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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Hotel developer has local ties

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Curt Pederson's plans for Christmas visitors last year failed for lack of convenient lodging.

"Being a City of Grosse Pointe resident, I've seen the need for a hotel for a while," he said.

Now Pederson's giving it the old Danish try to offer future guests 125 hotel rooms proposed for construction in the Village.

A united city council this week chose Pederson Development Co. as the preferred developer of a four-story hotel and parking deck on downtown municipal parking Lot 3, plus another four-floor

structure on Lot 2 containing up to 30 condominiums, commercial and parking space.

The company out-impressed two competitors, both with local ties.

"Pederson didn't request a tax abatement," said Councilman John Stempfle. "Furthermore, Pederson provided professional market analysis regarding the size of the hotel and price range of rooms (\$168 average daily). I also believe their residential unit costs to be the more realistic for the Grosse Pointes."

"They were the first group that went out to people (for) input and immediately altered their plans," added Councilman

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Woods affirms ban on candy sales

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — In a fight pitting local charities against the state's attorney general, with city officials acting as referee, the city council, meeting as a committee of the whole Monday, Feb. 27, turned down a request by the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish to conduct its annual candy sale at the intersection of Mack and Vernier.

The council had, at its Feb. 6 meeting, tabled a decision on the candy sale request in an effort to gain more information, both on the opinion issued by Michigan Attorney General William Schuette and the regulations put in place by other Grosse Pointes.

At issue is whether, under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, individuals selling items at intersections are impeding traffic, which is banned by the code. Mayor Robert Novitke asked City Attorney Chip

Berschback and City Administrator Bruce Smith to research the issue and report back to council at its committee of the whole meeting.

Berschback said, with the exception of Grosse Pointe Farms, the other Pointes ban sales at intersections. He also reiterated his opinion that Schuette's opinion is law and should be followed.

Smith told the council his concerns still centered on safety, with distracted driving accounting for injuries and deaths and standing in traffic greatly increases that risk.

"It's my job to protect the public," Smith said. "I have real concerns about someone getting killed or injured."

Following the lead of the other Pointes, the ban, according to Smith, would apply not only to the Knights of Columbus sale, but to all others as well, including the annual candy sale by the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods Lions Club and the

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Paczki Day in the Pointes

Freeman Gunnell, owner of Cornwall Bakery, holds two plates of assorted paczki in front of stacked boxes containing the treats.

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Left, Dan LaLonde, owner of LaLonde Jewelers, holds a box of paczki he bought for his staff.



Above, an employee at Morning Glory, shakes powdered sugar over raspberry, lemon, strawberry, custard and apple paczki, made in-house. Left, 2-year-old Henry Simaika reaches for a cherry-filled paczek — his first one ever — at Cornwall Bakery.



Racism charge gets no credit

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Three women claiming racist treatment at a sushi bar may be biting off more than they can chew.

The day after posting accusations of race-based discrimination on social media, the black women, all from Grosse Pointe Park, filed a Grosse Pointe Farms police report accusing the business' manager of assault. Complainant Tanisha

Deloise Prater, 40, alleged the female manager, 23, put a hand on her while trying to grab Prater's cell phone, being used to stream the initial incident on Facebook early Saturday evening, Feb. 18, at Blufin Sushi on Mack.

"I interviewed all three women on the phone," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "Prater said the manager never touched her. She just felt uncomfortable with the manager reaching for her cell phone."

Investigators reported no evidence of assault nor threat of violence to substantiate the complaint.

"No charges will be filed," Rosati said. "The case is closed."

Blufin's attorney didn't respond to interview requests.

The women received fast-spreading support on social media for declaring racism was at the core of Blufin's manager on Saturday singling them out to concede seats at the bar for other pro-

spective patrons.

Among about 40 picketers and chanters supporting the women in front of Blufin during the 5 to 7 p.m. local TV news window Wednesday, Feb. 22, fellow Park resident Samantha Wittstock carried a sign reading "Raw deal" and "Something's fishy."

"I saw the video on Facebook," Wittstock said. "I was mortified and want to be here for these ladies."

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Lorraine Primeau

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
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Cable competition coming

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Cable competition is coming to the community.

Crews from Wide Open West are nearly finished installing underground infrastructure, according to Mark Wollenweber, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores.

"As of Jan. 31, 82 percent of the underground is complete," he said. "Probably over 10 per-

cent of the aerial on poles is complete. I think they'll be marketing late March or early April to residents."

"Currently they are working on Lakeshore, 825 to 888," said Brett Smith, director of public works. "As soon as that's done, they're going to start on Roslyn, Hampton, Willow Tree and Hawthorne."

North Edgewood was wired ahead of schedule. "They're moving quickly," Smith said.

Years of Shores officials soliciting additional cable providers prompted WOW last year to invest millions of dollars for infrastructure.

"It took years of bugging them to see if we couldn't get competition," Wollenweber said.

Municipal officials amended the peddler ordinance last year to accommodate the company's door-to-door subscription method.

"We'll provide plenty of notice," Wollenweber

said. "People will see solicitors only for that particular service."

While reviewing the ordinance, the city attorney determined an all-out ban on peddling since 1992 violated constitutional protections of commercial speech.

Updated provisions maintain a ban on peddling or soliciting at residences clearly marked 'No solicitation' or something comparable.

Gas line update

DTE Energy contractors have installed new, plastic underground gas mains from Lochmoor to the city limits.

"They're around Woodland Shores," Smith said. "They're going to continue to work south to Moran in Grosse Pointe Farms, then return (to the Shores) and start work on Webber (Place), the Deeplands subdivision, Colonial and Stratton."

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Don Parthum. "That's the type of developer that's going to be proactive."

Construction represents a \$22 million investment generating \$280,000 per year in municipal property tax revenue and nearly \$10 million worth of attendant public improvements.

"We're really excited to have this opportunity," said Pederson, a company partner.

Naming the company a preferred developer doesn't amount to follow through with construction or, if chosen to proceed with construction, destine the finished product on two lots as initially proposed, according to municipal officials.

Some Village stakeholders object to a parking deck replacing surface Lot 3, on the east side of St. Clair between Kercheval and Waterloo.

They said the lot, braced by businesses and ambulatory healthcare facili-

ties, should remain as is for the convenience of patients, including senior citizens.

Pederson said shifting the hotel to Lot 2, north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and St. Clair, is doable.

"We've looked at that already and want to work closely with the council and community," he said.

"That proposal was buttoned up, detailed, no questions unanswered," Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak said of Pederson. "They did their due diligence ahead of doing the proposal."

Pederson representatives claim ready financing for their development named Cambria Suites.

Terms

The city and company agreed to work out details within six months.

"During that time," said Peter Dame, city manager, "the draft agreement calls for the developer to complete a traffic analysis, a hotel study and phase-one environmental study; and for the city to conduct due diligence on the financial resources. If exploration of a hotel is successful, the end result is a development agreement."

Councilman Chris Walsh stressed the need for continued community collaboration.

