornmeier told council members numerous times last year.

In August, Farms officials:

- ◆ rezoned the 1.5-acre club property behind First Church of Christ, Scientist from a recre-

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Chillin' out

Grosse Pointe Park's annual Chilly Fest took place Saturday, Feb. 4, at Patterson Park and Windmill Pointe Park. People rode the trolley between the two parks for numerous festivities, including a s'mores station, four-wheel saucer rides, ice fishing, face painting, inflatable bounce houses, a chili cook off, snow hill, Lavins Center Spa, chili and hot dogs.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Two-year-old Peter Warnick smiles atop Rocky as he is led by Chad McNaughton of Chamberlain Pony Rides in Imlay City.



Rules were bent for the day as skaters took to the ice to play hockey, usually forbidden at the park.

Banks pleads to misdemeanor, resigns Michigan House seat

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Brian Banks (D-Harper Woods) resigned his seat in the Michigan House as part of a plea deal agreement stemming from charges he committed fraud in applying for a loan from a local credit union.

Banks, who represented Michigan's 1st House District, which includes Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores, pleaded guilty Monday to a single misdemeanor charge of making a false statement of financial condition. Two felony charges of uttering and publishing and one felony count of using a false pretense to defraud or cheat were dropped. He could have faced up to life in prison on the charges because he also was being charged as a habitual offender based on sev-

eral other fraud charges dating back two decades.

Banks appeared before Judge Michael Hathaway in Wayne County Circuit Court, who set sentencing for Friday, Feb. 17.

Banks was re-elected to his third term in the house in the November 2016 election.

Gov. Rick Snyder will have to call for a special election to fill the empty seat. According to Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway, the state has set election dates for May, August and November, but she had not received word by press time of a date when the special election would be held.

Banks' Republican opponent in last November's election, Will Broman, issued a statement following the announcement Banks

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Above, 4-year-old Anna Grose enjoys a s'more. Right, Emma Truza and Olaf from "Frozen" were excited to see each other.



Community questions War Memorial plans

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The War Memorial's plans to repurpose its theater space into a cinema and partner with Emagine Entertainment to bring first-run movies to the community met with mixed reviews.

Concerned Grosse Pointe residents had their first opportunity — outside social media — to air their grievances and

have their questions answered at a meeting hosted by The War Memorial Monday, Feb. 6.

The Patriot Cinema, scheduled for completion by December, will offer reclining seats, box seating and a children's area. Seating will be reduced from 442 to approximately 250. The War Memorial will own and operate the cinema and employ all staff.

The partnership with Emagine allows for first-run movies along with art and specialty films and live broadcasts of sporting and cultural events. Shows, limited to 13 per week, will run Tuesday through Sunday, with morning, afternoon and evening showtimes and no show beginning later than 7:30 p.m. Concessions, including alcoholic beverages, will be sold. Online ticket

sales allow a cap on tickets sold in the case of competing events, such as a wedding, to ensure adequate parking, with the option to close the cinema temporarily during busy times or large private events. Renovations — including a retractable screen, sound buffering and insulation and an enhanced lobby area —

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Consultant advises Pointers to talk up the town

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— Grosse Pointes' retail and restaurant scene is too cooey.

"Existing restaurants and retailers should promote their businesses better," said James Bellanca, an attorney managing about 100,000 square feet of commercial space in the Village district of downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

Bellanca endorses recommendations in "Retail & Restaurant Market Analysis," a 39-page study by the Gibbs Planning Group of urban retail consultants headquartered in Birmingham.

Group President Robert Gibbs presented findings Tuesday, Jan. 31, at The War Memorial.

"You have one of the best selections of retailers for a town of your size I've even seen,"

Gibbs told the audience. "You should be getting a lot of people coming here on a regular basis."

The study was commissioned by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, the five Grosse Pointe municipalities and individuals.

Grass is greener

Analysis focused on the Village within a greater whole.

Gibbs mapped regional spending of Pointe residents through credit card activity.

"He was astonished at the amount of money Grosse Pointers spend going to places like Somerset Mall and Partridge Creek," Bellanca said.

He added, "We're spending an awful lot of time traveling to far away places that, even for restaurants and incidentals, are already here.

Part of it is educating our own folks — merchants

reminding them what we have and making it convenient for them."

The study is posted on the City website, grossepointecity.org, under "Village Hotel Development RFP/Q."

"One of the biggest things Gibbs brought up was, because we have a lot of local businesses, they're not open Sundays and at night," said City Mayor Dale Scrace. "I think it was about 65 percent of sales are after 5 p.m. and on Sundays. If you're not open, you're not part of that."

"He recommended retailers have at least one or two coordinated nights when they remain open at 6 p.m.," Bellanca said. "It does no good if one or two do it and not everybody because shoppers need to know it's a meaningful trip."

Gibbs also supports uniform parking operations.

"He's a big advocate of

raising meter prices on main streets and offering some element of free parking in lots," Bellanca said.

Gibbs has clients worldwide and authored "Principles of Urban Retail Planning and Development."

He said population in the Pointes' primary trade area is 150,000 — "triple the population most retailers are looking for."

"He indicated the results rank Grosse Pointe among the best communities from the viewpoint of future expansion of existing uses and the addition of more retail and restaurant usage," Bellanca said.

"It opened some peoples' eyes with the strength of the area we draw on," Scrace said of the presentation. "He must have reported four times it was one of the strongest markets

they've looked at in 10 years."

No place like home

The report begins with a bang:

"The study area [the Village] can support up to 170,000 additional square feet of retail and restaurant development, generating over \$58.8 million in new sales. Demand could partially be absorbed by existing businesses and/or opening 45 to 60 new restaurants and stores."

Pointe residents pack a lot of buying punch.

"Neighborhoods have retained considerable value and density not always characteristic of Detroit's other wealthy suburbs," according to the study. "The Grosse Pointe communities average 1,700 households per square mile, while Bloomfield Hills averages just over 300 per square mile." Retailers value house-

hold density.

"It translates into the strength of spending power and overall efficiency of a potential retail location," the study reads.

"With these demographics, we'd like to convince some retailers — Apple and Restoration Hardware-type stores — to move in if there's space available," Bellanca said.

Gibbs said the Pointes offer a lifestyle millennials seek when raising families.

"(I) hope our real estate folks reach out and promote Grosse Pointe as a resident community that is remarkably urban," Bellanca said. "The walkability of Grosse Pointe is a huge factor in the decision making process together with the schools, lake and other amenities."

Editor Jody McVeigh contributed to this report.

Photographer makes clean sweep 2017 roadwork schedule slated

Grosse Pointe News staff photographer Renee Landuyt recently received three awards through the Michigan Press Association's 2016 Better Newspaper Contest. Landuyt placed first, second and third for Photo Story, sweeping the category.

Her first-place award was for "Village Celebration," featuring photos from the 2015 Village Fest.

Her second-place award was for "Some dance to remember," which included photos of the Pointes' annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Rounding out the cat-

egory, Landuyt earned third place for "After Six," featuring photos from an event hosted by the Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Department during summer.

Judges' comments include "Good variation between photos to keep package interesting," "Nice differences in distance between subjects in frames" and "Fun community photos with some great moments."

Landuyt, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Park, has 15 years of experience and has been with the Grosse Pointe News 12 years.



Renee Landuyt

"I am excited and honored to win these three awards and for all the Michigan Press Association awards I've won the past several years," Landuyt said. "I love that a large part of my job is out in the community, giving me the opportunity to take pho-

tos of events for people to remember and enjoy.

"My photos tell a story and I enjoy capturing the moments — the expression on someone's face when they're excited, their emotion at the time of an event or experience," she continued. "I've covered a lot of the same events in my years at the Grosse Pointe News and I go into them thinking, 'How can I do it differently than before?' Winning these awards keeps that thought fresh in my mind. This is a great accomplishment for me and for the paper as we continue to grow."

The annual contest this year was judged by members of the Hoosier Press Association. More than 100 Michigan newspapers submitted 3,384 entries.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— This year's road improvement schedule is in.

Areas of the City of Grosse Pointe designated for construction are:

- ◆ Lakeland from the cul-de-sac below Jefferson to Jefferson and from Kercheval to Waterloo,
- ◆ Washington from Chalfonte to Mack,
- ◆ Rivard, a 300-foot section between Goethe and Chalfonte and
- ◆ Kercheval Place from Cadieux to Notre Dame.

Work is expected to cost \$822,483, although a contractor hasn't been chosen.

Funding comes from an annual 2.5-mil, road repair levy that voters in 2014 approved to last up to 15 years.

"(Fiscal year) 2015-2016 was the first fiscal year of the levy," said Peter Dame, city manager. "The levy will generate \$827,967 this fiscal year and slightly more in fiscal year 2017-2018."

Unspent money from prior years is carried forward to future projects.

"Now that the final cost of the 2016 calendar year road construction pro-

gram is in, approximately \$280,000 of the 2016-2017 levy has not yet been spent and will be put toward the 2017 road improvement plan," Dame said.

City officials regularly evaluate the condition of municipal roads and update a rolling, five-year repair strategy.

"Each winter, the council reviews the actual projects for the upcoming construction year and authorizes work to be bid out early in the calendar year to ensure the best possible bids," Dame said.

Roadwork during the next couple of years takes place concurrently with DTE Energy's city-wide replacement of underground gas mains.

Preparations are underway this year to replace mains below Maumee.

"They're going down every block," Dame said.

"Some (road construction) pieces may move around year-to-year as DTE's plan starts to materialize," said Steve Pangori, executive vice president of the city's consulting engineers, Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick. "They have

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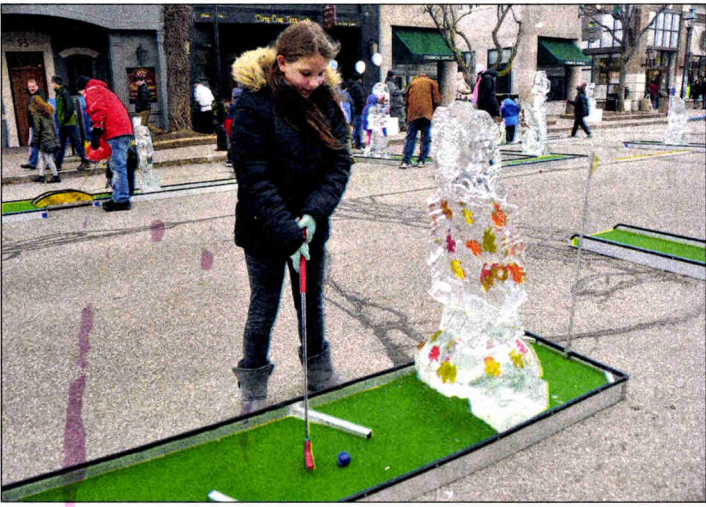
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Fun in the Farms

Grosse Pointe Farms hosted Winterfest on Kercheval Saturday, Jan. 28. The event included a scavenger hunt, ice sculpture putt-putt, live entertainment by The Relics, games, food trucks and more. Above, Alasandria Distefano plays ice sculpture putt-putt. Right, Ava McMillin eats a s'more while riding a hover board.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
Megan Sweeney roasted two marshmallows to put inside her s'mores.

Error in tax reporting has Woods filing corrections

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While most Americans are getting ready to file their 2016 taxes, several employees in Grosse Pointe Woods are facing the real possibility of refiling their taxes dating back to 2013.

A routine review of payroll tax records by new City Treasurer Cathrene Behrens discovered errors in income tax and FICA deductions for the years 2013 through 2015. According to Behrens, wages were over-reported on W-2 forms because the city failed to recognize employee contributions for health care benefits are not subject to income or FICA taxes.

The city retained the services of Mark Lachowicz JD, CPA and director of retirement services for the city's audit firm Plante Moran to assist the finance department through the process of correcting the tax records. He and Behrens presented information to the city council meeting as a committee of the whole

Monday, Feb. 6. Woods employees were to be notified by letter this week.

According to Lachowicz and Behrens, the city may apply for refunds on the over payment of FICA taxes paid by employees and the city can prepare amended W-2 forms. Employees, as well as the city, may file for refunds. Behrens estimated the overpayment in FICA taxes by the city could result in a refund to the city of about \$11,000.

According to Behrens, time is of the essence in filing corrections to 2013 returns as the Internal Revenue Service imposes a time limit of three years on corrected returns. Any refund requests for 2013 taxes must be filed by April 15, 2017. She also told council the errors were caught in time so the rates were corrected before 2016 W-2s were issued. Behrens also discovered issues with 2011 and 2012 taxes, but those years fall outside the three-year limit imposed by the IRS.

In a memo to council members, Behrens said the errors relate mostly to

money employees set aside in retiree health care savings accounts and payments for AFLAC supplemental insurances. However, in 2015, she also found issues with deductions for employee health care premium contributions and flexible spending accounts.

Former City Treasurer Dee Ann Irby, who joined the city in 2008 and left in 2016, was responsible for payroll and taxes. A recurring question asked of Irby during those years was if she had procedural manuals detailing the responsibilities of her department with guidelines and accounting formulas in place. She consistently assured council she did.

When asked by council at Monday's meeting about those manuals, Behrens said she was not aware of any.

Councilman Mike Koester said the most important thing for the city to do now is assist employees through this process.

"We have to do what we can to make employees whole," he said.

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allow for live music and theater performances and speaking engagements.

War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke began the meeting dispelling rumors, including the removal of "Grosse Pointe" from the institution's name.

"Our legal name is the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association," Burke said. "We are still and always will be the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association." Referring to the organization as The War Memorial reflects rebranding efforts and how it is currently referenced.

In response to an audience member's suggestion, "You're wanting to bring people in from all over and that will cause trouble," Burke said The War Memorial is "public and open to all people. Nobody checked your ID to come in here. Services for Older Citizens is open to all people. The Neighborhood Club is open to all people. Edsel and Eleanor Ford House is open to all people. That's the reality. I know it makes some people upset, but that's the real-

ity."

In opening the cinema to non-Grosse Pointers, Burke said The War Memorial is "not a club. We see the theater as extending the services we have."

Many in attendance objected to the displacement of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, a longtime tenant and primary user of the space.