"We see a process of creating work groups," he said. "We don't foresee anyone ramrodding a solution to their own specific interests that doesn't work with other parties

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Driver rescued from lake

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Police can't refute a teenager's account of mechanical failure causing the SUV he was driving last weekend on northbound Lakeshore to veer 20 feet into Lake St. Clair.

"I was making a lane change into the right lane," the uninjured 16-year-old male driver from Harrison Township told police. "As I was making the change, my wheel locked up and I drove right at the lake. When I braked, I didn't get any traction and went into the lake."

"The vehicle (a 2011 Ford Flex) drove approximately 275 feet on the grass after leaving the pavement before entering the water," reported Officer Terry Brown, responding to numerous 911 calls reporting the wreck at 1:09 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, near the foot of Clairview in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"I tried the door," the driver reported. "It wouldn't open, so I rolled down my window and climbed out as my car started to sink."

"He stated he was the only person in the vehicle," reported Officer John Jabrael. "He was told to maintain his posi-

tion until proper help could arrive for rescue."

During the minutes it took a U.S. Coast Guard crew from St. Clair Shores to launch an inflatable raft from shore and pluck the teen from the submerged car's roof, it floated another 150 feet and grounded in five to six feet of water, according to police.

Shores patrolmen, cross-trained as medics, took him to a hospital in good condition, they said. Grosse Pointe Farms officers gave mutual aid.

Police cited the teen for careless driving.

"We can't determine if he was speeding," said

Shores Sgt. Doug Fraser. "It didn't appear the brakes were applied at all."

There were no skid or scuff marks on the pavement or curb, which would've indicated a blown tire causing a metal wheel to ride on an exposed rim.

"When the vehicle was pulled out, one tire on the driver's side was off the rim," Fraser said. "We don't know if it came off when they pulled the vehicle out or before."

An industrial-sized tow truck hauled the SUV to land.

A dispatcher logged, "Incident closed," at 1:47 p.m.

Moore pleads guilty in court theft case

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — A former Grosse Pointe Woods court administrator has pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement and will be sentenced March 30, in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Julie Moore, who was relieved of her duties in September 2016, was charged with three felony counts related to the embezzlement of \$22,566 from court funds, but was allowed to plead guilty to just one of the charges. According to Maria Miller of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Moore pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement by an agent, trustee or employee over \$20,000. A second charge of embezzlement by a public official over \$50 will be dismissed, as will a charge of larceny from a building.

Miller said Moore will be sentenced to 30 days in jail. However she can be released upon full restitution and court costs. She is scheduled to appear for sentencing before Judge James R. Chylinski at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 30.

The charges stem from an investigation initiated by Woods Municipal Court Judge Ted Metry. In summer 2016, Metry became aware of discrepancies in court funds and requested an audit by the state's Court Administrator's Office. That audit revealed several thousand dollars in unaccounted for money typically handled by the court administrator. Once the audit was complete, city officials placed Moore on administrative leave and the investigation was turned over to Michigan State Police. Moore was arraigned on the charges Jan. 9.

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"It was a peaceful protest," Rosati said. "There were no reports of any crime whatsoever relating to the protest."

"We're here to protest the racist behavior pattern that black patrons were subjected to," said Sam Riddle, political director of the Michigan National Action Network and former chief of staff for former Detroit Councilwoman Monica Conyers. "If we don't confront hate at the door, it has a way of being institutionalized."

"They're not just serving raw fish and raw sushi, they're serving raw racism and raw discrimination," said the Rev. W. J. Rideout III of All God's People Church in Detroit and a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. "My hope is to bring awareness to this community, the restaurant and patrons to let them know when they come in here, if you're a certain color, you're going to be treated a certain way."

Blufin has a policy printed on menus asking patrons at tables to vamoose after 1 hour 45 minutes.

Two women claiming to be Caucasian didn't fully identify themselves



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Samantha Wittstock of Grosse Pointe Park, center, protests Blufin Sushi patrons getting a raw deal.

nor provide contact information in voicemail messages to the Grosse Pointe News and Farms police about patronizing Blufin that night, being timed out and asked to move along.

Sometimes it's not what's said but how someone says it.

Bob Johnson has seen and heard a lot during 51 years as a nationally-recognized bar and nightclub consultant based in South Carolina with the website boththebarguy.com.

But, Blufin fallout is fresh territory.

"I can't imagine race coming into play for them being asked to move to a lower-volume environment," Johnson said.

He learned the business from the bottom up tending bar.

"I've had many situations where a person was occupying a seat, the band was hot, the place was packed and seating was at a premium," Johnson said. "Because I made my living selling drinks, I would politely ask the person, 'I'd like to take care of you, but I can't handle these never-ending glasses of water you keep ordering. You're occupying a seat I need to make a living. Could you do me a favor and perhaps move somewhere else?'"

He said he did it without hesitation.

"That was my living," Johnson said. "It had nothing to do with race, gender or anything."

Riddle conceded the complainants' treatment could stem from brusque management but for

black history and context.

"We don't want to hear back to the Jim Crow days when these restaurants were whites only," he said. "(Daniel) Hush Carlisle, (Blufin's) former manager, is here walking the picket line. He heard language used by the owner of this place and it's not very kind."

"I'm here to advocate for these women because I know first-hand of (the owner's) racism," said Carlisle, 44, of Grosse Pointe Woods. "He'd say let white people in before black people because they don't spend enough money. It's not just racism. I can't tell you how many times derogatory remarks have been made to waitresses here. But, they don't speak up about it."

Johnson taught beverage management at Florida International University and worked three years in Michigan supported by the state Licensed Beverage Association certifying bar managers.

"One of the problems our industry suffers is a lack of education and training for people who run nightclubs and bars," Johnson said. "It takes knowing the law and how to handle difficult situations."

Paddle tennis courts ready for play

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Thanks to a dose of good weather from Mother Nature, work on the paddle tennis courts at Lake Front Park was able to proceed without too many delays and the courts now are ready for play.

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Nicole Byron said there is no charge to residents to use the courts, but courts must be reserved the day of play. Reservations may be made by calling the front gate at Lake Front Park, (313) 343-2470, Ext. 3. Courts are available for play during regular park hours, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The courts have sat idle the past decade because the city lacked the funds to refurbish them. After a donation from Woods resident and paddle tennis fan Andy Pflaum and his company, APCOR Construction, the courts have new heaters and lights.

In all, the restoration project, which will be completed once it is warm enough to paint, is estimated to cost \$15,398. In addition to Pflaum's donation, Ed Schmidt of Gemini Electric donated new lights.

—Kathy Ryan

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Christmas newspaper sale by the Goodfellows.

Novitke asked Dennis Janowski, who represents the Star Knights of Columbus, if his organization would be open to requirements mandating volunteers stay on the curb or median and not go into the roadway. Janowski explained the volunteers are well-trained in safety issues and, while a requirement to stay on the curb or median could hinder sales, they would be willing to abide by it.

Smith told Novitke he would be in favor, on a trial basis, of regulations, but they would have to be enforced for every organization seeking to conduct street sales.

After a lengthy discussion among council members, Novitke called for a vote.

Three council members — Art Bryant, Vicki Granger and Michael Koester — voted in favor of allowing the sale to go forward on a trial basis and with tighter restrictions. Voting against the sale were Kevin Ketels, Todd McConaghy and Novitke. Richard Shetler

was absent. The proposal needed four votes to pass.