"I really think the Alger family would not be happy live theater is being broadsided," said an audience member, adding she was "terribly opposed to having a movie theater here with Birmingham-style accoutrements."

Negotiations over GPT's continued use of The War Memorial are underway, with a proposed nine-week season for 2018 on the table, according to War Memorial board members.

Opponents argued nine weeks is not enough to support GPT productions.

Neighbors of The War Memorial raised concerns about parking, traffic, signage, lights and noise from increased use of the facility as well as lack of communication from The War Memorial.

"We don't have enough parking spaces right now if everything is filled,"

Burke said. "Our solution is to reduce the number of seats to match the parking lot we have."

He also assured audience members there were no plans to request a sign variance.

Grosse Pointe Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen said the city prides itself on working with The War Memorial on parking and traffic concerns in the interest of safety.

"I'm not here to address business plans and profit," Jensen said. "I'm here to address safety and parking concerns. Our traffic accident rate on Lakeshore and in the City is outstanding. We all work together great. From a safety perspective, the efforts of The War Memorial have been outstanding."

"We think, and the study will confirm, that we're going to cut the parking down in half," said Grosse Pointe Farms City Councilman Joe Ricci.

Elaine Langer, senior director of business and campus administration, addressed questions about The War Memorial's financial via-

bility, noting the endowment is close to \$11 million. "We have been working for the past three years since Charles came to right the ship, to accommodate the community and manage expenses I think we can work together. We also have to protect The War Memorial and be good stewards so that 50 years from now, The War Memorial will still be here. I truly believe that the board and the leadership of The War Memorial is trying to do that."

Board member Bruce Ferguson said the issue is not profit, but sustainability.

"The goal of the board with the three-year plan is to move The War Memorial to be self-sustaining and not always seeking the next donor. This project is focused on sustaining and growing The War Memorial," he said.

The War Memorial will maintain its 501(c)3 status and a portion of proceeds from the cinema will be donated to its Patriot Initiative to support organizations providing services for veterans and first

responders. Last year The War Memorial donated \$10,000 to Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Blue Star Mothers of America and the 17th District Judicial Military Court, according to Burke.

Several attendees said they supported the plans for a cinema and commended The War Memorial for its open, inclusive approach.

"I'm really happy about the movie the-

ater," said Grosse Pointe Park resident Betsy Fortuna. "In general, the direction The War Memorial is going is more modern and more open and I really applaud that."

Another meeting is planned Monday, March 13. Check warmemorial.org for updates. Responses to frequently-asked questions are available on the website under "The Patriot Cinema."

The Week Ahead

MONDAY FEB. 13

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council holds a special meeting to compare three proposals to construct a hotel in the downtown Village district, 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, across from city hall.

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been talking to us about putting a new pipe down Maumee. When we do the roads, we'll have to coordinate with DTE."

The current edition of the five-year resurfacing projection tentatively schedules road work as follows, with cost estimates:

2018-2019

- ◆ Charlevoix from Neff to Fisher,
- ◆ Notre Dame from Kercheval to Waterloo and
- ◆ Lakeland from Charlevoix to 110 feet north of Charlevoix, combined cost \$887,157.

2019-2020

- ◆ Neff from Maumee to St. Paul and
- ◆ Maumee from Cadieux to Fisher, total cost \$929,064.

2020-2021

- ◆ Rivard from Jefferson to Maumee,
- ◆ Rivard from St. Paul to Kercheval and
- ◆ Rivard from Kercheval to Waterloo, costing \$944,205.

2021-2022

- ◆ Goethe from University to Washington,
- ◆ Neff from Waterloo to Charlevoix and
- ◆ Lincoln from Jefferson to north of Maumee, costing a total of \$836,514.

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Crossing a bridge to understanding

Parent establishes advocacy group

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Maurya Kay and her husband, Howard, longtime Grosse Pointe Park residents, went through a process many parents go through when their children come out to them as gay. In their case, they went through it twice.

Two of their four children identify as LGBTQ. Erika, 26, came out the end of her freshman year in college and Jack, 20, came out his senior year in high school.

Regardless of her views, attitudes or beliefs — and despite the fact she suspected both children were gay — Kay described the news as an adjustment.

"If your family is suddenly very different from what you thought it was, it's an adjustment," Kay said.

"What I've learned is that it doesn't matter whether your political leanings or religious faith is conservative or liberal. You are still likely to have to cross a bridge of

understanding and acceptance and overcome just because, as social beings, we're so aware of 'the gays of the other.'

"Change challenges us, that's all," she continued. "There's no judgment." Recognizing the need for parents to adjust to a new vision of their families in an environment devoid of judgment or shame, Kay decided to form a local chapter of PFLAG — Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — a national organization providing confidential peer support, education and advocacy in a network of more than 400 chapters nationwide.

Other Grosse Pointe parents jumped on board and the first meeting is Sunday, March 5. Kay serves as president, T.J. Hessburg as treasurer and Jennifer Flanagan as secretary. The first speakers are Tom Nelson and Linda Karle, a married couple who met at a PFLAG meeting and have been instrumental in set-

ting up local chapters ever since. Meetings will be held the first Sunday of each month at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

PFLAG is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and open to everyone, Kay said, regardless of religion or political affiliation. And it's not just for Grosse Pointers.

"It's for anyone for whom this is a convenient location," she said, adding in the past, many Grosse Pointe parents have looked to the Detroit chapter for support.

"The core of PFLAG is people telling their stories and sharing their stories openly," Kay said. "Their stories are of their family members who identify as LGBTQ and their own feelings and responses to that and their process they live through in understanding and learning to accept their struggles. Through the storytelling, a lot of feeling happens."

Kay calls the process crossing a bridge. "Some

people have a long bridge and some people have a short bridge ... Everybody gets on the bridge learning to understand."

For Kay, the bridge began when her daughter was in preschool. She identified with the boys in her class, wanted to wear boys' clothes and insisted people call her Erik. With her pixie haircut and tomboy style, "everybody thought it was so adorable," Kay said. "She maintained that tomboy identity all the way through elementary," embracing "her more feminine self when she hit middle school because of awareness of social pressure to conform. She self-identified in eighth-grade — became aware that she was gay — but didn't come out to us until the end of her freshman year in college."

Awareness for her son, a second-year student at Juilliard in New York City, began even earlier. "Jack was always a unique individual who,

despite his uniqueness — which had more to do with his constant singing — was accepted by his peers for who he was, at least on the surface. Jack identified as gay when he was in fourth grade. He knew. He came out to me his senior year when we were on a college audition trip (during) a long drive in the car. He wanted to be out to everyone that mattered to him before he went away to college.

"Parents suspect. Friends suspect. But the rule is, the identity is up to the individual to claim, to own, to share," Kay continued.

Up to that point, many people experience shame, guilt, a sense of isolation and depression — all stages Kay observed in her own children. Guilt, she said, is "I did something wrong." Shame is, "I am wrong."

"When they identify, they now have to struggle with being an 'other' and realizing they're different. They're not in the mainstream and they go through depression that they keep bottled up because they're not ready to come out. They're not feeling safe ... They want to keep pretending for a while."

Part of that process is awareness of how hard it is going to be for their parents, she said.

Kay admits acceptance was difficult. "All the way along, when I knew there was a 50/50 with each of them, what did I secretly hope? That they weren't



Maurya Kay is establishing a PFLAG chapter in Grosse Pointe.

gay because that's more comfortable. It's more in the mainstream ... You're walking that road of fear within yourself. That fear in itself may set the stage whether the parent is ready to pave the way for that acceptance."

It also occurs differently between spouses.

"It is often the case that two spouses have very different reactions," Kay said. "That's another challenge, to be understanding and accepting of each other's responses or each other's process crossing that bridge. That can be stressful to a marriage."

"This is why an organization like PFLAG is needed," she continued. "Because people who walk your walk are the people you're really comfortable communicating with. What prevents a comfortable walk across that bridge sometimes is shame. And, in the words of (author) Brene Brown, who identifies as a shame researcher, 'Shame cannot survive being spoken. It cannot survive empathy.'"

To learn more about PFLAG and its mission, go to pflag.org. For information about the local chapter, contact Kay at PFLAGGP@gmail.com.

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Cameras support wreck analysis

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Even if investigators failed to spot debris and damaged property tracing the off-road route of a suspected drunken driver through the 90-degree curve on upper Lakeshore, a security camera captured video evidence.

“Footage shows the vehicle crossing the center lane numerous times, leave the roadway and strike objects in the median,” reported Sgt. Ron Coste of the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department.

described the suspect, a 23-year-old Detroit man, losing control of a 2006 Chevrolet in the 1100 block of southbound Lakeshore shortly after 12:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26.

Scouting the Chevy's path was as simple as following Hansel's bread crumbs.

Officers noted broken car parts, a damaged tree and snapped directional sign warning oncoming motorists of the impending curve.

Officers cited the man for drunken driving, possessing 3.47 grams of marijuana, leaving the scene of a wreck, improper lane change,

not having auto insurance nor driver's license and not wearing a seatbelt.

“The vehicle left the roadway to the left as it approached the 1100 curve,” Coste determined before viewing video.

Municipal cameras were installed starting mid-2015 to monitor three sections of Lakeshore — borders with St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Farms, and the intersection of Vernier.

Their purpose includes gathering evidence when seeking reparations from wayward motorists for damaging city property.

“The vehicle entered the left lane of north-

bound Lakeshore while keeping right-side tires on the median,” Coste reported. “The vehicle traveled back across the median into southbound lanes just prior to the turnaround near 1040 Lakeshore.”

Officer Tony Spina first questioned the man, parked after hitting a snowbank beside a residential driveway near the foot of Clairview.

“The vehicle was losing air in both front and rear tires, (had) extensive damage to the front corner and what appeared to be a tree bark stuck between the front and rear door,” Spina reported.

Asked to show his driver's license, the man reportedly offered Spina a credit card.

Embezzlement case goes to Wayne County

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — Former Grosse Pointe Woods court administrator Julie Moore has been bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court to stand trial on embezzlement charges.

Moore appeared at a probable cause hearing in Harper Woods District Court Wednesday, Feb. 1, where she waived her preliminary hearing and Visiting Judge Russell Ethridge ordered her bound over to face the charges in Wayne County. She is scheduled to be arraigned there Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Moore faces three felony charges — one count

of embezzlement by an agent or trustee for a sum greater than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000 and one count of embezzlement by a public officer over \$50, both felonies that carry sentences of up to 10 years in prison and restitution. In addition, she was charged with larceny from a building, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison.

Moore said little at the hearing before Ethridge other than saying she agreed to waive her preliminary hearing. She was appointed Woods court administrator in 2013 and relieved of her duties October 2016 following an investigation by the State Court Administrator's office.

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ation to multi-family residential district,

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- ◆ awarded conditional site plan approval to transform the existing footprint into four above-ground levels containing a combined 12 condominiums atop an underground parking deck.

In addition, developers received conditional approval to construct two one-story and two 1 1/2-story single family houses along a driveway from Moselle Place.

“It's quite an undertaking,” Kornmeier said.

“There's a lot of information to go through,” added Terry Brennan, director of Grosse Pointe Farms public services. “We're confident he's going to have the information we're looking for to do a complete review and presentation to council for the March meeting.”

Considerations run the gamut of residential civil engineering.

Issues include density, management of storm water runoff, tree removal and planting, vehicle parking, traffic flow, ensuring easements are prepared properly, emergency vehicle access and installation of utilities.

“We want to be as thorough as possible,” Brennan said. “There's a lot of questions from residents and council that we want to make sure we're prepared to answer.”

“Terry said we shouldn't rush this and I agree,” said Kornmeier. “We're dotting the Is and crossing the Ts. (City officials) will be pleased to see the progress we've made.”

There's already buyer interest.

“We aren't really taking reservations, but I've noted everybody who's called and said they'd like their names on the list when the time comes,” Kornmeier said. “I have seven or eight already.”

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Wallet taken

Investigators intend to review security video to solve the theft of a wallet from a restaurant employee on the Hill between 4 and 11:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.

The employee, a 21-year-old Roseville man, said the wallet was in a pocket of his coat hung on a rack accessible by the public near the restaurant's rear hallway.

"I searched the parking lot area, Dumpster and within (the restaurant) for the wallet with negative results," reported a public safety officer.

The wallet contained \$65 cash, the owner's Social Security card and credit card.

Passed out

A 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman positioned her car last weekend to shield a man passed out in a 2000 Oldsmobile Alero idling at a traffic light on Lakeshore and blocking a lane of traffic.

Shortly before 2 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, she stopped behind the Oldsmobile at a red light on westbound Lakeshore at Moross.

"When the light turned green, the (Oldsmobile) did not precede," reported a public safety officer. "(She) stated that after the light cycled, she pulled next to the vehicle and observed the sole occupant appeared passed out behind the wheel. (She) pulled her

Public Safety Reports

Run down

A medical doctor walking on the campus of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe shortly before 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, became the hit-and-run victim of a female motorist and patient of his colleagues.

The woman may have distracted herself with a cell phone while driving a blue 2012 Ford Fusion toward the Cadieux exit and hitting the victim, a 60-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man.

He fell, hurting his right knee and arm.

"(He) sought medical attention at Beaumont, where he is a physician," said a public safety officer.

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vehicle back behind the suspect's vehicle and turned on her hazard lights to avoid having the suspect hit by traffic."

Upon being notified, a patrolman awoke the man and told him to turn off the engine.

"(He) turned on the windshield wipers and was unable to turn off the ignition," said the officer.

The man reportedly registered a .12 percent blood alcohol level prior to being arrested for drunken driving.

Records list him on probation for a domestic assault in Eastpointe, according to the arresting officer.

Stupid is as does

A female carjacking victim locked the alleged perpetrator, a 30-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, in the vehicle he was trying to steal, according to police.

The incident happened in Walgreen's Pharmacy parking lot on Moross across Mack in Detroit at 12:13 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

It was the second time in consecutive weeks Farms public safety officers interceded in a matter broadcast by Detroit police radio dispatchers.

"A (man) entered her truck as she was putting her cart away," reported Farms Officer Roger Wierszewski. "She was able to lock (him) in the vehicle and call police.