In explaining his no vote, McConaghy said he is abiding by the law.

"We have both the attorney general and the city administrator putting us on notice not to allow this," he said. "We've been put on notice that we could be liable if someone gets killed or injured. I have also received emails from residents urging us not to allow the sales anymore."

Ketels echoed McConaghy's concerns regarding public safety.

"We are not evaluating the worthiness of an organization, we're talking about impeding traffic and traffic safety," he said. "I appreciate all that your organizations do, but that's not the issue. We're talking about public safety. I can appreciate your attempting to find a middle ground, but I can't overturn the ruling by the attorney general or the recommendation of our city administrator."

Supporters of the candy sales were disappointed in the vote.

Janowski disagreed with Berschback's interpretation of Schuette's opinion, citing both the training his volunteers receive in traffic safety

and the fact he believes his volunteers are not impeding traffic.

"You can easily make the case that we are not in violation of the code," he said.

Joyce Janowski also spoke in favor of the annual fundraiser and chastised council for ruling so late against the sale, scheduled for April 7 and 8.

"Shame on the city for ruling on this so late," she said. "The city should have taken the initiative and given us the heads up so that we could have made alternative plans for a fundraiser."

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A life of adventure

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Lorraine Salot Primeau has roots out of state, but has spent most of her life in Grosse Pointe. And what a life it has been.

The Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods resident, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe, turned 103 years old Wednesday, Feb. 22.

"I was born in Dubuque, Iowa," she said. "I lived halfway up a hill. From my grandma's bedroom window, I could see the Mississippi River going by. I used to swim in it."

Swimming was one of many favorite pastimes Primeau has enjoyed during her long life. Music is another.

She said she took piano lessons, but it was her youngest brother who



taught her to play jazz piano. She still plays organ — she has one at her Sunrise apartment — and loves to sing. She also played the string bass in the National High School Orchestra.

A highlight of her teen years was playing string bass with the orchestra for then-President

Herbert Hoover in 1932.

Primeau joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Michigan State College in 1934. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1936 from MSC and later earned a Master of Arts degree in education in 1962 from Wayne State University.

"When she graduated in 1936, there weren't any jobs for women with economics degrees," said Primeau's stepdaughter, Juliette Johnson. "She worked for a phone company. A lot of her friends were teachers and they all had summers off. That's when she switched to teaching."

Primeau taught kindergarten in the Detroit Public Schools system for more than 30 years. Johnson noted her stepmother began collecting Social Security and her

teacher's pension in 1975 — and has been receiving both longer than her entire teaching career.

Primeau was a figure skater with the Detroit Skating Club beginning in 1936. She said she learned to dance on skates — waltz, tango and fox trot, among others.

She played bass with the Grosse Pointe Symphony from 1975 to 2009 and was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, the Detroit Boat Club and the English Speaking Union.

Apart from travel — she's been to 45 countries on six continents and more than 40 states — other hobbies include playing bridge, gardening, photography, all things nature and swimming.

"She had a lot of diversified interests," Johnson said. "She played bass with the symphony until she was 95. She was a lap swimmer until age 95, too. She lived down the street from the city park; she walked there, swam laps and walked home. She figure skated into her late 80s too."

"She was always in good physical shape," Johnson continued. "If there was a tower to climb, she'd go to the top. On safari in Africa, she stayed in a tent. She was always a doer. Whatever the challenge was, she always met it."



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Lorraine Primeau plays the organ in her room at Sunrise.

"She was a spinster schoolteacher," Johnson continued. "She went everywhere and did everything."

Primeau was 61 when she finally settled down and married George Primeau in 1975 at the Detroit Boat Club.

"My mom died when I was 16," Johnson said. "My dad's second marriage was at age 60. They were married 24 years. For 23 of those years, they went to Hawaii every April."

"(Primeau) loved Hawaii, she loved walking on the beach, she loved flowers."

Among her adventures were an African safari in 1967; attending Interlochen band camp back when campers stayed in tents; and watching the real Von Trapp family sing live at the Masonic Temple.

Primeau also is the author of two books. "The Beginning Kindergarten Teacher," published in 1965, was her master's thesis. "It's

still on the shelves at 10 college libraries," Johnson said.

Her children's book, "Tippy Finds Some Friends," was published in 1971.

Primeau, a resident of Sunrise for five years, lived in Detroit for a while before moving to the City of Grosse Pointe in 1975. She has three step-grandchildren — Douglas, Ross and Isabel Johnson — as well as several nieces and nephews.

A photo of Primeau appeared in the Grosse Pointe News for her 101st birthday. In the photo she's sitting with her knitting. Johnson said she loves that photo because she never knew her stepmother to knit. "She learned how to knit after age 100," Johnson said. "She's very curious, open to new things."

Primeau was stumped when asked her secret to longevity.

"She shrugged and said, 'Somebody just wanted me to live that long, I guess.'"

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involved."

"Pederson was the only developer who sought out property owners in advance of filing his (proposal)," said James Bellanca, an attorney representing owners of about 100,000 square feet of commercial property in the Village generating \$320,000 per year in property taxes.

"Projects proposed have to go through all zoning requirements," Dame said.

Final approval comes from the Downtown Development Authority and city council.

The Pederson Company must post \$30,000 to cover the city's due diligence costs.

"Except for paying our up-front costs, there's nothing binding on either party," said City Attorney Charles Kennedy III. "It's

a framework to go forward with due diligence on both sides."

Additional specific conditions of the agreement include:

- ◆ consider locating the hotel on Lot 2,
 - ◆ requiring the developer to initiate meetings with business and property owners adjacent to Lots 2 and 3,
 - ◆ prohibiting construction of a parking deck at the rear of Lot 3 near residential properties on Neff,
 - ◆ requiring the city to hire an outside hotel expert to review the developer's feasibility study and
 - ◆ maintain parking in Lot 3 during construction.
- "A ton of work has to be done in six months," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "We will be shepherding this process."

Hotel allure

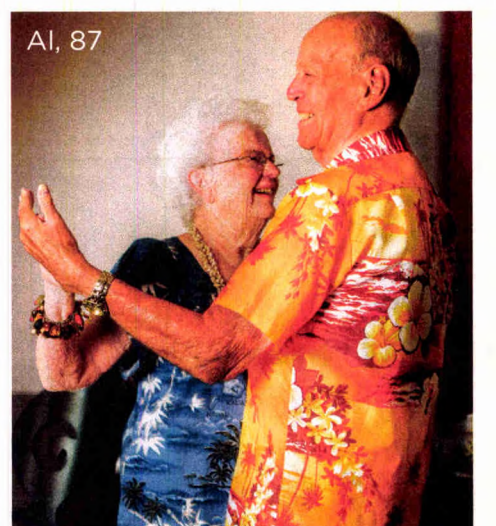
A boutique hotel has been on the community wish list for years.

"Without Jacobson's (which closed in bankruptcy in 2002) there is no longer an anchor drawing people from outside the community," Dame said. "This kind of project would provide additional draw that isn't existing now."