(He) was still in the vehicle as we arrived."

Farms officers turned him over to Detroit authorities.

"I asked (him) what he was doing in the vehicle," Wierszewski said. "He stated, 'Something stupid.'"

Farms Officer Keith Colombo recognized the man as a suspect in a prior larceny from auto case.

"Colombo asked (him) what he was doing in the vehicle," Wierszewski said. "He stated he was going to steal items and sell them."

At odds

At 8:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, police arrested a 31-year-old Highland Township man for domestic violence at the residence of his alleged victim, a 30-year-old female homeowner in the 400 block of Cloverly.

A lieutenant noted her bruised arms, scratched hands and torn left ear reportedly due, the night before, to an earring being pulled out during a fight.

Police said they learned the allegations from a third party.

Busted

A man driving a car with faulty brake and headlights and trailing an odor of marijuana was

arrested shortly before 1:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

A patrolman trailed the man, 18, of Belleville, from eastbound Mack to northbound Moross before stopping him near the intersection of Chandler Park Drive in Detroit.

The man reportedly possessed narcotics paraphernalia — a marijuana grinder and scale.

When asked during field sobriety tests to chose a number between 21 and 19, he answered "17," according to the

arresting officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Window broken

The owner of a 2002 Dodge pickup, parked in the alley behind a business in the 18100 block of Mack from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, found the passenger-side window smashed and molding damaged by a pry tool.

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would resign.

"Brian Banks should have resigned before the November election," Broman wrote in his statement. "Detroiters deserve a representative who will fight for them every day to tackle the issues plaguing the district from 48205 to Lakeshore Drive."

Broman said he has not decided if he will run again for the seat.

"It's something I have to discuss with my family and I'll be making a decision once the date has been set for the elec-

tion," he said. "But I'm not ruling it out."

Pamela Sossi, who came in second to Banks in the Democratic primary, also said she will run for the now-vacant House seat.

"It's time to turn everyone's attention back to the needs of the district rather than focusing on the representative's behavior," she said. "I'm glad he did not waste the taxpayer's time and money with a trial."

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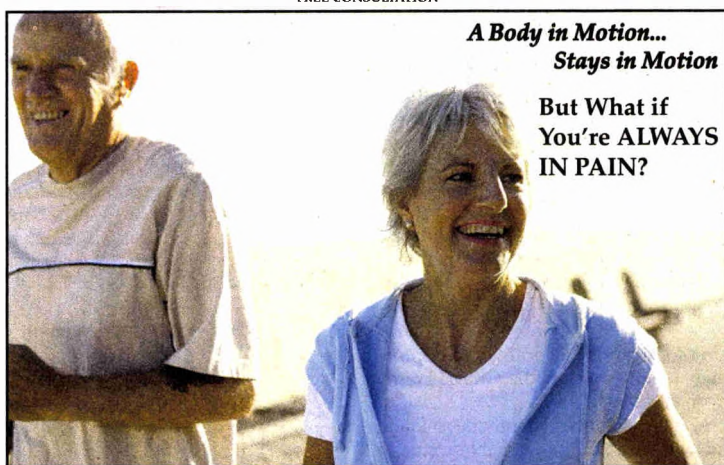
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I SAY By Bob St. John

Pointers give back to help youngsters

There is a group of local men and women trying to bring positive experiences to the Grosse Pointe/Detroit area.

The group of more than a dozen Grosse Pointers help run the East Side Youth Sports Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the growth of youth sports on the east side of metropolitan Detroit.

The ESYSF uses quality coaching, subsidized equipment and facilities, while providing low-cost opportunities for youngsters to experience the benefit of playing sports.

They want to provide players the important life lessons which will assist them on and off the field, including good sportsmanship, citizenship and physical awareness.

Let me introduce these men and women making a difference: Brian Francis, president and founder; Sam Steinhebel, trustee, scholarships and grants; Paul Fayad, secretary and founder; Errol Service, trustee; Anne Ugval, treasurer; Doug Wood, trustee; Michele Lindsay, trustee; Celia Wade, communications chair; Don Yaeger, athletic development advisor; Mike Fox, athletic development advisor; Paige Peabody, capital campaign chair; Beth Wood, capital campaign co-chair; Tim Sullivan, honorary founder; Molly Shook, building chair; Terry Shook, building co-chair; and Kristin Denno, capital campaign chair.

Others who aren't on the board, but lend a hand, are Jerry Bourke, J.R. Turnbull and the Grosse Pointe Old Devils, a hockey program of longtime Grosse Pointers who play fundraising hockey games to fund college scholarships.

In addition to the foundation, several Grosse Pointe residents put money together to buy the Grosse Pointe City Rink on Canyon and Mack.

Even more money has been invested into the rink and the improvements have turned it into a viable venue. It was renamed the East Side Hockey Foundation Ice Arena and is home to Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey teams, as well as Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team. Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team also has played several home games at the rink.

It is close to home and a perfect venue for the local teams. The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs travel hockey club also plays its home games at the rink. It is a busy rink and the money spent on renovations has helped rescue it. In September, the foundation sponsored a free "try sports" day, which brought dozens of children to try soccer, tennis, hockey, lacrosse and other sports.

In addition to sports, the foundation also helped initiate a local literacy program, giving eastside children the chance to enhance reading and writing skills.

It's these men and women who are giving back to the area which helped them thrive as youngsters.

Keep up the great work and hopefully you can help the foundation give back to the community.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Robert C. Gorski D.D.S. always wanted to make a tooth out of snow and decided this was the year. After the sun came out, Gorski had to do some cosmetic bonding on the snow tooth, which his kids teasingly called "molar-vortex." Gorski lives in the City of Grosse Pointe and has been fixing Grosse Pointers' teeth for more than 40 years.

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LETTERS

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To The War Memorial

I am writing to express my concern about the recent changes at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, now officially just "The War Memorial." It is disappointing that an organization based in a building donated by Grosse Pointers and intended for the use of the Grosse Pointe community no longer sees fit to use its former title.

Instead you have chosen a logo that looks like one of a commercial flag company. Is the patriotic symbol designed to make us feel better about losing its Grosse Pointe identity?

Now the "Patriot Cinema" is proposed, a public movie theater that will necessitate the relocation of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, a group that for many years filled the Fries Auditorium with fine productions.

What disturbs me most is the apparent secrecy with which this was all done — no public feedback, no news coverage — until it was presented as a fait accompli.

This brings to mind the ill-conceived move by the GPWM board years ago when they purchased the adjacent Lakeshore lots (using half of their endowment) without doing due diligence. That move cost you many donors and this current situation will cost you more.

I understand the necessity of raising funds for years of deferred maintenance, but why discourage local donors, instead of appealing to former donors and encouraging new ones? Please reconsider the direction you are going. Is it really to the benefit of our community?

TISH COLETT
Grosse Pointe Farms

Ousted?

A movie theater at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial? Unbelievable and unacceptable.

After 40-plus years of providing entertainment — musicals, dramas — Grosse Pointe Theatre has been ousted for a movie theater. Over these years, GPT has served all the Grosse Pointes, plus Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and beyond to all reaches of the metropolitan Detroit area.

And what about our young people who were exposed to the theater through our Youth on Stage program? Where will they go now?

The whole situation is incomprehensible and unacceptable and I, for one, will reconsider my future support of War Memorial programs.

MARY MCLEOD
Harper Woods

GUEST OPINION By Doug Caldwell

Michigan bill would abolish traditional public notices

Last month, the Michigan House of Representatives began its 99th session.

The first bill introduced deals with an important issue — rolling back Michigan's income tax. The second bill introduced by Rep. Rob Verheulen (R-Walker) is a replica of the bill introduced in the last two sessions by former Rep. Amanda Price (R-Clark Township) that would remove all public notice from newspapers.

The members of the Michigan Press Association find it disconcerting that subverting citizens' rights to access information about what their government is doing is one of the first issues introduced for this legislature.

In this era of unscrupulous hacking by foreign entities it seems depositing all the information about government activity including things like zoning, millage increases and government takeover of personal property to the websites of the government themselves is risky at best and possibly unethical at worst.

Our Founding Fathers were so concerned and distrustful of government power they took extraordinary measures to ensure transparency and accountability.

The checks and balances provided for in the Constitution we learned about in civics class are

one such measure.

A second and equally important measure is the three-legged stool of governmental accountability, the first leg of which is the proper notice of upcoming government meetings and actions.

The second leg is the requirement that governments hold open meetings so officials can be held accountable for their actions.

The third leg is the Freedom of Information Act so all people have access to government records.

These three legs of transparency and accountability are critical to the health of an informed democracy and the first leg is under attack by some misguided government officials.

Good public notice must be provided in a forum independent of the agency required to give the public notice. If not, unscrupulous officials can hide or confuse actions from the public.

These notices need to be accessible to all members of the community regardless of financial status or technical abilities.

And they also must be archived in a permanent format to prevent revisions to the historical record.

Notices placed on a government website fail all these requirements.

Does the entire community have the access and skills to know how and where to find this information

on the internet? No, it's highly unlikely even in the most affluent communities.

Would placing these notices on a government website save money? Very unlikely if all aspects are accounted for because the process requires staff to upload and maintain the records; websites require regular maintenance; and security is questionable at best.

These failings are further compounded by a lack of independent oversight.

The internet can be a valuable adjunct in helping keep the public informed. That is why most newspapers now post notices on their websites at no additional charge.

However, government notices must be handled like the permanent legal documents they are. Newspapers have done this for hundreds of years at minimal cost.

Hiding these notices on an obscure government website fails the public and contributes to the erosion of trust in government.

Our Founding Fathers would strongly disapprove.

We urge you to contact your state representative and let them know you do, too.

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The suspect, 22, lives in Detroit. She matches the description of the Fusion's registered owner, traced by police using the license plate number the victim jotted down.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing doing

No new entries in the crime blotter.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasion

Between 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, and 4:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, a home in the 1200 block of Balfour was entered through an attached garage. The homeowner reported a home safe containing cash and jewelry was taken.

Checks stolen

A household employee is suspected in the theft of checks from a homeowner in the 1100 block of Nottingham. In addition to fraud, the suspect also could be charged with elder abuse. Police continue to investigate.

Identity theft

A resident of the 1300

block of Buckingham filed a report with police Thursday, Feb. 2, indicating she had been the victim of identity theft. She told police her employer had notified her that a request for unemployment benefits had been filed in her name. Police acknowledge this is a growing problem, with a similar case being reported last week to Grosse Pointe Woods police.

Credit card fraud

A resident of the 15000 block of Jefferson filed a report with police Thursday, Feb. 2, that his credit card had been used by an unknown person and several purchases had been made.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Items taken from car

Monday, Jan. 30, a resident in the 500 block of Hollywood reported several items, including her wallet and Bose headphones, missing from her car. The car was parked in her driveway over-

night, then in the parking lot at Grosse Pointe North High School during the day, so she was not certain when the items were taken. Police remind residents to always lock their cars and not leave valuables in them.

Gift card fraud

A salesperson filed a complaint with police Monday, Jan. 30, that after giving an unidentified person \$1,200 for several Starbucks gift cards, he discovered the cards had been deactivated. According to the complainant, he bought the cards as gifts for clients for half their face value and they were activated at local Starbucks locations. When a recipient attempted to use the card, it was denied. According to Starbucks, people purchase gift cards using a credit card, then complain to the credit card company the cards never arrived and the credit card company cancels the purchase, refunds the customer's money and Starbucks deactivates the card. Police continue to investigate.

—Kathy Ryan

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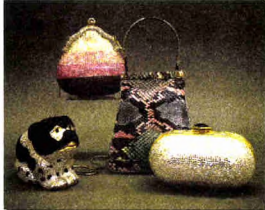
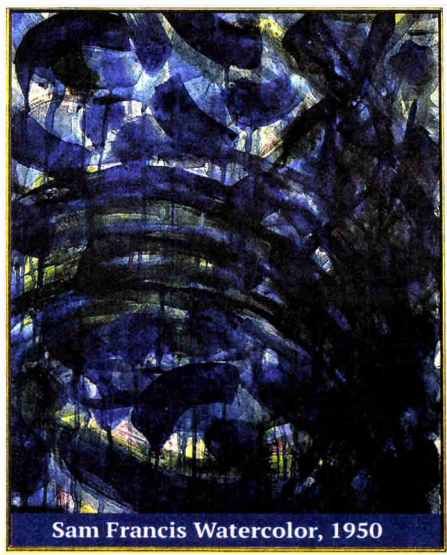
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Recycling bin campaign nearing completion

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

By the end of this week, every athletic field at every school in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will have at least one recycling bin, thanks to a partnership between the district and the Ecology Center.

The bins help reduce the amount of plastic thrown away — a serious issue in the eyes of many in the district.

“Parents approached the district with a concern about plastic recycling at the ball fields,” said Rebecca Fannon, GPPSS community relations specialist. “Water and Gatorade bottles were overflowing the regular trash bins. GPPSS was happy to work with Local Motion Green at the Ecology Center on the project. We often partner with them on initiatives related to our Michigan Green Schools programs.”

Organizers began brainstorming the campaign three years ago and put it in motion a year later. Bins are provided through sponsorships and the schools provide maintenance.

Melissa Sargent, green living resources director with the Ecology Center, wrote and received a grant from the Worthington Family Foundation to reduce the sponsorship price for schools with a related educational component for students. With the grant, schools can purchase a bin with their logo for \$200.

Businesses, organizations, clubs or other donors may purchase bins for a \$500 donation, Sargent said.

“Their logo will be placed on the bin, which we anticipate lasting at least 10 years,” Fannon added.

Green and blue bins — which represent Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, as well as nature — have been purchased by the Neighborhood Club, Beaumont Hospital, Crosspointe Community Church and the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, among others.

But they’re not stopping yet.

With a goal of 37 bins, the project is still eight bins shy of meeting the

needs assessed by district planners. Several schools, businesses and organizations have sponsored bins — 29 by week’s end — and organizers hope to place one last order soon.

“Before the recycling bins, parents and kids would bring plastic bottles to sporting events but there was no place to put them,” Sargent said. “Plastic was being thrown away — away meaning to the incinerator in Detroit. That has negative health consequences; it’s polluting the air This is helping us have a healthier community if we can help get bottles recycled.”