"A lot of synergy can take place with existing Village businesses," said Dan Francis, a member of the development team, resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and an owner of The Whiskey Six tavern in the Village.

Dame cited a 2016 Oxford Economics study on the economic impact of hotels.

"For every \$150 (spent on) lodging inside a hotel, there is another \$56 spent on the food and beverage industry and another \$53 spent on recreation and retail outside of the hotel," he said. "The city is contemplating this because of the potential long-term economic benefit to the Village."



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OUR VIEW

DTE meters: more blight than light

Utility meters. For years they were an afterthought for most homeowners, some being hard pressed to even identify which meter was which, not to mention knowing off the top of their heads where in or on their homes the meters were located. They are, most would agree, a necessary evil, attached to houses to monitor usage of gas, electricity and water.

But thanks to a new program from DTE Energy, homeowners in the Grosse Pointes quickly are learning all about the new meters being installed by the utility company that holds a virtual monopoly on gas and electric service in our area. DTE crews and contractors, by order of the state of Michigan, are installing new pipelines and meters on every home in the Pointes and, more often than not, the utility is installing the new bulky, cumbersome — and let's be honest here, downright ugly — meters on the front of homes, creating an eyesore for homeowners and a headache for city officials.

It's not just that the meters are ugly, but the crews DTE uses to install them have little regard for where the meters are being placed, especially — and forgive us if we sound a bit elitist here — in communities that pride themselves on well-kept, well-maintained, well-appointed houses. Homeowners come home from work to find these things installed right next to their front door. In one case, with a home where the front porch steps ran parallel to the sidewalk, the contractors merely installed a steel pipe across the front steps to connect the meter next to the front door.

When homeowners object, and rightly so, they are given a number of excuses and sometimes threats. They are told they have no choice; if the meter is not installed on the front of the house, the gas service will be cut off — not a threat to be taken lightly in January. Or for \$1,000, the meter can be placed on the side of the house. Threats and ransom give way to workers merely shrugging their shoulders and telling homeowners to install a bush in front of it.

And we won't even begin to discuss the damage to public sidewalks and the long wait for repairs.

DTE crews have been wreaking havoc in Grosse Pointe Woods for nearly a year and now homeowners in the Farms and Park have started receiving letters installations will begin soon in their neigh-

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber is helping bring bike stations like this to the Grosse Pointes. With help from Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, who helped get \$10,300 of county parks money, as well as from a portion of the proceeds from the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation's Legacy on the Lake event, eight stations have been ordered. The first one was installed in the Shores. Three more will be installed at the Grosse Pointe libraries, one at the Harper Woods library, one in the Park, one on Mack and one in the City.

LETTERS

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

One for the books

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and contributed toward the

inaugural Norse Night Auction Saturday, Feb. 11, at Assumption Cultural Center. With close to a sell-out crowd, the evening, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe

North Parents Club, entailed a cocktail reception, raffle, mobile platform silent auction, dinner, live auction, cigar bar and live entertainment and was deemed a resounding success. Proceeds from the event will jumpstart the transformation of the high school's original library into a 21st century media center, which will be enjoyed and used by students for years to come. We'd also like to recognize our generous event sponsors, donors, volunteer corps and local business partners — too numerous to list

here. The collective energy from the North community propelled us forward in this effort. Special thank-yous go to the following: Nick Marchiori, Marchiori Catering; Kate Murray, principal, Grosse Pointe North; Amanda Pata, librarian, Grosse Pointe North; and Suzanne Lynch, auctioneer, DuMouchelles. It truly was "One for the Books." **DIANE PETERS** **GRETCHEN SCHOCK** *Norse Night Auction co-chairs* *Grosse Pointe North High School*

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

The curse of The Chair

This last week, a couple people asked if I am giving up anything for Lent. I decided rather than give something up, I was going to focus on doing something better — making sure I get 10,000 steps in every day.

But after last night, I am now giving up "The Chair."

Several years ago, when my children were tweens, there were numerous arguments about who got to sit at the one end of the couch most in line with the television. There was a lot of bickering. So much so, my husband and I removed the couch and replaced it with IKEA Poang chairs. That really didn't solve the problem — there was one chair still in line with the television — and we're left with uncomfortable chairs.

So, a few years back, when my mom bought a new lounge chair and asked if I wanted her old one, I said sure. Might as well have one comfortable chair. "The Chair."

Curses! Whoever sits in that chair falls fast asleep. I have video proof of my husband — he said he doesn't believe he snores — but no video proof is needed. We all admit it. My son sat in the

chair at 7 p.m. last week after dinner and promptly fell asleep.

A typical weeknight will be my husband saying goodnight and I saying I am not far behind — I just want to watch the beginning of the news. Next thing I know, it's 12:30 a.m. and I am still in that d-n chair!

Sure, I should go to bed earlier. Possibly, I'm bored by what I'm watching — but, how could anyone be bored by the news the past six months or Chip and Joanna Gaines or the best new TV show ever: "This is Us." Perhaps, I shouldn't be watching so much television, which would help to get in those 10,000 steps. But in reality, it's The Chair. I fall asleep in it reading the newspaper.

Aside from regular television shows, I have fallen asleep during presidential debates, political party acceptance speeches, election results shows, hockey games and numerous baseball games — including game seven of the World Series, when I awoke to champagne being sprayed around a clubhouse. It's endless.

And, it doesn't have to be evening. I have a very short com-

mute to work here at the paper. I wake up just before 7 and I turn on the Today Show to catch the morning news. Next thing I know it is 8 o'clock and I'm rushing to eat breakfast and get ready for work. It has become so routine, I set the alarm on my phone for 7:30 a.m.

But Sunday night was the final straw. My husband headed to bed and I said I wasn't staying up much longer. I had no intention of watching the Academy Awards in its entirety. And, I didn't. I awoke to see chaos on the stage and someone saying "I am proud to give this Oscar to my friends from Moonlight." Then Warren Beatty explaining what was on the card he had. I was so confused. I went to bed. Once I saw it all on the Today Show in the morning (without falling back to sleep), I was in the know.

And, I know what I'm giving up for Lent: The Chair. Of course, who am I kidding? I fall asleep in those uncomfortable Poang chairs too.

Fontanive is a member of the Grosse Pointe News editorial staff. Reach her at karen@grossepointenews.com.

Public Safety Reports

City of Grosse Pointe

Found out

A man with nine driving suspensions and five outstanding traffic warrants gave police a fake name during a traffic stop on northbound Cadieux at Kercheval shortly after 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23.

A lieutenant pulled him over for operating a 2003 Chevrolet Express van outfitted with a

license plate for a 1998 GMC Savannah. Police determined his true identity through state records and a photograph.

"(I) confronted (him) with this information and he finally stated it was him," said the lieutenant.

The man, 28, of Detroit, was cited for giving false information to police and violating suspensions. City officers released

him to Washtenaw County authorities on a no-bond warrant for property damage.

Hmm ...

An Eastpointe man, 52, claimed someone stole a pistol from his red 2006 Buick Lucerne while parked 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in the valet lot of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Police and hospital security officers found

no evidence supporting the claim.

The man said he locked the weapon, a black .38-caliber Kel-Tek P-3AT six-shot semiautomatic, in the glove compartment prior to releasing the vehicle to a valet.

"After arriving home, he discovered his handgun missing from his glove compartment," reported a patrolman.

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Officers conferred with hospital security.

"(They said) there was no suspicious activity by the valet driver when transporting (the man's) vehicle to the valet lot," reported the patrolman. "Video footage showed no one near the vehicle until it was picked up by the valet to be driven back to (the) man."

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Unlicensed

An unlicensed female drunken driving suspect didn't help herself during roadside field sobriety tests on Canyon and Opal in Detroit at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24.

"After fumbling around in her vehicle and purse, (she) provided (me) with a Michigan identification card," reported the officer. "(I) detected a strong odor of alcohol coming off (her)."

Asked to choose a number between 21 and 19, the woman, 34, of Detroit, answered, "17, 18, 19, 20, 21," the officer said.

The officer initially noticed her on Mack operating a 2005 Mercury Mountaineer with a 2016 registration tab on a license plate that expired in May 2015.

She was arrested for having a .12 percent blood alcohol level and half-empty fifth of Patron Silver tequila in the passenger compartment.

Her criminal history includes two prior drunken driving convictions, making the third arrest a felony.

Sticky fingers

A drug store assistant manager on the Hill was arrested for embezzlement Thursday afternoon, Feb. 23.

"The manager said an assistant manager (a 50-year-old woman from St. Clair Shores) was accused of fraud," reported a patrolman. "(The suspect) said she had rung up but not paid for a pack of Nicorette gum. She then went to another register and returned the gum for cash. She pocketed the cash, \$58.29."

No insurance

False claims of having auto insurance contributed to the arrest of a 22-year-old Detroit man, caught operating a red Ford Taurus on north-

bound East Warren from westbound Mack shortly before 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21.

A patrolman pulled him over because state records listed the car registered to a man having six driver's license suspensions and an outstanding traffic warrant from Livonia.

Truck entered

Someone entered a utility contractor's work vehicle parked unlocked on the north side of Piche west of Hillcrest last week and stole a brown leather wallet from the center console and gold iPhone 6 from the glove box.

The victim, a 21-year-old man from Millington, said the theft occurred between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21.

He works for Infrasource, contracted by DTE Energy to replace cast iron underground natural gas transmission lines with plastic ones.

Petty criticism

Hurt feelings didn't help a 39-year-old Detroit male motorist from being booked for violating 17 driving suspensions, having an open bottle of alcohol in his vehicle and being wanted in Livonia on a \$4,000 traffic warrant.

"While en route (to headquarters), the suspect expressed his unhappiness with being arrested," reported a patrolman taking the man into custody about 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, on Mack near the intersection of Opal. "He referred to (me) as 'petty' and the incident as 'you know what.'"

The officer spotted him operating a blue 2009 Hyundai Sonata from westbound Mack to southbound Moross with high beams on and a broken taillight.

"He admitted he does not have insurance," reported the officer.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunken driving

A man being investigated shortly before 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, for speeding a red 2002 Saturn SL1 12 mph over the limit in the 1000 block of Northbound Lakeshore registered a .174 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving.

The man is a 53-year-old resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

"(He) was slurring,"

reported the arresting officer.

Alien

Federal border patrol agents took custody of an illegal alien caught during a traffic stop on Lakeshore near Stillmeadow Lane at 3:24 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20.

The suspect, a 37-year-old man living in Detroit, was investigated for violating an expired driver's license by operating a 2004 Chevrolet.

"(He) stated he could not renew his license due to his immigration status," reported the arresting officer.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Fraud

A resident of the 1200 block of Grayton reported to police last week they purchased magazine subscriptions

from a door-to-door salesperson in August. The resident paid with a check that was cashed, but they have never received a magazine.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Threat

A Blairmoor resident called police at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, to report being threatened by an acquaintance.

According to police, the resident was approached by someone he knew who demanded money. When the resident refused, the acquaintance threatened him. The resident drove off and the man making the threats was last seen walking toward St. Clair Shores.

— Kathy Ryan

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

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borhoods.

What is so nerve wracking to homeowners is they have no recourse. Homeowners are forced to deal with contractors who, frankly, don't care. The "help line" set up by DTE for residents to call either puts the resident on hold indefinitely or, in a more compassionate gesture, cuts them off and hangs up on them, which, if nothing else, keeps a homeowner from even starting to believe DTE cares.

City officials are left shaking their heads. Despite promises from DTE officials the company would be "johnny

on the spot" to handle complaints or concerns, a DTE official is impossible to find, leaving city officials to endure the wrath of homeowners with a legitimate complaint.

DTE has a history of unkept promises in the Pointes. Just ask the res-

idents in Grosse Pointe Woods who were forced to endure years of power outages and feigned concerns by DTE officials. Now residents of Grosse Pointe Park, concerned with stories of ugly meters and sloppy installation practices, have asked the mayor

and city council to contact DTE on their behalf. Good luck with that.

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FILE PHOTO

Visitors to an Empty Bowls event select a handmade bowl.

Empty Bowls events slated March 3, 12

Proceeds benefit Cass Community Social Services

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

To remind people there are others nearby who are “food insecure,” two Empty Bowls Detroit events are scheduled to raise funds and awareness.

The first event, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, takes place at Eastern Market’s Shed 5 in Detroit. Soups, bread, cheese, wine and beer from area businesses will be available for a donation of \$40. An online celebrity bowl auction supplements the event and can be found at 32auctions.com/EmptyBowlsDetroit2017.

A second event, 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, costs \$15 and includes soups and bread, also provided by local donors.

Both events benefit Cass Community Social Services, led by the Rev. Faith Fowler.

“This is a good reminder,” she said. “Most of us take for granted we’ll have three meals a day and probably a snack at night.”

CCSS’s mission focuses on the areas of food, housing, health care and employment. It houses 300 homeless people each night, operates two free medical clinics, offers a day program for 125 developmentally disabled adults and employment opportunities for more than 80 workers.

“The money from Empty Bowls goes to our food program,” Fowler said. “The concept is that somebody always has an empty bowl somewhere. This is a beautiful reminder — there are some gorgeous bowls created for this event.”

Since September volunteers have been creating and painting bowls for the event, now in its 11th year. Several churches and businesses — including Pink Elephant and Mimi LaRue — as well as groups from CompuWare and General Motors have made hundreds of bowls in anticipation of

a large crowd.

Chairwoman Bonnie Mellos said she hopes to see 1,400 in combined attendance.

“It’s exciting and overwhelming,” she said. “The reality is it’s important to raise money, but it’s more important to raise awareness. We want to introduce as many people as we can to Cass Community Social Services and the amazing programs they offer. One in five people are food insecure. It’s a big problem and we can make a difference.”

Mellos, who has chaired the event since it started, said the event at Assumption will include celebrity servers such as Miss St. Clair Shores Vanessa Chambe.

Volunteers still are needed to help out. “Outreach is a large part of Assumption,” said Joan De Ronne, church administrator. “Our Father Michael Varlamos, it’s very important to him that our faith outreach is our focus.”