Sargent said the bins will help the district save money, too.

“Trucks were already coming to the schools to pick up recycling,” she said, but there was nowhere to capture recyclables. “The amount of trash being disposed of is reduced, so there should be a cost savings to the district.”

Sargent said before the campaign, more than six tons of plastic was being thrown away each year at Grosse Pointe sporting events.

The campaign caught on quickly and schools came up with interesting ways to raise money, including hosting jeans day, bottle collection and electronics recycling events.

“Brownell did an outstanding job,” she said. “We went to the school and pitched that they needed three bins. The PTO said, ‘we’ll get five,’ so there are two extra at Brownell. A couple of the schools have more than what was recommended.”

Girl Scouts at Maire Elementary School sponsored bins, but because the school already had enough the bins were donated to Pierce Middle School, where the scouts soon will attend.

A group of Richard students also raised money for their own bin.

“We’re hoping that this means there’s some investment on the students’ part, that they’ll remind each other to use the recycling bins,” Sargent said. “The schools have really good education about recycling. The students go home and teach their parents about recycling, but then they’d go to a



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Melissa Sargent helped organize the placement of recycling bins at every school in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

sporting event and there were no bins. It was confusing. This really makes a consistent message for students — that it is important.”

The bins are mobile and may be moved to fit the season or occasion. For example, all of the bins were moved to the host field during the North/South football game. They also may be moved indoors during winter for basketball or other games, which is

where many of them currently are.

“This has been a wonderful community project,” Fannon said.

Added Sargent, “We’re happy to be able to partner with the schools on this project.”

Sponsorships are accepted through February. To make a \$500 donation to the Ecology Center for a recycling bin, contact Sargent at (313) 881-2263 or melissas@ecocenter.org.

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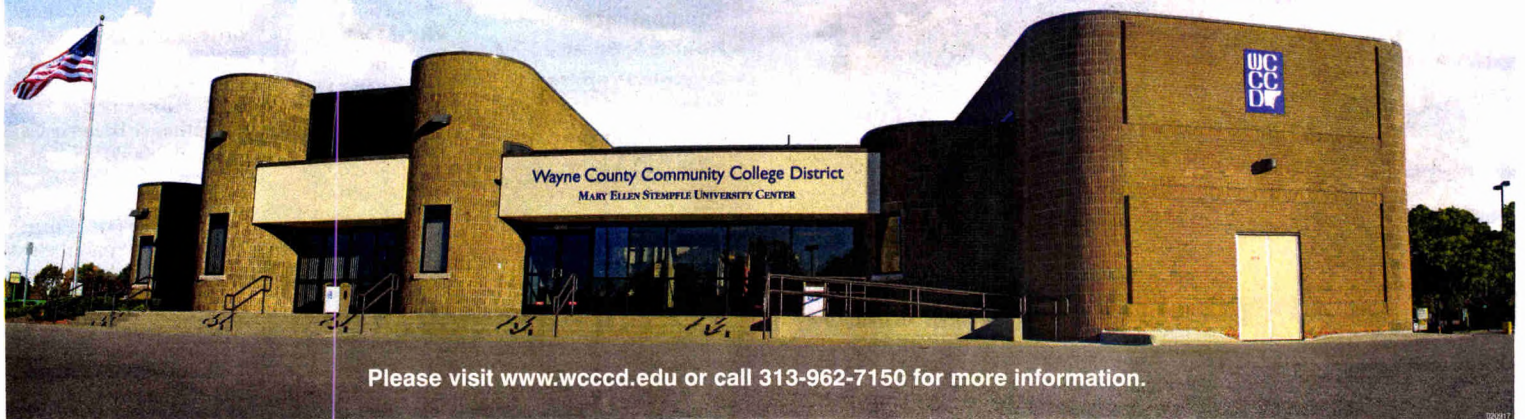


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Unsung heroes: Act of kindness opens road to higher education

By Ray Reynolds Graves
Guest Writer

It may be said the teachings of the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) have inspired many unknown and unrecorded events that have advanced human understanding and human history. So, then, the freed slaves who helped a Caucasian stranger, setting aside their fears that he might be from a group that wanted to capture and re-enslave free blacks, inspired the creation of a medical school that stands among the finest in the nation.

Sam Meharry was hauling a load of salt in Kentucky in the 1820s when his wagon slid into a ditch. Alone and almost lost, he happened on a shack inhabited by a family of freed slaves who took him in for the night and got his wagon back on the road the next morning. They were satisfied that he was no threat to their freedom. Meharry told them he had no money to pay them for their help, but promised, "One day I will do something for your race."

While the name of the black family is lost to history, the act of kindness was repaid by the Meharry brothers, who became prosperous after the Civil War. In 1876, led by Sam, the Meharry family donated cash and property to Central Tennessee College for the purpose of creating a medical department for black students who wanted to become physicians. In the 1880s the medical department opened a dental school and by 1915 these departments were separately chartered as Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., offering medical and dental degrees. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Meharry adopted the motto "Worship of God Through Service to Mankind."

The impact of Meharry's alumni on medicine, dentistry, research, philanthropy, politics and civil rights has bettered the health care system and nation. Almost half of the black

health care professionals in the United States are Meharrians, justly proud of their excellent education and continuing public service. The Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved is one of many respected Meharry publications. The Annals of Internal Medicine ranked Meharry second among accredited medical schools with alumni providing services to poor and underserved patients. As one of the top five producers of primary care physicians, Meharry Medical College has a special mission in training doctors to understand the patient's emotional as well as medical problems.

Dr. Charles H. Wright, founder of Detroit's Wright Museum of African American History, is but one outstanding example of a Meharrian who, successful in medicine, reached out to make a contribution to his community. Dr. David Satcher was president of Meharry when he was appointed U.S. Surgeon General by President Bill Clinton. Detroit's Bell Broadcasting Company, founded in 1956, was among the first black-owned independent radio stations in the nation. Dr. Haley Bell and his two sons-in-law, Dr. Wendell Cox and Dr. Robert Bass, launched WCHB-AM just as the music industry in Detroit exploded with

Motown Records. All three received their dental degrees from Meharry. Keeping the Detroit connection, the new Dean of Medicine is Dr. Veronica Thierry Mallett, daughter of former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Conrad L. Mallett III.

A traveling merchant repaid a simple act of kindness by establishing a medical school for blacks. Sam Meharry is a hero in Black History Month.

This is the second in a four-part series commemorating Black History Month.

Source material: Meharry Medical College website, mmc.edu; *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Vol. 152, Number 2, June 15, 2010, pp 804-811, annal.org; James Summerville, *Educating Black Doctors: A History of Meharry Medical College*, (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 1984); Charles W. Johnson, Sr., M.D., *The Spirit of a Place Called Meharry: The Strength of Its Past to Shape the Future*, (Franklin, TN: Hillsboro Press, 2000).

Ray Reynolds Graves was a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, 1974 to 1994 and a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, 1982 to 2002. His father is Isaac Graves D.D.S., Meharry, 1945.



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tion in Macomb County, but is strong in neighboring Michigan counties and areas in the historical migratory path to Michigan, including New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ontario, Canada.

Lisa Eschenburg, chairwoman of "The Let's Talk ... Genealogy" discussion group and the Macomb County Genealogy Friday Group, presents the program. In addition to her expertise in local history, she is an expert in organizing family trees and researching German roots.

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Ford House hosts Collectors' Series

This winter, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House invites visitors to take a closer look at the antiquity collection at the estate with its new Collectors' Series. The monthly program allows small groups the opportunity to go behind the scenes with an expert artisan or historian to learn more about the collection. The series kicks off Saturday, Feb. 18, with "Patio Chic: Exploring Vintage Garden Furnishings."

Edsel and Eleanor Ford, known for their discerning eye and good taste, were collectors of exquisite, unique and sometimes exotic art, antiques, artifacts, textiles and furniture. This series begins to explore the vast collection with a tour, talk and up-close examination of priceless antiques. Series leaders also offer practical tips and tools to help build and preserve antiques in visitors' own homes. At

the end of the program, participants mingle and further discuss the topics over wine and cheese.

"We often hear from visitors that they would love to know more about works of art, furniture styles, historic textiles and rugs and decorative arts," said Kathleen Mullins, president of Ford House. "Ford House has listened and in response is introducing our new Collectors' Series to use our wonderful collection as a teaching tool. The workshops will give participants a look at our collections in a new and unique way

and will enrich their understanding as they look at their own collections or further explore their personal interests."

Collectors' Series programs include:

◆ Feb. 18 — "Patio Chic: Exploring Vintage Garden Furnishings"

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◆ March 23 — "Rug Collections: Get Swept

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

Freedom with a purpose

As we have entered in to a tumultuous 2017, there has been much talk of our freedoms. With the residual post-election division, we have heard voices reassert the freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. The freedoms we enjoy in this country are an incredible privilege and part of what makes our country what it is.

Often when we think about our freedom we consider it as freedom from taxation without representation or illegal search and seizure or censorship. Yet the question remains: What is freedom truly for? Is it merely freedom for freedom's sake or is there a direction or purpose to freedom?

The Preamble to the

Constitution suggests there is a direction to freedom as we are instructed to provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessing of liberty in the forming of a more perfect union.

This question and deliberation parallels the even greater freedom we have in Christ. The magnitude of our freedom in Christ is given expression in 1 Corinthians 10:23, "Everything is permissible." Through Christ we have freedom from sin, the law and condemnation which equates to this incredible statement of freedom. However, as the verse continues, we are reminded of the direction of our freedom in Christ, "... but not everything is

beneficial or constructive."

As the passage continues we are given two principles that shape our use of our freedom in Christ. First, "Nobody should seek their own good, but the good of others" (10:24). Freedom at its best, particularly freedom in Christ, is others focused. Second, we discover "Do it all for the glory of God" (10:31). Our freedom allows us in big and small ways to bring glory and honor to the author of life and giver of freedom.

As we continue to walk further into 2017 may we enjoy the freedoms we have and never forget the purpose of our freedom.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Church. Visit livinghopeec.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers its seventh annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and younger. Proceeds benefit the Haiti and Africa Relief Team. For information, visit h-a-r-t.org.

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Tasty Treats," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. The Music at Memorial program includes performances by Carol Ambrogio Wood, Kenneth Shepherd, Suzanne Grogan, John O'Brien, Sheena Law-Killinger, Diane Schoff and

Michael Fowler. Tickets are \$20. Call (313) 882-5330.

Grosse Pointe Congregational

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a free luncheon noon Wednesday, Feb. 15. Soup and sandwiches are served free of charge. Following lunch is a meditative coloring exercise. Call (313) 884-3075.

First English

Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church invites the community to its annual Valentine Salad Luncheon and Card Party at noon Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the Luther Center, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Cost is \$12 and

includes salads, desserts and beverages; door and table prizes are provided. Bring cards or a game, or just come for lunch and fellowship. RSVP with Chris Judson at (313) 886-4914.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, presents "Water: Inspiration and Vital Resource" at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 and 26. Call (313) 822-2814.

Living Hope

The Living Hope Evangelical Church grief group meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. All are welcome.

Series looks at religious traditions

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

St. James Lutheran Church on the Hill has set out to dispel myths and misconceptions about religious traditions outside of Christianity.

Through a series of lecture and discussion sessions, participants look at religious traditions as a means to educate, rather than indoctrinate. The sessions are led by Ken Grant PhD, a church historian and member of the history faculty at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Generally most people have a decent handle on their own faith religion," Grant said. "In a rapidly diversifying American society, especially in metro areas, there are a lot of religious traditions and people really don't have a grasp of the fundamentals. I thought this was something we needed to explore. There's a lot of misinformation among other religious traditions outside of Christianity."

The course, which began Jan. 29, should run eight weeks and explores Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism.

'...The more we learn, the less fearful we are of things that stand outside of our traditions.'

KEN GRANT PHD
St. James Lutheran Church

Each topic is examined over two sessions, which take place 9 a.m. Sundays and last around 45 minutes. During that time, Grant hopes not only to share basic information about the faiths, "but also start to ask similar questions so we start to see how those religions are seeking to answer the same questions all religions are seeking to answer," he said. "The impulses — those are consistent around the world."

Grant said he hopes the information will help "put us as close as possible into the shoes of people in those traditions," he said. "It's a more general, constructive way of examining other religions. My hope

is with a little more knowledge, there's a greater openness to recognize other faith traditions and not being so afraid of them."

Classes are open to the public and include time for questions and lists of resources, Grant said.

Paraphrasing Herman Melville's "Moby Dick," Grant said, "Ignorance is the parent of fear."

"That's exactly why I'm doing this. The more we learn, the less fearful we are of things that stand outside of our traditions."

Grant said he may look at some smaller traditions if there's time at series' end. Of interest, he said, may be agnostics or those with no religion. There are 1.2 billion "nones" in the world and it is the fastest growing group, Grant said.

"We have to recognize there are many people who don't have a specific religion," he said. "That doesn't mean they don't ask the same kinds of questions. That's why we need to engage all of them to find out what we have in common."

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OBITUARIES

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

Elizabeth Johnson Hanna

Elizabeth "Becky" Johnson Hanna, 62, passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, in Akron, Ohio, surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Johnson Jr. of Grosse Pointe.

After receiving a nursing degree from the University of Vermont, Becky married David Hanna and moved to Akron in 1979, where she worked as a nurse and Lamaze instructor before starting her family.

Becky loved snow skiing and volunteered many years on ski patrol at Boston Mills Brandywine Ski Resort. She was an active member of the Akron Garden Club and Junior League. She also was a member of The National Society Colonial Dames of America and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

In 2007, Becky moved to Winter Park, Fla., where she was a member of the Greater Orlando Junior League Transfer Sustainer Group, the Orlando Museum Council of 101 and the Winter Park Racquet Club.

Becky enjoyed spending summers at the family's cottage in Leland and was a member of the Leland Country Club. She loved gardening, water sports and time spent with her dog, family and friends.

She is survived by children, Dr. Timothy D. Hanna and Whitney Hanna Balmert (Adam); grandchildren, Tucker Daniel Balmert and Harper Lee Balmert;

brother, Dr. Charles B. Johnson Jr. (Marjorie) and sisters, Deborah Johnson Gillespie (David) and Sibley Johnson Arnebeck (Clifford).