De Ronne encouraged participation in either event and hopes for a larger crowd this year.

“Our sponsors and donors are to be commended,” she said. “We raised \$30,000 last year and hope to expand this year.”

A bigger crowd means a bigger donation to CCSS, an organization near and dear to De Ronne’s heart.

“What Faith has done for Cass Community is amazing — to see it growing like a little city within the city,” she said. “Her main focus is to build new lives for those who are homeless, but not just the homeless — for veterans without work, for the mentally impaired, too The whole campus is a wonderful story.”

Added Fowler, “I’d like to say how appreciative we are of the partnership we have with Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. We truly feel like this is a partnership.”

For more information, visit emptybowlsdetroit.com or call (586) 779-6111, Ext. 3.



Kevin Fitzhenry as Jim and Catherine Pearson as Laura.

PHOTOS BY DALE PEGG

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents ‘The Glass Menagerie’

Audiences of all ages are invited to experience a drama of great tenderness, charm and beauty as Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the Tennessee Williams classic, “The Glass Menagerie.”

The eight-performance run starts Sunday, March 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“The Glass Menagerie” revolves around a young man begrudgingly supporting the family his father abandoned. It also features a painfully shy and crippled sister, whose preoccupation with a collection of glass animals draws her away from reality. Set against the backdrop of the Depression, together the family struggles with the past, future and one another. The story reveals the glass menagerie of animals symbolizes the play’s central characters.

Featuring a small ensemble of four performers, “The Glass Menagerie” is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc., on behalf of The University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

The cast includes J. Todd Alderson of Grosse Pointe Farms as Tom, Vanessa Ferriole of the City of Grosse Pointe as Amanda,

Catherine Pearson of Troy as Laura and Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren as Jim.

The crew includes Director Michele Karl of St. Clair Shores, Producer Olivia Wickline of St. Clair Shores, Assistant Producer Ellen Rouleau of St. Clair Shores, Co-Stage Managers Nancy McGinness of St. Clair Shores and Cassie McGinness of Harrison Township, Co-Tech Directors Mike Clyne of Grosse Pointe Farms and Eddie Tujaka of Grosse Pointe Farms, Set Design Conceptual Artist Don Cilluffo, Lighting Design by Blair Arden of Macomb Township, sound design by Eric Vreeland of St. Clair Shores, props and set dressing by Maris DiSante of Grosse Pointe Woods, costumes by Ruth Ellen Mayhall of Grosse Pointe Farms, hair and makeup by Jeanne Chrisman of Harper Woods and scenic designer painting by Dorthy Wasinger of the City of Grosse Pointe.

In May, Grosse Pointe Theatre’s 69th season concludes with the musical, “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.”

“The Glass Menagerie” will be performed 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 19, and 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 16 to 18 and March 23 to 25. Tickets cost \$20. Call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.



From left, J. Todd Alderson as Tom, Vanessa Ferriole as Amanda and Catherine Pearson as Laura.



From left, J. Todd Alderson as Tom, Catherine Pearson as Laura, Vanessa Ferriole as Amanda and Kevin Fitzhenry as Jim.

Asset Allocation – The Importance of Diversification



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Wealth Advisor

Developing a successful investing strategy is not rocket science. Determine your long term goals, your required rate of return to reach those goals, and invest in a well-diversified low cost portfolio. Simple. It is the implementation of a successful portfolio where the problems arise. For the average person finding the time to assess all the various investment choices and

building a strong portfolio is daunting. In addition, successful investing is not a “one and done” event. The world continues to change; an investment portfolio must be monitored and adjusted for the changing environment.

Numerous scholarly studies have shown that asset allocation is the single most important factor in determining investment returns.

One well-known study endeavored to quantify the value of strategic asset allocation versus market timing and security selection. Gary Brinson, Brian Singer and Gilbert Beebower were the authors of the study titled “Determinants of Portfolio Performance II: An Update”. A statistical method of regression analysis was performed to determine to what degree returns could

be explained by strategic asset allocation, security selection and market timing. The chart below shows the results of the study.

Rather than randomly mixing assets, we assemble portfolios that collectively perform well under different economic conditions. Historically stocks will perform well in a strong business environment, while bonds will most often do

better during a recession. Smaller companies over the long-term provide higher returns than larger companies, but there is more risk (volatility) for that reward. Moreover, although the world has become more interconnected and we are operating in a global economy, foreign stocks tend to move imperfectly with U.S. domestic stocks. Some sectors of

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Suzanne has over 25 years of experience in personalized portfolio management, tax and retirement planning, risk management, and estate plan execution and funding. She specializes in the unique financial needs of families, retirees, and women. Phone: 313-290-2602. Email santonelli@antonelliadvisors.com

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Book looks at St. Paul football in 1960s, '70s

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been decades since Bob Evancho roamed the halls of St. Paul School, but the memories he has from his days on the football field are as vivid as ever.

Inspired by St. Ambrose High School graduate and sports journalist Rick Gosselin's book, "Goodfellows: The Champions of St. Ambrose," Evancho decided to write about his days playing ball. The difference? St. Ambrose had a winning team. St. Paul? Not so much.

"I thought, well, I could have a little fun with this," Evancho said. "Why not write about a crappy football program in the same part of Detroit, in the same era?"

The result is Evancho's newly published, "Lost Lakers: Grosse Pointe to Grand Valley — Cake Eater Meets Convict." The humorous, tongue-in-cheek and self-deprecating story is Evancho's tale about "being a frustrated athlete my entire life."

From 1967 to '72, the Evancho family lived on the fringe of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park.

"Most of the book is about my years at St. Paul," he said. "It's the most important and most personal part of the book. The people I met, the friendships I forged, the experiences I went through still last with me to this day. Some of my best friends are my high school friends from St. Paul."

The book, he said, is for anyone who was a high school sports fan at the time. It took him three years to write. During the process he interviewed 20 fellow St. Paul graduates as well as the 30 people who were opponents of St. Paul. Several current and former Grosse Pointe residents are mentioned in the book.

While 12 of its 24 chapters focus on Grosse Pointe, he also writes about his experiences on the football team at Grand Valley State College. It was there he met teammate Reginald "Hook" Johnson.

"He was the most fascinating, charismatic character on the Grand Valley football team," Evancho said. "Hook and I did not become friends, but we were cordial to each other. When he came to Grand Valley, he had already been twice convicted for armed robbery. He was a street-smart ruffian, but something about him drew people to him. In 1974, he was voted student body vice president."

When interviewing subjects for "Lost Lakers," Evancho said it only made sense to find Hook. Through online research, he learned Johnson was sentenced to life in prison in 1976 for his involvement in five homicides, the first four in March 1975 during a jewelry store robbery and the fifth nine weeks later at a Detroit drug house.

Evancho not only located Johnson at the Detroit Reentry Center — which has a dialysis machine for Johnson, whose kidneys are failing — but wrote a letter asking him if he was willing to talk.

Evancho received a response less than two weeks later and they've been corresponding ever since. Their newfound friendship also has led to in-person visits, also mentioned in the book.