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1361 W. Market St., Akron.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdrf.org, American Lung Association at lung.org or The Leelanau Conservancy at leelanauconservancy.org.

James M. Smith

Grosse Pointe Farms resident James M. Smith, 88, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

Born in Detroit to Edgar Francis and Ola Rowena Smith, James earned bachelor's and law degrees from Wayne State University. He worked as an attorney and administrative law judge. A member of the Michigan Bar Association, he enjoyed sailing, reading and spending time with his grandchildren.

James is survived by his daughters, Carrie Smith (Cynthia) and Constance Smith (Walter); grandchildren, Ian Liskiewicz (Faith), Erin Liskiewicz, Matthew Swain and Cameron Swain and great-grandchildren, Hayden Liskiewicz, Ellie Liskiewicz and Lily Liskiewicz.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased

by his wife, Lois K. Smith and sister, Edra.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Elizabeth Rose Kovach

Grosse Pointe Park resident Elizabeth "Betsy" Rose Kovach, nee Marunczak, died peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, surrounded by family and friends after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

She is survived by her beloved husband, David-Allan Kovach; current pet, Kaylee; sister, Mary Ann Sigler and brother, Walter Marunczak Jr. (Maureen).

She was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Genevieve Marunczak and former pet, Brady.

Betsy was a certified critical care registered nurse and nurse educator for more than 35 years at Harper Hospital in Detroit. She was passionate about her nursing profession and the care her patients received.

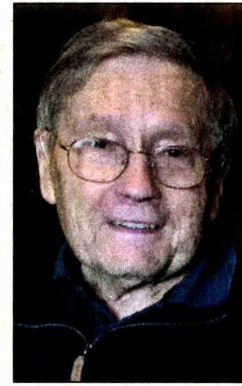
Betsy enjoyed spending time with loved ones and traveling. She had an eye for beauty and took great pride and enjoyment in her home and garden. She was a good friend and doting aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was full of life and touched the hearts of many.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 6 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org,



Elizabeth Johnson Hanna



James M. Smith



Elizabeth Rose Kovach

the Capuchins at the capuchins.org or COTS at cotsdetroit.org.

Gail Isbey Phillips

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gail Isbey Phillips, widow of the late Elliott H. Phillips, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017. She was 90.

She was born July 1, 1926, in Detroit, to Frank N. Isbey and Jean Robertson Isbey. Gail attended Kingswood School Cranbrook, then Mt. Holyoke College majoring in archeology and graduating in 1948. After her marriage in 1950, came a lifetime of volunteer work for the Sigma Gamma Association and Foundation and the Detroit Institute for Children, serving as a director/trustee of all three organizations and as president.

Mrs. Phillips' volunteer efforts also included service as a trustee of the Detroit Historical Society, Merrill Palmer Institute, University Liggett School and Cottage Hospital, the later for more than 31 years. She was active in the Garden Club of Michigan, serving as a flower show chairman and 1984 recipient of the Edith Stanton Newbury award. She served as chairman of the Planned Parenthood Holiday Mart, Detroit Institute of Arts "Under the Stars VII," and the



Gail Isbey Phillips



Paula Moore Valihora

United Foundation Heart of Gold award council.

Her love of flowers, nurtured as an arranger for the Alter Guild of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, led to her founding a small business, Gail Phillips Associates, as a designer/coordinator for weddings and parties.

Mrs. Phillips was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Club, John's Island Club in Vero Beach, Fla., John's Island Garden Club, Detroit Artists Market, Detroit and Grosse Pointe Historical Societies, Womens Committee of the DIA, the Detroit Zoological Society and the Mt. Holyoke College Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Alexandra R. Phillips and son, Elliott H. Phillips Jr. (Sally).

Donations may be made to the Sigma Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 36373, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236-0373 or

the Elliott H. Phillips 1940 Scholarship Fund, Harvard College, 124 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

A private memorial service will be held in the spring.

Paula Moore Valihora

Paula Moore Valihora, 63, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2017.

She was the beloved wife of Michael; loving mother of Meredith Moore (Matthew Good-year), Michael Moore (Mara Powell) and loving grandmother of Darshan. She also was "mother" to six beloved dogs.

She was predeceased by her parents, Emmett and Sophia Wybrandt.

A memorial visitation was Feb. 7.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Men face unique challenges in resolving grief

While current culture continually challenges men to engage more in "traditionally female" activities at home, cultural expectations of their behavior often are not in sync with these notions, especially when it comes to expressing feelings and emotions.

Society expects men to avoid expressing feelings, endure stress without giving up and be able to bear pain. People do not expect to see men openly cry, express loneliness, sadness or depression or demonstrate other emotions.

When it comes to dealing with the death of a loved one, men often suppress their grief in light of cultural expectations that they remain strong and in control. But suppressing sadness over a loss can have a long-lasting, even permanent, negative impact on a man's emotional health. Left buried, unresolved grief can cause prolonged turmoil, bitterness, family problems and ill health.

Hospice of Michigan understands men's unique needs and offers grief support to help them express and find healthy ways to deal with their feelings.

It starts with an understanding of grieving style. According to Kenneth J. Doka PhD, senior consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America, grieving is not based on gender, but on style. Doka believes there are three types of grievers. Intuitive grievers talk about, and show, their emotions. Instrumental grievers think through their grief and are "do-ers." Blended grievers are a combination of both styles.

Additionally, some people are more private about showing their emotions. Hospice of Michigan's grief support groups address the fact not all men are comfortable talking to other men about their grief.

Gender stereotypes also influence how grief counselors help men process their grief.

◆ A man who grew up believing "boys don't cry" learns grief does not lessen him as a man.

◆ A "competitive" man who always strives for the best understands while he can't "beat" death, he can redirect his fight in beneficial ways.

◆ A "protective" man who feels responsible for his family and friends focuses on the blessing of what he was able to do for his loved one.

◆ A "provider" who immersed himself in work to ensure his family's security receives coping skills to navigate the natural difficulties in returning to the workplace.

◆ A "problem solver" who fixes everything around the house resolves the guilt he feels for not preventing

death.

◆ A "controller" who likes to be in charge of everything realizes grief is unpredictable and, while he can't control his emotional response, he can channel his behavioral response in positive ways.

◆ A "self-sufficient" man who was raised to be independent learns that letting down his guard and sharing feelings with others is actually a sign of courage.

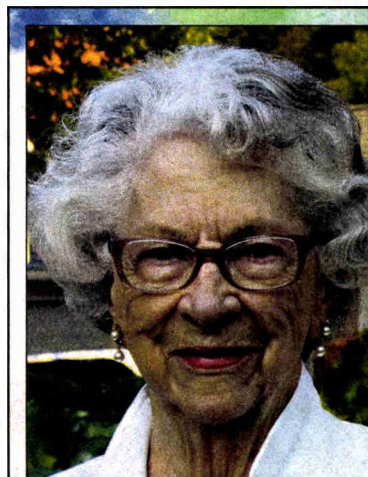
Grief counselors help men process grief by working through their shock, pain and anxiety; emotional, social and physical difficulties and feelings of guilt.

"There isn't a cookie-cutter approach to effectively deal with grief," said Karen Monts, practice manager, counseling services for Hospice of Michigan. "We all experience life from our own unique perspective. If our natural responses to circumstances conflict with society's expectations of how we 'should' behave, dealing with the grief over losing a loved one can be especially difficult. For men who feel obliged to remain stoic because that's what's expected of them, their unresolved grief can lead to even bigger problems down the road. It's important for everyone to freely express pain and sadness."

As a nonprofit hospice provider, Hospice of Michigan provides free grief support services to anyone in the community seeking help, whether or not their loved one received end-of-life care from HOM.

Hospice of Michigan

offers dozens of grief support programs — including Loss of a Spouse and Living On — designed to meet the unique needs of those struggling with the loss of a loved one. Men are welcome to attend all groups and receive supportive information to empower them on their grief journey. For additional information on statewide grief support programs and a schedule of recurring and specially scheduled local programs, visit hom.org or call (888) 247-5701.



Lorine Smith Moran

Lorine Smith Moran passed away Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, a few months short of her 95th birthday. The cause of death was that she was a few months short of her 95th birthday. Lorine was born in San Angelo, Texas, the hometown of legendary professional wrestler Cowboy Bob Ellis. As was appropriate for women of that era, she did not enter wrestling herself, in favor of painting, sculpture, and quick witted humor. Lorine's first date with the man of her dreams was as memorable as the rest of Lorine's life. Mike Moran was a private on leave from the Army. As he arrived at her door for

their first date, Pearl Harbor was attacked. Off he went. They married during the war. Mike was field commissioned to infantry Captain and fought throughout the Pacific Theater. During the war, first son Michael was born. Immediately after the war, Patrick came along. Lorine held off further births until the outbreak of the Korean War when Kevin showed up. Lorine was never able to explain the connection between global conflict and childbirth, but rather than press her luck, she retired from service before the Tet Offensive. Mike and Lorine left Grosse Pointe for several years to live in Cologne, Germany, and then Melbourne, Australia. While living in Australia, Lorine taught art and sculpture to senior citizens and was honored for such service by the Governor General. After Mike died in 1988, Lorine moved to Jupiter, Florida. There, she met and married Clark Dowling and they enjoyed life together until he passed away ten years ago. Lorine is survived by her three sons — Michael, Patrick and Kevin; three daughters-in-law — Valerie (Slear), Shary (Brown), and Anne (Albright); two granddaughters — Lauren Moran Yuzon and Ashley Moran Grice; two great-granddaughters — Grayson and Kate, and 2 great-grandsons — Connor and David. Smile when you think of Lorine — she probably is doing the same for you. Donations may be made to Lorine's favorite charity, the ALS Foundation, in honor of Mike; or to The War Memorial.

6B | COMMUNITY

JLD to award scholarships

The Junior League of Detroit is awarding 10 scholarships, each valued at \$1,000, to female graduating high school seniors. The JLD has increased the number of awards available from five, given in 2016, to impact more students for their actions. Completed applications are due by Friday, March 31.

Each recipient must be a female graduating high school senior who resides or attends high school in Wayne County. Additionally, she must demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and academics as shown by a grade-point average of 3.25 or better; community service, extracurricular activities and work experience; essay question answer; awards and honors and two recommendations from teachers, coaches or volunteer coordinator.

The scholarship application may be found at jldetroit.org/how-to-apply-for-a-scholarship.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Susan Fell and Lisa Khoury

Talking to children about sexuality



Q: When should I start talking with my children about sexuality and how do I start this kind of sensitive conversation?

A: The "big talk" is a thing of the past. Experts today suggest talking with your child about sexuality should be a lifelong conversation. Discussions should start from the moment children are born. Use the correct names for body parts with toddlers. Help teens understand their changing body, peer relationships, sexuality and safety. Support adult children through marriage, child-bearing and, in some cases, same-sex relationships.

An early start is important because parents need to be the first person children go to when they have concerns or questions about their body, their own sexuality and sexual experiences. Children will find information in other ways if they believe these topics are "off-limits" in the home. Today children seek out the internet, television or peers when they have questions about anything. This information may be inaccurate or even dangerous. While discussions are usually uncomfortable, the more parents talk, the easier it gets.

Starting the conversation can sometimes be the most difficult part. Use naturally occurring situations to help stimulate the discussion. Talk about body parts and good touch/bad touch when your child is dressing or in the tub. Use TV, movies and song lyrics to talk with middle and high school-aged children about relationships and choices portrayed. Prepare your child for unsafe or questionable situations they may encounter by "what would you do if" discussions in the car.

Susan Fell LMSW, is a school social worker with the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Lisa Khoury Ed.S, is a school psychologist with GPPSS.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through

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"Necessary Conversations," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. "Sexuality and Safety: How to Be the "Go-To" Person for Critical Conversations with Your Children" with Susan Fell and Lisa Khoury

◆ 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. "When is the right time to speak to your children about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes? NOW!" with Ghada Abdallah

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Away"

Alan Marschke, owner of the Oriental Rug Company, takes a look at some of the most beautiful rug pieces in the home. Marschke is one of only five people in Michigan nationally certified as an Oriental rug appraiser by the Oriental Rug Retailers of America. Participants find out how to repair small holes in their own rugs.

◆ April 13 — "For Real or Forgery? Spotting Authentic Antiques"

Can you spot a nail that's not quite right or a joint that doesn't fit the piece's time period? This program looks at the real and the knock-offs, using pieces from the collections. Participants will have the opportunity to examine the details of various pieces in the house up close and begin to learn how to judge their authenticity.

Cost per program is \$40 for nonmembers, \$35 for members. The entire series can be purchased for \$110 for nonmembers, \$95 for members. Tickets may only be purchased prior to the classes at fordhouse.org. Space is limited in each class. The Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Leader of the pack

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team played without two starters in its home game with Roseville last week.

Despite the different feel to the game, the Norsemen prevailed 58-42 to take a half-game lead in the Macomb Area Conference White Division over Utica Ford. The Falcons lost to Roseville the previous night.

"We knew Roseville played a tough game the night before, so we wanted to press the entire game and wear them out," head coach Ron Kochan said. "I thought we were able to do that. The guys played a good game and for the moment, we are in first

place with a couple of tough division games left."

Seniors Dillon Webb and Marvin Amerson had a seat on the bench. Senior Sam Cross, junior Tyler Hill and sophomore Ryan Webb picked up the slack.

Cross, playing the point guard position, scored 12 points and ran the offense with efficiency, while Hill finished with seven and Webb had 10 points.

"I can see the guys getting comfortable with their role as we go through the division for the second time," Kochan said. "Everyone is contributing and making us a deeper, well-rounded team."

Senior Steve Levick led the way with 16 points, while junior



Senior Sam Cross, left, played point guard in the Norsemen's league win over Roseville.

Sheldon Cage had seven and junior Jarell Stewart had five.

The Norsemen finished with a season-low eight turnovers as they outscored Roseville in every quarter, 11-10, 19-14, 11-6 and 17-12.

North traveled to

Warren Mott last week and used a 25-14 first quarter to come away with a big road win, 72-57.

After Ford lost a second division game last week, North stands atop the standings at 8-1 and 10-4 overall.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ayrault sets mark

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sophomore Julia Ayrault set a Grosse Pointe North girls' varsity basketball record last weekend, scoring 35 points to help the team beat host Utica 51-40.

Ayrault's outburst broke the old record set in 1977 by Ann Belloli (Starinsky), who scored 31 points.

Starinsky recently retired after teaching health and physical education.

The sophomore also grabbed 10 rebounds to record a double-double.

It was a close game throughout as freshman Michelle Bodnariuk and sophomore Maddie Mills chipped in with six points apiece, and sophomore Evy Zacharias had two points and four

assists to help the visitors get over the top.

"Nice team win characterized by improved defensive effort and offensive ball movement," head coach Gary Bennett said.

The Norsemen trailed 11-10 after the first quarter, but used a 17-10 second quarter to take a 27-21 halftime lead.

It remained tight in the second half, but with Ayrault putting up the offensive numbers, the Chieftains couldn't catch up.

The Norsemen won the third quarter 10-6 and the fourth quarter 14-13.

Earlier in the week, North lost 66-21 at Port Huron Northern as its Macomb Area Conference Red Division record stands at 4-5 and 9-6 overall.

SWIMMING

Blue Devils get 2nd at county meet

A large contingent of swimmers and divers from Grosse Pointe South grabbed second place at the Fourth Annual Wayne County Championships last weekend.

Northville won, with Livonia Stevenson taking third and Plymouth Salem finishing in fourth place. Twenty one teams competed in the meet that requires athletes to qualify in the invitational.

Grosse Pointe South is currently ranked No. 7 in the state and showed its depth by scoring in every event and getting some new state championship cuts in all but one event.

The state meet is March 10 and 11 at Eastern Michigan

University.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Matthew Melican, Cam Sanders, Matthew Koueiter and Ethan Briggs finished third and qualified for the state finals.

Cam Francis finished fifth in the 200-yard freestyle with a new state cut, while Thomas Jogan finished sixth, A.J. Rizer 24th, Max Finazzo 33rd and Ethan Rothenbuhler 41st.

Briggs placed second in the 200-yard individual medley, with Koueiter and Melican taking fourth and fifth. All three achieved state times, Nick Vallan placed sixth in the 50-yard freestyle with a state qualifying time and Grady Eger finished second in diving.

Briggs won the 100-yard butterfly, with Koueiter taking third, Francis fourth and Melican sixth, with state qualifying times.

Vallan placed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with a new state time, while Jogan was 9th and Sanders 11th.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Francis, Jogan, Koueiter and Vallan was fifth with a state cut.

Sanders was third in the 100-yard breaststroke and Khalib Rahman fourth with state cuts, and Jogan, Francis, Vallan and Briggs finished second in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a state cut.

— Todd Briggs
Special Writer

Norsemen surge forward with wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team cruised to wins over Redford Thurston and host Livonia Franklin last week, winning 137-27 and 139-30.

With the victories, the Norsemen improved to 5-1 overall under first-year head coach Dan Hafner.

They finished first in each of the 12 events, starting with the 200-yard medley relay team of Brian Wenz, Alex Voronenko, John Cobau and Joey Cobau, which had a time of 1:49.76.

John Cobau followed with a win in the next event, posting a time of 2:00.61 in the 200-yard freestyle, and it was Hunter Adelson winning the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:27.96.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Joey Cobau had a time of 25.33 to take first and Jason Liverpool was No. 1 in the 100-yard butterfly, turning in a time of 1:14.06.

Voronenko won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.87 and Sam Stafford was first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:51.08.

In the 200-yard free-

style relay, Thomas Schaden, Paul Rakowicz, Brian Veneri and Ben Sliwinski won with a time of 1:44.97 and in the final individual events, Adelson and Joey Cobau won the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke, posting times of 1:05.69 and 1:17.62.

In the final event of the meet, Adelson, Tommy Hartzell, Veneri and Josh Clifton won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 4:04.36.

The Norsemen head into the stretch run of the regular season with a road meet Tuesday, Feb. 14, against Utica Ford.

FIGURE SKATING



PHOTO BY LORY LAROSE

Tied for first

The Grosse Pointe Unified figure skating "A" and "C" teams are currently tied for first as the girls get ready for the last meet Feb. 28. The "B" team is ranked fifth. Team members pictured above are, front row from left, Brittinnie Hughes, Darcy Graham, Emilea Zingas, Tyler Clogg, Alyssa Dall and Bridgett Gagnier; and back row from left, Sophia LaRose, Natalie Barstys, Maria LaRose, Katy Millican, Caitlin Miller and Susan Srodawa. Their head coach is Claire LaDue.

GYMNASTICS

Scores improve

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team finished 13th in last weekend's Canton Invitational, which featured the best squads across the state.

The ladies posted their second-highest point total of the season, 134.85, and Izzy Nguyen won the all-around with a 37.7.

She won the balance beam by nearly a full point and was runner-up on the floor exercise and uneven bars.

"We had fun, enjoyed spending time with our teammates, and had many great performances and season-high scores," head coach

Kristin Remillet said.

In addition, three of the five United gymnasts "stuck" their balance beam routine and on bars, each of the five competitors performed routines without major mistakes or falls.

Elizabeth Byarksi was solid, earning an all-around score of 32.525 for her four events.

She scored an 8.05 on the uneven bars, which was a season best and Emma Burney had an 8.2 on the balance beam.

Maggie Bowers also competed in all four events, earning 31.525 points, while scoring an 8.1 on the balance beam and season-best 6.575 on bars.

Other competitors in the meet were Amanda

Nguyen, Bella Cameron and Lexi Poulos.

"Very promising meet overall," Remillet said. "Our gymnasts thrive in the competitive nature of these larger-scale meets. Most of our top team scores this season have come from our three invitationals we've attended."

"This is promising for the big regional meet coming up March 5 at Walled Lake High School. At the regional meet, only the top three teams will continue onto the state meet."

"We hope to make top three; we have been to the state finals for the past three years."

G.P. United hosts the league meet Friday, Feb. 17.

2C | SPORTS

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils edge CK

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team won a big 4-3 league game over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood last week, inching closer to the top of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League standings.

"It wasn't one of our best efforts, but we found a way to beat a good team today," head coach Chris Booth said.

Three defensive lapses allowed the Cranes to score their three goals. Two of the three lapses were ill-advised passes from the corner to Cranbrook players in front of goaltender Bridget Donaldson.

Despite the mistakes, the offense made up for it



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Carson Dennis had a hat trick, including the winning goal, in the Blue Devils' league win over Cranbrook-Kingswood.

as senior Carson Dennis had a hat trick and an assist, and junior Lauren Kramer had a goal and three assists.

Sophomore Alyssa Czech added two assists and junior Addy Hamel had one.

Dennis scored the winning goal on the power play with only 2:34 left in

the third period.

Donaldson made 12 saves to earn the victory.

Last weekend, South defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 10-5 to improve to 7-1-0-1 in the Metro and 12-2-0-1 overall.

Dennis had another hat trick. Junior Cailey Paul also had a hat trick and Czech added two goals.

Boys hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Local teams earn wins at showcase

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett competed in last weekend's 17th annual Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase at Trenton's Kennedy Recreation Center.

Scouts from dozens of junior and college programs were in attendance to watch the players. Each of the three squads earned a win.

South, the only ranked team among the three, won its two games against ranked foes. Head coach Bobby McKillop knew his Blue Devils would be heavily tested against Novi and Brighton.

They passed the tests with flying colors, beating Novi 6-2 and shutting out Brighton 4-0.

Against Novi, the Blue Devils scored four special teams goals, two on the power play and two short-handed. Garrett Bollenbacher had two goals and one assist, while Adam Pitters and Jack Liagre had one goal and two assists apiece.

Jack Flynn and Jake Fillmore also scored goals to back the effort of Devin Naidow, who

stopped 23 shots to earn the win between the pipes.

Neither team scored in the opening period in the Brighton game and Liagre's power-play goal made it a 1-0 game after two periods.

They tallied three goals in the third period to pull away as Liam Kavanaugh, Pitters and Flynn had the goals.

Each team had only 14 shots on net in the game and it was Cam Mills collecting the shutout in net for the Blue Devils.

In its last three games, South has beaten three of the state's top teams in DeLaSalle, Novi and Brighton.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 16-3-1 overall.

North finished 1-1, beating Gabriel Richard 2-1 in a shootout and losing 4-3 in a shootout to Wyandotte Roosevelt.

In the victory, Marko Tomovski scored in the second period and in the shootout, Evan Berger, Thomas Supal and Tomovski each converted their shots into goals.

GR scored in the first period and made only two of its shootout goals. North goalkeeper Julia McLellan made one final

stop to win the game.

She stopped 15 shots to net another victory.

In the loss, Paul Lucchese scored on a power play and had an assist. Supal and Tomovski also tallied goals.

However, in the shootout the Norsemen did not convert on its three chances. McLellan made 23 saves in a losing effort.

Grosse Pointe North is 4-15-0-1 overall.

Liggett opened its showcase with a 5-1 victory over Rochester Hills Stoney Creek. The Knights outshot SC 31-18 as Andrew Doppke stopped 17 shots to get a win.

Mason Campau, power play, scored in the first period, while Sean Detloff also converted on the power play in the second period as it was a 2-1 game.

The Knights used a three goal third period to win as Jaron Pangborn scored twice and Dace Potas had a power play goal in the final couple of minutes.

In their second game, Liggett lost 4-0 to defending Division 1 state champ Romeo, falling to 9-11-1 overall. Doppke suffered the defeat.

RIVALS

Liggett gets by North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' hockey team made it three straight wins this season over city rival Grosse Pointe North, winning 7-5 on home ice last weekend.

"The girls are growing stronger as a team as we head down the stretch," Liggett head coach Anna Kuehnlein said. "I like the way the girls are coming together."

The Knights scored twice in the opening period as senior Kara Francis tallied at the 4:21 and 1:43 marks.

Freshman Darby Pickford scored for the Norsemen on a power play at the 11:18 mark of the second period, but Francis and senior Haley Malewicz answered with goals to give the home team a 4-1 lead.

Francis and sophomore Abby Doppke scored 19 seconds apart

late in the second period to give the Knights a 6-2 lead after two periods.

In the third period, Francis scored her fifth goal of the game, while the Norsemen had goals from junior Lindsey Ramsdell, as well as sophomores Clare Murphy and Bella Welke.

Liggett is 3-5-1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 5-9-1-1 overall; Grosse Pointe North is 3-7 and 3-15.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Norsemen rise to top of Gold Division

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Eric Julien knew winning a share of a Macomb Area Conference White Division dual meet title would be a challenge for his Grosse Pointe North wrestling team.

The Norsemen gave up a couple of voids and had to beat Warren Fitzgerald and Clawson to nab a share of the title with Warren Mott.

First came a 37-32 win over Fitzgerald, setting up a dramatic final against Clawson.

The Norsemen fell behind 33-22 with only three matches left. They needed three wins and one had to be by pin to overcome the Trojans.

Aaron Rozich won with a third-period pin in the 160-pound division to make it 33-28 and Wil Moin, 171 pounds, followed with a first-period pin to give the Norsemen a 34-33 lead.

It was up to Reed Boeckler in the 189-pound division. Boeckler made quick work of his opponent, pinning in the first period to give the Norsemen a 40-33 win and a share of the title.

"What a way to finish," Julien said. "Our guys were clutch tonight. We had some adversity this week, but they were all business tonight and won some huge matches."

'What a way to finish. Our guys were clutch tonight.'

ERIC JULIEN,
North head coach

Other winners against Clawson were Owen Brown, 130 pounds; Raymond Hamilton, 140 pounds; Julian Martin-Turner, 215 pounds; and Erickson Glayzard, 285 pounds.

Against Fitzgerald, Nick Volpe, 135 pounds; Hamilton, 140 pounds; Matt Moores, 145 pounds; Dirk Drieborg, 152 pounds; Moin, 171 pounds; Boeckler, 215 pounds; and Glayzard, 285 pounds; all won their matches.

Grosse Pointe North finished 6-1 in the MAC White Division and is 18-6 overall.

Last weekend, North and Grosse Pointe South competed in the MAC Blue/Gold/Silver Division Tournament.

Each had a champion. South's Tyler Thompson won the 130-pound division, beating Stevenson's Brandon Kwiatkowski via an injury, and North's Raymond Hamilton won the 140-pound division with a 7-6 decision over Stevenson's Chyles Young.

Other medalists for head coach Patrick Salazar and his Blue Devils were Mitch

Stricker, who took fourth in the 103-pound class; and John Drew, who placed third in the 135-pound class.

For the Norsemen, Drieborg took third in the 152-pound class; Moin was fifth in the 160-pound class; Rozich was fourth in the 171-pound class; Boeckler was sixth in the 189-pound class; and Glayzard was fifth in the 285-pound class.

In the team standings, Fraser led the way in the three-conference tournament, while Warren Cousino was the top squad for the Gold Division squads and Center Line led the way for the Silver Division.

North and South grapplers compete in a Division 1 individual district tournament Saturday, Feb. 10, at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Competing schools are Chippewa Valley, Anchor Bay, Fraser, L'Anse Creuse, Dakota, L'Anse Creuse North, Roseville, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Utica Ford, Stevenson and Warren DeLaSalle.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 4, 2017.
- 2) To add to the agenda the scheduling of two public hearings for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant program.
- 3) To hold two public hearings, one on February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the second on February 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comment on the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 110037 through 110106 in the amount of \$330,340.34 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to BBK Construction LLC in the amount of \$14,530.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19305 Kenosha as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (3) Approve payment to Fiore Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$17,152.10 for the emergency concrete repair work following a water main break on Vernier Road. (4) Approve payment to Litho Printing Service, Inc. in the amount of \$6,475.00 for the printing of the 2017 City calendar. (5) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$21,005.42 for professional services during the month of December 2016 for the following projects: Housing Rehab, #180-178; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; City Hall Boundary Survey, #180-183; 2017 User Charge, #180-185; 2016 TIP Beaconsfield Recon, #180-174; 2015 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-170; 2016 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-176; Construction Board of Appeal meeting, #180-182; Fibertech Pole Install, #180-184 and the 2016 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-180. (6) Approve payment in the amount of \$6,900.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with three water main breaks. (7) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$5,742.00 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City and City property and also for their assistance during the curbside leaf pickup program.
- 2) To approve the following contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Traffic Signal Optimization work along 8 Mile Road at Beaconsfield Road, Highway 1-94 and Harper Avenue. The total project cost is estimated at \$485,000 and provides for federal funds of \$388,364 a local match of \$96,636; MDOT Contract No. 16-5493; Control Section CMG 82400; Job Number 131153A and Project Number CMG 1682(306), and further, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the contract.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Sweet victory

By Fletcher Sharpe
Special Writer

After trailing in the first quarter, the Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team controlled the rest of the game, defeating the Chippewa Valley Big Reds 54-42.