"The last two chapters are about those meetings," Evancho said. "It's two books in one. My time in Detroit and Grosse Pointe is mostly lighthearted. And the last two chapters are more serious. I'm pleased with the way it turned out and the story it tells."

"Hook is a tragic character," he continued. "Records do confirm he was involved, but he did not pull the trigger. His accomplice was the killer. My point is, 40 years is a long time. I try not to exonerate him in any way, but I do portray him as a tragic character who has served his time."

The book's epilogue features the most recent visit between the two, which happened summer 2016.

"We had several poignant moments," Evancho said, adding Johnson told him being involved in the book gave him something to live for.

"Lost Lakers," which includes a forward written by former NFLer and Pro Football Hall of Famer Joe DeLamielleure, is available at amazon.com, createspace.com and bootlegbooksboise.com.

While his roots are in the community, Evancho moved to Idaho after graduating GVSC in 1975. He's lived in the Pacific Northwest ever since, holding down jobs at the Idaho Falls Post Register, Tri City Herald and Idaho Statesman, as well as Boise State University and Idaho Public Television before retiring in 2015.

"Even though I've lived in Idaho all these years, my roots are deep in Detroit, Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores. It will always be a part of me," he said. "I have lots of friends and relatives in the area. I enjoy going back. The feel I have when I'm there, it's different than any other place that I visit."

AREA ACTIVITIES

Family Center

The Family Center presents the following programs:

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, "Necessary Conversations: Preparing for Difficult Discussions with Our Youth," at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

◆ 9:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, March 7, Meet & Greet for Professionals, at Grosse Pointe Academy.

◆ 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, "High Vibration Living! Living a Healthier, Happier, More Empowered Life," at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

For information on these free programs, call (313) 432-3832.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, March 3, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical

Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, March 3, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts "Fall in Love with Figure Drawing" with Amy Foster 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4.

Libraries

Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 343-2074

◆ 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, "Pete the Cat" party with author Eric Litwin, crafts and stories.

◆ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Write On Pointe, local authors fair. Authors of all genres are showcased during this marketing and networking event.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park (313) 821-8830

◆ 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, "Pete the Cat" party with author Eric

Litwin, crafts and stories.

◆ 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, Darling Daffodils adult craft with Deb Lynch. Cost is \$5 and registration is required.

◆ 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, "A Brief History of English from Beowulf to Chaucer," presented by professor Anne Curzan.

Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods (313) 343-2072

◆ 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, telescope class with the Warren Astronomical Society.

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, "Pete the Cat" party with author Eric Litwin, crafts and stories.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business Before Hours 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Big Boy, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 881-4722.

Diversity forum

The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe and the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe sponsor the forum, "Raising Global Leaders," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Pierce Middle School,

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

A Hasidic tale

A movement called Hasidism began to achieve prominence during the middle to late 18th century, beginning in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. It was, in some respects, a reaction to the rigid scholasticism of then-prevalent Jewish thought. It advocated that each man, regardless of scholarship, could engage with the divine through acts of piety and joy. The word Hasid originally means "kindness."

It was customary for each group of Hasidim to have a leader, or Rebbe, who maintained his own court and followers. There are, and were, many different groups or sects then and into the present day. They often were delineated by their original geographic location. The most well known in the United States is the Lubavitch, located now in New York and led by

the late Rebbe, Menachem Schneerson. He founded the Chabad movement and will be discussed in future columns because of his importance in the Jewish and non-Jewish world.

Modern philosopher Martin Buber is one of Hasidism's major proponents and thinkers. He tells many stories of these leaders in publications about the Hasidim and Hasidic philosophy. The following tale is in his book, "Tales of the Hasidim, The Later Masters." He attributes this tale to Rabbi Nahum of Stepinesht.

"In a certain city lived a man whose piety was so much talked of that the people had given him the byname of 'the Pious one.' He fell ill and when his family heard that several people in the town were going to Rabbi Nahum to beg his blessing, they

asked them to mention 'the Pious One' when they got to the zaddik (the appellation given to a leader, meaning the righteous one). The people agreed.

Along with the slips of paper on which they had written their names, they also gave Rabbi Nahum a slip bearing the name of the sick man and told him this was a man who was famed far and wide for the austere life he led and went by the name of 'the Pious One.' The rabbi commented: 'I do not know what a pious man is and I never learned anything about it from my father either. But I fancy it must have to do with a kind of cloak: the material is made of arrogance, the lining of grudges and it is sewed with the threads of dejection.'

Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

St. Paul Lutheran welcomes immigration and refugee crisis speaker

Sunday, March 5, the Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson will guest lead the worship service and speak during the adult education hour on the Christian response to the global immigration and refugee crisis.

Anderson is a graduate of Luther Seminary and the recipient of its annual Graduate Preaching Fellowship. After spending the summer in Europe meeting with church workers in many countries, Anderson now connects with congregations who are supporting refugees resettling in the community. As a preacher, traveler and storyteller, Anderson connects stories of today's refugees and immigrants with God's timeless story of people on the move.

The worship service takes place 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 5, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. Adult education follows the worship service. All are welcome.

For more information, visit Anderson's blog at hope-beyond-borders.net or the church's website at stpaulgp.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, continues its Bible 101 series 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 5, with a study of the books of Luke and Acts.

Also Sunday, March 5, the church welcomes the Detroit Children's Choir for a concert at 3 p.m. Tickets for "Music of the Angels" cost \$20 and are available at the door or ticketriver.com.

Memorial's Reel Theology program continues with "Last Days in the Desert," starring Ewan McGregor, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 6. The movie is followed by discussion and includes popcorn.

The church hosts Kids Coalition Against Hunger noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18, to package 75,000 meals. More than 450 volunteers are needed, 150 for each two-hour shift. Email suebuckler@gmail.com for details.

Our Lady Star of the Sea

The Magic Carpet Theater presents "The Parable Project: Take Two" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Innovative actors bring to life Christ's parables using improvisation, humor and drama to experience scripture in a fresh way. All ages are welcome.

An afterglow with the actors follows in The Pointe area of the church.

Freewill donations are accepted.

Detroit Children's Choir to perform at Memorial

The Detroit Children's Choir presents "Music of the Angels" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 5, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, as a part of its ongoing Music at Memorial series. The concert features DCC's "Singers in the D" ensemble. Tickets are available online at gpmchurch.org and at the door.

This showcase includes Benjamin Britten's "Friday Afternoons," as well as spirituals, folksongs and popular repertoire.

"It is truly an honor to be a part of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's Music at Memorial concert series," said Eric Taylor, conductor and artistic manager for the Detroit Children's Choir. "This will be a wonderful opportunity for the students of the Detroit

Children's Choir to share their strong vocal talents with the community."

"We encourage everyone to join us as we host the talented youth of the Detroit Children's Choir," said James Biery, minister of music at Memorial. "These kids represent the very best of what metro Detroit has to offer."

The DCC was founded in 2006 by Carol Schoch, who identified a need for quality choral musical experiences targeted toward underserved youth in Detroit. What began as a single, in-school program 10 years ago has transformed into an organization that now boasts eight different choirs in schools and neighborhoods across metro Detroit. DCC has expanded each year to serve additional students ages 8 to 18 through its in-school/neighborhood and civic ensembles.