The game started quickly with CV's Myren Harris and South's Zane Draper trading three-point shots in the first 20 seconds of the game.

The three-point shot would be the theme of the game for the Blue Devils as they attempted 14 for the game, connecting on four.

Assistant Coach Michael Shapiro was pleased with the result.

"The kids played really hard...and we needed

them to, as this was an important game in the Red Conference," said Shapiro, filling in for head coach Troy Glasser.

Senior Brennen Buszka played jack-of-all-trades for South, taking over late from the free-throw line and in the paint, finishing with 16 points, seven rebounds, four assists, and two steals, as well as a few dazzling open court crossovers.

"Brennen was great for us, rebounding and boxing out," said Shapiro.

Draper poured in 14 to help push toward the playoffs.

Senior Josh Adams added nine points and four rebounds also.

"When we play together, and patient, we

play well and usually win. We didn't do that last week, and we got beaten badly," Shapiro said. "We played patiently tonight, and it really showed."

Last weekend, South hosted L'Anse Creuse North and won 61-53, improving to 5-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 9-5 overall.

The Blue Devils held a double-digit lead throughout most of the second and third quarters before the Crusaders cut it to single digits with a flurry in the final three minutes.

Draper had 18 points, followed by Buszka with 14 points and 15 rebounds, and Julian Harrell had 11 points.

LIGGETT

Knights buckle down on defense

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team split its league games last week, beating Plymouth Christian Academy 50-33 and losing 47-36 to Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The host Knights were in a low-scoring affair at the half against PCA, leading 15-14.

They picked up the pace offensively in the second half, scoring 35 points and the defense

was stingy, limiting their foe to only 19.

It was the second lowest point total of the season for a Knights foe.

"The guys really clamped down defensively and they got after it," head coach Chris Housey said. "The offense picked up the pace in the second half and we earned a nice win."

Senior Jackson Walkowiak had 21 points to lead the Knights and junior Anthony George had 15 to lead the team

in the road loss against Greenhills.

"It was a tough go scoring points," Housey said. "They pressured the ball and rebounded well. We didn't respond well."

They trailed 23-21 at halftime and were behind by only five points midway through the fourth quarter, but couldn't get over the hump.

Liggett is 3-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 5-8 overall.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils clipped

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team did its best to corral potential player of the year, Warren Cousino's Kierra Fletcher, but ultimately fell 56-19 to the Lady Patriots.

It was a rough game for the Blue Devils as they managed three points in the first quarter and 10 in the first half.

Senior Sayanna Roy led the team in scoring with seven points, going

1-for-3 from the field. Sophomore Savannah Srebnerak and junior Blair Cullen contributed four points apiece. Cullen also contributed with two blocks.

Cousino's Kate McArthur added 15 for the defending state champions.

Grosse Pointe South finished the regular season 0-10 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and is 2-14 over-

all.

South finishes its regular season with home games against Port Huron, Friday, Feb. 10, and Lake Shore, Friday, Feb. 17, plus road games Thursday, Feb. 9, against Country Day and Tuesday, Feb. 14, against Sterling Heights.

They play at Detroit Western in its district tournament.

—Fletcher Sharpe
Special Writer

College signings

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY VERONICA ALBO

Collegiate running

Grosse Pointe North senior Erinne Lubienski, seated center left, is going to participate in cross country for Taylor University in Indiana. The NCAA Division III program is coached by Quinn White. Joining Lubienski during her signing day were, sitting, Mark Lubienski, sister Dawn Lubienski and Danielle Lubienski; and standing, North cross country head coach Scott Cooper, North counselor Milissa Pierce, North principal Kate Murray and North track coach Diane Montgomery.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top athletes

Four Grosse Pointe South seniors, from left, Andrew Sharp, Carson Dennis, Grace Gulyas and Patrick Nauert, will sign a letter of intent to play college athletics. Sharp is playing Division I football for Miami (Ohio), while Dennis is playing field hockey and lacrosse for Wellesley College, a Division III institution in Wellesley, Mass. Gulyas is rowing for the Division I University of Notre Dame and Nauert is playing Division I football for the United States Air Force Academy.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

She is a Saint

University Liggett senior Sophia Kopicki, seated center, signed a letter of intent to play her collegiate lacrosse for head coach Cindy Hill, standing left, and Siena Heights University. Enjoying her moment were, standing from left, Hill; siblings Jacqueline Kopicki and Billy Kopicki, and Liggett assistant lacrosse coach Biffy Fowler, and parents, seated from left, Bill and Nicole Kopicki.

G.P. NORTH

Rheume earns honor

Grosse Pointe North senior Justin Rheume was awarded an Evans Scholarship and will attend Michigan State University.

"Each of these deserving Evans Scholars epitomizes what our program has been about since its creation in 1930," said Western Golf Association Chairman David Robinson.

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 - Elevated railroad
 - Rebelliousness
 - Ancient Greek city
 - Clothing company (abbr.)
 - Member of the cabbage family
 - Softens or smooths
 - Mass of coagulated liquid

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- Dress
 - Deadly
 - Says aloud
 - PT Anderson film "___ Nights"
 - Teacher (abbr.)
 - Anesthetized
 - Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
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 - French young women (abbr.)
 - Scorch
 - Notre Dame
 - Express disapproval
 - Cars need these










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- Approximately 3.14159
- Chinese conception of poetry
- Satisfaction
- College degree
- Formerly Ceylon: ___ Lanka
- Effeminate
- Something to solve
- Horses like these
- Intelligence organization
- Blood type
- Exhibition
- Poisonous plant
- Aluminum
- Possesses
- Penetrate with a sharp instrument
- Ring-shaped objects
- Speaks at church
- Form in the mind
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Ferry entrepreneurs turn business into philanthropy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Students at Ferry Elementary School learned how to turn big business into philanthropy.

Every other year, James Fisher's 4/5 magnet class conducts what Fisher calls their "big business econ project."

According to Fisher, the economics unit is integrated with technology, math and social studies. Students come up with a business and product to sell. Over four to five weeks, they set up a business proposal, designed business cards and created advertising and inventory sheets to track sales. In addition to teaching them about advertising, sales and promotion, the project sparked ingenuity and entrepreneurship.

"You'd be amazed at the level of creativity," Fisher said.

Toward the end of the unit, students set up booths to sell their products. Wednesday, Feb. 1, they test marketed their products to fellow students and select guests, offering them for sale using the class currency of "fins," based on their classroom country, the Federal Republic of Argentuna. Students work on setting up their government during a unit preceding their study of economics.

Thursday and Friday, business opened for the public at large — family, friends, neighbors and Ferry teachers. Each student invited 5 to 10 guests, Fisher said. At final count, an estimated



125 people were expected to shop during the two days.

This time, students raked in real cash, not to pocket, but to donate to individual charities of their choice. Charities were tied to students' interests and included the American Heart Association, Autism Speaks, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Covenant House, Good Karma Puppy Rescue, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, Hero Foundation, Izzy's Love Equine Rescue and Sanctuary, Lake House, Michigan Humane Society, Mittens for Detroit, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Sea Turtle Foundation and World Wildlife Fund.

"I was really impressed with the individual charities they came up with," Fisher said.

Among products for sale were bath bombs, soap and slime, hand-made toys and treats for cats and dogs, pet rocks to adopt or create, seeds to plant and a "make-your-own" cookie mix in a jar. There was a popcorn stand, build-your-

own Lego station, a thrift shop selling stuffed animals, books and toys and a movie-viewing station where students could watch 6 1/2-minute stop-motion videos made from Stikbots, plastic posable figures.

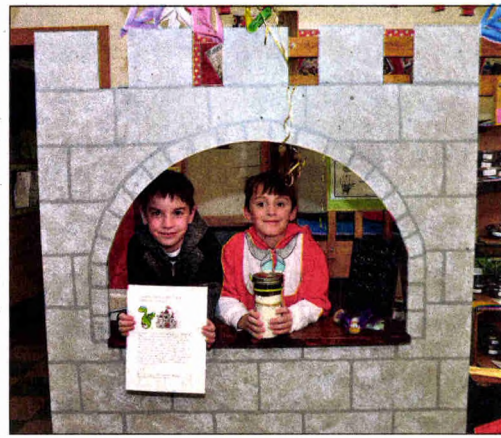
Jillian Nixon, one of the creators of Ultra Pet, which catered to pet owners, analyzed her target market when deciding on what products to provide.

"There are a lot of people in my class who have pets," she said.

New this year was a food court in an adjoining room offering hot chocolate and coffee, a pasta palace serving spaghetti, salad and macaroni and a multicultural cuisine booth.

The following week, students went over their business logs to review inventory and assess best-selling items and consumer interests. They also wrote letters to their charities and sent in donations totaling \$2,286.

"I'm so proud of my young philanthropists," Fisher said.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top left, Aakash Nagori, left, and Nicholas Rogers hold their pet rock mascots to promote Purrfect Pets. Visitors could adopt a pet rock or create their own, with all materials supplied. Proceeds go to Autism Speaks. Top, Antonio Said, left, and Brandon Eshman sold chocolate chip cookie mix in a jar that came complete with the recipe. Sales from the Dragon Shop went to the Michigan Humane Society. Above, Julia Matache buys banana bread from Maddie Pflaum and Andrianna Teftsis, proprietors of the Savor and Sweet Shop. Sales benefit the Lake House.

Teacher threatened

A Poupard Elementary School fourth-grader was suspended after posting a threat on Snapchat to kill a teacher. The student is new to the district this school year.

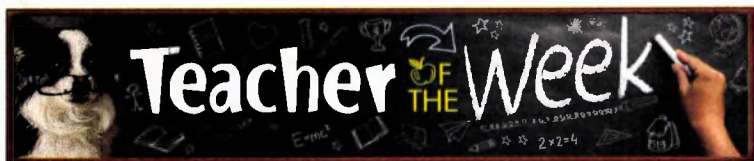
"The message got back to the building principal, Penny Stocks," said Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus. "Penny then took it to the student. The student confessed. Penny spent time talking to the mother. The mother didn't know the child was on Snapchat (and said the student) shouldn't have had access to it."

Stocks alerted the Harper Woods police department. An officer responded by visiting the home, where no weapon was found.

"We take those threats very seriously," Niehaus said. "We want our faculty and our students to feel safe. The suspension is still on and will be until the investigation is completed."

The report has been turned over to the juvenile courts to file charges. Recommended actions may involve counseling, psychiatric evaluation or supervision inside the home. Further actions by the district are on hold.

— Mary Anne Brush



Andrea Champagne

School: University Liggett School
Years at Liggett: 10
Grade/Subject: Middle school science
Nominated by: Jim Brewer, head of middle school
Middle school head's quote:

"Andrea understands that being a successful middle school teacher begins with relationships. She presents with such a calm and welcoming demeanor that students are drawn to. There is nothing she will not do to help a student reach understanding, often putting in extra time with students after school or finding alternative ways to reach understanding. She is a great colleague and she adds so much value to the community outside of teaching. She'll organize a student bake sale, assist with after-school supervision, create fun runs after cross country ends and more. She's always looking for new opportunities for our students. Her greatest strength is her willingness to grow as a

learner herself and her desire to become an even better teacher. She invites colleagues into her classroom, records her teaching to review herself, searches for new ways to engage her learners and displays great enthusiasm to try new things. She is dedicated and driven and we feel fortunate to have her."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I genuinely enjoy watching the growth in the students that I work with. For me, teaching is about facilitating students through the learning process and developing as an individual. When a student feels proud of all they have accomplished, there is a collective sense of joy.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.

I'm passionate about learning and whenever I see my students become engaged and passionate about their own learning, I consider it a suc-



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cess. Inspiring students to want to keep learning beyond the classroom is one of the ultimate goals I strive for.

Name a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.

My inspiration has evolved over the years from my father who was passionate about improving education systems, to former colleagues who are always aspiring to improve and ultimately my students — they truly are our future.

Favorite quote:

"It's never too late to be who you might have been." (attributed to George Eliot)



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Liggett authors host reading

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

In the past, University Liggett School upper school teacher Brad Homuth used a textbook to teach his Latin American history class, an elective for 11th- and 12th-graders. This summer he thought about how to better capture his students' interest and engage them in learning.

In his search for Latin American authors from the regions they studied, he discovered many wrote in the historical fiction genre. This gave him the idea to use historical fiction to teach the students about history across the regions through three time periods — the Colonial era of the 1500s, the Independence era of the mid-1800s and the dictatorship in the 20th century, with a focus on the Dominican Republic.

The students read three books examining their themes and how they combined history



Latin American history teacher Brad Homuth with Kaelan Patel after a student reading at Barnes & Noble. Patel read her historical fiction piece, "A Deadly Disguise."

and fiction, Homuth said. Students chose one historical time period, conducting research and writing original historical fiction pieces as their final project for the semester-long course.

"What was nice was they all chose topics we

didn't touch on in class, so they all expanded their knowledge," Homuth said. "They told me how much they learned in the process."

All nine students in the class submitted their fiction to a panel of judges made up of Barnes &

Noble staff and Liggett English teachers. Four were selected to read excerpts for the public at Barnes & Noble on Mack Jan. 6.

Kaelan Patel read from "A Deadly Disguise" about a teacher in a small Guatemalan town who

witnesses firsthand how the conflict between government and guerilla forces affects his life and the lives of those he cares about.

In "The Onset of El Salvador's Civil War: An Assassin's Account," T.J. Dulac gets into the mind of the assassin who gunned down Archbishop Oscar Romero to examine Romero's legacy.

In "All the Insufferable Pain" by Casey Scoggin, an old man relives the events of Augusto Pinochet's coup in Chile and the choices he made that changed his life forever.

Finally, in "The Diary of Melina Perez," by Maddie Fozo, a Dominican girl describes her experiences with a handsome soldier who would one day become a brutal dictator.

"I told the kids, you're authors now," Homuth said after the reading. "You've written something. You've shared it with each other and a wider group of people."

The Coup

The deafening silence was broken by a crackle of the radio, followed by, "Good news, hermanos." Then, updates of the coup from the military frequency came flowing out of the little box centered on the steel table.

I fell back onto my chair with a long exhale, interlacing my white knuckles behind my head as my comrades-in-arms were hugging each other enthusiastically in our crowded room. The words felt as sweet as honey, and I listened to fellow officers ring shouts of joy.

"Bless the junta!"
"Down with el General!"

"Praise God!"
"Praise the military!"
"Praise Carter!"

We let our bellies rise and fall in joy, our relief drowning out the long-anticipated news still flowing from the radio.

"Would you ever imagine?" I exclaimed. "A moderate revolution!"

— from "An Assassin's Account" by T.J. Dulac

Brownell presents 'Cinderella'

This year marks Brownell Middle School's 20th anniversary of producing Broadway musicals.

The all-school musical, "Cinderella," to be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 9 and 10, in the multipurpose room, is an updated version of the original fairytale.

Adapted from the 2013 Broadway version with old and new songs, the show "will delight audiences of all ages," according to Tammy Duffield, producer and Brownell English teacher. The production team also includes fellow English teacher Susan Dempsey and vocal music teacher Carolyn Gross.

More than 100 students participate due to the school's no-cut policy, Duffield said.

The curtain opens each night at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available online by visiting Duffield's page on the Brownell website address or at the door.

— Mary Anne Brush



"Cinderella" leads, front row from left, Maya Mirkazemi, Lyla Paschke and Eliana Gross and, top row, Abe Neds-Fox, Campbelle Stencel, Lauren Cooper, Billy Vogel, Ethan Vernon and Andreas Papas.

Poupard awarded Playworks grant

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

As part of her job as social worker at Poupard Elementary School, Brandy Rokicki tracks discipline referrals from the school office. A majority of these come from recess time.

"History in most buildings will show that recess tends to be a time you will see a lot of discipline issues and behavior issues because it's unstructured," said Rokicki.

When Rokicki received an email from district behavioral specialist Amy Miller about a free three-hour experiential recess implementation workshop offered by Playworks, a nonprofit that supports learning and physical health through play, she leaped at the opportunity.

The goal of the workshop was to transform recess from a time when children often get in trou-

ble, are hurt or feel left out to a time when they participate in fun, safe and inclusive activities and return to the classroom ready to focus and learn.

"Essentially we got to play all morning and it was fantastic," Rokicki said. "They showed us how you can take recess and make it inclusive of everyone and how to structure it in a way so that the kids who freak out when they get out don't get so upset anymore because there's always a way to get back in and really put that positive spin on things. I walked away so inspired and so excited."

She brought the idea back to Principal Penny Stocks, who was immediately on board.

At the workshop, Rokicki learned about a Playworks grant offered by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. She applied

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South mock trial team presents its case

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

"Isn't it true you didn't stop when the police officer told you to stop? Isn't it true he asked you to stop?"

Local attorney Thomas Krall offered these as examples of leading questions to members of Grosse Pointe South High School's after-school mock trial club during a practice session Thursday, Feb. 2. Social studies teacher P.J. Palen serves as adviser.

"Isolate that witness to answer either yes or no," Krall said.



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Mock trial team members prepare opening statements with help from adviser P.J. Palen.

According to the Michigan Center for Civic Education, host of the MCCE High School Mock Trial Tournament, a mock trial is designed to reenact what takes place in a trial court. Students assume the roles of attorneys and witnesses and compete against each other in real courtrooms in front of real judges and lawyers. There is no set script and participants must adjust to the strategies employed by the opposing side.

Mock trials draw upon historical events or trials of recent interest. This

year's trial centers around police misconduct and excessive force. In the case of Robin Jones v. Superior County Transportation District and Officer Chris Martin, team members will analyze whether Jones, a high school math teacher rushing to catch a commuter train, was the victim of excessive force when, mistaken for a robbery suspect, he was tased by Officer Jones.

Attorneys for the defense will argue Officer Martin's actions were reasonable given the facts and circumstances surrounding the event. Attorneys for the plaintiff will argue Officer Martin's actions violated the Fourth Amendment and make the SCTD liable for alleged damages.

In only their second session since the MCCE revealed the case in mid-December, students chose roles and reviewed opening arguments. Previously they reviewed the case and future sessions will involve running practice trials. Palen said he had enough students sign up this year to

create two teams, giving them the advantage of being able to scrimmage each other.

Krall offered tips and Palen discussed courtroom decorum, including always thanking the judge.

"Whenever you are in a courtroom as an attorney and you are addressed by the judge, you need to stand up, because that will lose us points," Palen said. Also of importance was something he called "proxemics," or proximity to another person.

"Emote confidence, moving about the courtroom, using proxemics, a little drama, a little flair. Sometimes what you're doing is more important than what you're saying," he said.

As for cross-examination, Krall said students should "act like a Ninja. Make your five points and you're out of there."

Finally, "make it look like you know what you're doing," Palen said. "A lot of mock trial is form over substance."

The regional tournament

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Kelly Beardslee** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Wheaton College.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Kristina Kamm** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Heidelberg University.

Michael Calcaterra was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at College of the Holy Cross. He is the son of Mike and Stacy Calcaterra of the City of Grosse Pointe and a 2016 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

William Poplawski was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at College of the Holy Cross. The 2016 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of Laura and Jay Poplawski of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Marquette University: **Lindsey Clark** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Eric Balle** and **Sydney Eger**, both of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Frank Sherry of Grosse Pointe was named to the President's List (3.8 minimum grade point average) for the fall 2016 semester at Davenport University.

Mark A. Cimmarrusti of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Christopher John Lemanski** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Baylor University.

Grosse Pointe resident **Jennifer Elizabeth Moy** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Fairfield University.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at the University of Dayton: **Alexandra Etsios** of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Moneer Abouljoud** and **Mara Hillyer**, both of Grosse Pointe Park; **Peter Lundy** and **Thomas Goffas**, both of Grosse Pointe Shores; **Anne Lesha** and **Juliette Tripp**, both of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Amanda Heidt**, **Elizabeth Thams** and **Catherine Thibault**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Victor Flynn was named to the President's List (3.75 minimum

grade point average) for the fall 2016 semester at Trine University. The 2014 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the son of Kathy and Chris Flynn of Grosse Pointe Park.

City of Grosse Pointe residents **Eliza Bourke** and **Charles Fordon** were named to the President's List (top 3 percent of undergraduate students) for the fall 2016 semester at Miami University.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Miami University: **Anna Davenport** and **Lewis Fox**, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Sarah Edmonds** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Mackenzie Clark** and **Jack Gruber**, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Farms residents **Bruce Burton** and **James Fennessey** were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Denison University.

Daniel Sullivan graduated December 2016 from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of Grosse Pointe residents Barbara and James Sullivan.

Margaret Kelly of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Saint Mary's College.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Christopher Cornell** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at the University of Delaware.

Mitchell Zacharias was named to the Honors List for the fall 2016 semester at Concordia University Ann Arbor. The 2016 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the son of Virginia and Jeffrey Zacharias of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Katie Kish was named to the Dean's List for the

fall 2016 semester at Hillsdale College. The 2015 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of Ken and Amy Kish of Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Gordon Aiello** graduated fall 2016 from the University of Iowa with a Certificate in College Teaching degree.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Shannon Novak** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Lincoln Memorial University.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Christiana Ford** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Kent State University.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Public Notice - Ordinance No. 428

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 428 amending and restating Section 18-72 of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances regarding hours of operation of businesses. Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 428 is available at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm. Telephone 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

GPN: 2/9/17

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS PROGRAM YEAR 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm by the City Council in the Grosse Pointe City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) for review of Community Development Block Grant Programming Request.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Administrative hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 10:00 am by the City Manager in the City Hall Conference Room, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, for the same purpose.

The following activities are proposed and their funding estimated under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Final funding amounts are subject to the approval of the Wayne County CDBG Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and may be adjusted.

2017 PROPOSED PROJECTS (estimated funding)	AMOUNT:
ADA Ramp Improvements	\$34,368
Administration	\$5,500
GRAND TOTAL:	\$39,868

The City invites all citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

GPN: 2/09/17



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TRIAL:

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ment is scheduled Saturday, March 4, in Mount Clemens. Top teams go on to compete in the state competition.

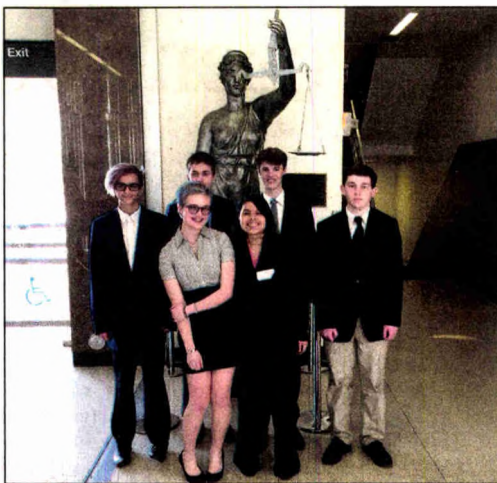
"It's very competitive. They've got a good chance this year," said Krall.

Each team has a chance to compete in three trials, acting as plaintiff twice and defense once or the other way around. Scoring is cumulative.

The case is designed to be open to how it can be argued. Names of the plaintiff, defendant and witnesses are gender neutral so students can assume roles regardless of gender. Palen said this year's case is timely.

"I have to give the MCCE a lot of credit for taking up an issue that's not easy for everybody to talk about," he said.

In addition to Krall, Palen enlists the help of



COURTESY PHOTO

Last year's mock trial team, from left, Noah Karcher, Jessica Dodge, James Stevenson, Ponette Rubio, Matt Calcaterra and Rob Koerber.

other experts in the field to offer feedback and criticism, including Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrea Hutting and local attorney Amy Taylor.

Not all students who participate in the club have their eye on law school.

"I joined because I don't want to go into law, but I use it as a tool to improve on my public speaking," said Jessica Dodge.

"It is definitely a confidence booster," said Palen. Ponette Rubio said, "I like theater and I like law.

I believe both aspects of being a lawyer and a witness, it's equally important to be a little dramatic."

For many team members, this will be their third or fourth time competing.

"The hardest part is finding an aspect of the case that is going to help you win over the jury," said Daniel Kuhnlein. "The execution of it is not as hard as the planning The hardest part when you get there is when they throw you off the script. That's when you have to think on your feet and come up with something on the spot. You really have to know all aspects of a case."

While this is Palen's first year at South, it's his sixth as adviser. He previously served in this capacity while teaching middle school.

"Every year I say this is my last year and every year I get roped in because these kids are so inspiring," he said.

GRANT:

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and Poupard was among 14 recipients in Michigan awarded \$5,060 to partner with Playworks. Attendance at the training was required to apply for the grant, Rokicki said.

In January, a Playworks trainer spent two full days with Rokicki, Stocks and lunch and recess supervisors teaching them interactive games to engage the students and how to facilitate them into recess time. Physical education teacher Robert Wozniak joined the second half of the training to learn the games as well.

"He's going to take 10 minutes at the beginning or end of gym class to teach the kids the games so when they go out at recess they'll know how to play and you're not spending half the recess time explaining the rules," Rokicki said.

According to Rokicki, the staff left the training excited and energized. The next step was to meet as a team and discuss implementation.

"A lot of it comes down to having the structure," Rokicki said. "We wanted to put things in place and see how it goes One of the big changes is we're going to have a game of the week We're going to change it every week so it stays fresh."

Rokicki already has seen results from strategies she has employed with students.

"The things personally I've tried that I've learned, the kids are eating it up," she said.

Something as simple as having students line up outside can be structured into a fun activity to capture students' attention and interest.

"It's exciting because I've seen it can work," she said.

Included in the grant were recess equipment such as cones, balls and jerseys, a follow-up visit by the trainer to provide additional strategies and training next year for new people to offer continuity.

Statistics from the Playworks website support the success rate of the program based on follow-up surveys, with 95 percent of staff reporting an increase in the level of cooperation among students during recess, 85 percent reporting a decrease in the number of bullying incidents during recess and 96 percent reporting an increase in the level of participation in academic activities in the classroom.

"If you do it with fidelity and you do it as it's designed to be done, it works," Rokicki said, adding, "I know this is going to take a little time to get it going, but once we do, it's going to be worth it."

serts donated by families.

The festival was dedicated to the memory of Trombly parent Jetaun Perkins, who was instrumental in bringing the festival — now a Trombly

tradition — to life, according to organizers. The evening concluded with a video in Perkins' honor and the singing of "We Are the World."

— Mary Anne Brush

Trombly students travel the world



COURTESY PHOTO

Kayo Kumasi, a sixth-grader at Pierce Middle School, returned to Trombly to help with the festival. As a proud alumnus, he said he enjoyed the event when he was a student and loved to help out.

At the Trombly Elementary School 2017 International Festival Jan. 20, students explored the cultures of 15 different countries through interactive displays, crafts, food, music, dances performed by Trombly students and a Korean martial arts demonstration by Lisa Santi and Turn of the Tide Martial Arts students.

The annual festival ended a weeklong celebration of cultures from countries around the

world. Parent volunteers worked together to create costumes, crafts, exhibits and interactive games.

This year featured a Middle East market exhibit, games from Israel and the Philippines, artistic henna writing from India and dances from around the world. Crafts ranged from Guatemalan kites and French water lilies to Egyptian necklaces and German hats. Guests also enjoyed an array of des-

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