Beaumont Health team members recognized

Beaumont Health recently announced the following recognitions:

Oakland University and the Michigan Physical Therapy Association

and selected **Lauren Labelle** as the "Outstanding Student" of the year in OU's physical therapy graduating class. Labelle recently completed her internship and student clinical rotations at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She became a physical therapist in January.

Kimberly Kane Schwartz, a physical therapist at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, received the Michigan Physical Therapy Association's "Noreen Clouten Outstanding Center Coordinator of Clinical Education Award." Schwartz fosters the education of more

than 20 students a year between multiple universities and multiple sites, including the hospital and three outpatient sites.

Kasey McKanna and **Peggy Tuckfield** from Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe received the "Outstanding Team" award given by the Michigan Physical Therapy Association. The award highlights a physical therapist and physical therapist assistant who work together to provide outstanding care to patients.

Joan Ross, a physical therapy assistant at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, was named an "Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant" by the Michigan Physical Therapy Association. She was nominated and chosen for her flexibility and teamwork.

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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.

William James Lane Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident William James "Bill" Lane, 95, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017. He was predeceased by his wife of 74 years, Marie, in December 2016.

Bill was born May 29, 1921, at Providence Hospital in Detroit. He was a 1938 graduate of Highland Park High School, a 1942 graduate of the University of Illinois and earned his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1948. From 1942 to 1945, Bill served in the U.S. Navy and attained the rank of lieutenant. His ensign's stripe was earned at the USNR Midshipmen's School at Columbia University in New York.

Following the war, Bill was a staff attorney at Kaiser Frazer Corp. In 1953, he joined Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp., where he remained 31 years, surviving mergers with Universal American and Gulf Western Industries. During this time, he held various titles, including assistant to the president, secretary and vice president legal counsel.

Bill's civic and business activities included president of the Detroit Regional Group of the America Society of Corporate Secretaries, president of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, president of the Grosse Pointe Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, member of the Corporate Contributions Committee of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and member of the Economic Club of Detroit.

Bill and his wife were members of the Detroit Boat Club, Lochmoor Club and Detroit Athletic Club. Bill's hobbies included golf, tennis and boating, but most of all singing, which began in grade school, continued through high school and onward into the Men's Varsity Glee Club at the University of Illinois.

He was a member of six different church choirs, finishing with 15 years in the choir of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Bill also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Theatre where he appeared with solo parts in "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Of Thee I Sing." In more recent years, his principal singing was with the Grosse Pointe Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, which he joined in 1978.

Bill is survived by his children, W. James "Jim" Lane, Sheryl M. Lane and Bryan R. (Kimberly) Lane; grandchildren, Kelley, Carolyn, Matthew, Michael, Patrick and Marie and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his daughter, Leigh Anne LePlae.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 24 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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John Patterson McCoy

Grosse Pointe resident John Patterson McCoy, 60, passed away Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, in Broomfield, Colo., after a short, but valiant struggle against pancreatic cancer.

John was born May 20, 1956, in Detroit, and grew up in Grosse Pointe. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a mechanical engineering degree from Purdue University. He worked for several years at Indianapolis Power & Light Company before joining the family businesses, K.L. McCoy & Associates in Livonia and Twin City Hose in Minneapolis. He successfully ran both businesses until his passing.

John enjoyed life immensely. He worked hard and played hard. He loved exploring the world, good food, all music, attending concerts and sporting events, car racing, military history, the Colorado mountains, skiing (water and snow), reading, playing games and having fun with his many friends and family. One of his favorite places in the world was his cabin on Grand Lake in Presque Isle.

John was predeceased by his parents, Mary Lou and Kenneth, and brother, Thomas. He is survived by his children, Alexandra (fiancé Kevin Schwartz) and John "Jack" Jr.; siblings, Rebecca (Daniel Simpkins), David (Mary Ann) and Todd; his long-time partner, Pamela Cutler; aunt, Rebecca Patterson Hein (Gerhardt); former wife and mother of his children, Bonita and numerous cousins and extended family.

A memorial service will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Carolyn Gray Miriani

Lifelong Grosse Pointe Farms resident Carolyn "Carrie" Gray Miriani, nee Morse, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center surrounded by her family and friends. She was 48.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Maddie, Lilly and Phoebe; Dennis Miriani; her father, Anthony Jenckes Morse Sr., and his wife, Pamela; her brother, Anthony Jenckes Morse Jr.; and her long-time companion, Daniel O'Connor.

She was predeceased by her mother, Susan Gray Garlinghouse.

Carrie was a dedicated mother whose children were the light of her life. She cherished her role as their mother and was immensely proud of them. She enjoyed each moment they spent together and their pres-

ence gave her much strength.

Carrie had a zest for life evident to those with whom she came in contact. She was known for her joyful spirit and grace in dealing with adversity. She was a devoted friend and lit up any room she entered.

Aside from her Grosse Pointe community, she loved to spend time at her riverside cabin in Wolverine. It was often a gathering place with friends and family. The river gave her much joy.

Carrie was a longtime member of Tau Beta and the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, and enjoyed serving them both.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Christ Church Friends of Music Fund at christchurchgp.org or the Tau Beta Association at taubeta.org.

Jack Allan Kerns

Jack Kerns, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017.

Born Jan. 12, 1924, in Detroit, to John and Elizabeth Kerns, Jack graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and enrolled at Purdue University in 1941. His education was interrupted by World War II, where he served in the U.S. Army until his discharge in 1946. For his service, Jack was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

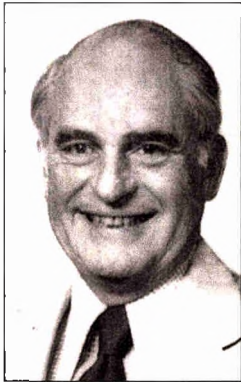
During his studies at Purdue, he joined Sigma Chi Fraternity and as an undergraduate served as consul for his chapter. He graduated in 1948 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He remained closely associated with the Purdue Alumni Association and the Sigma Chi Foundation his entire life.

Upon graduation, Jack joined Raybestos and after a career spanning 38 years retired as vice president of sales and marketing. Raybestos served such customers as Caterpillar, John Deere, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

Jack and his wife, Mary Jo, retired to Florida and relocated to Pelican Cove. In this community of 700 condominiums in Sarasota, Jack served two years as president of the homeowners association. During their 11 years in Florida, they joined Prestancia Country Club and enjoyed a typical life of retirement. Eventually Jack and Mary Jo decided to move from Florida to North Carolina to be near their daughter and her family.

Jack was predeceased by his parents; infant brother and beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Jo.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan Kerns Clements (Wayne



William James Lane Jr.



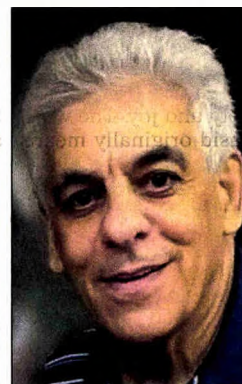
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Browning); son, Christopher Allan Kerns (Sherry); grandchildren, Stacey Kerns Cruse (Tyler), Gianna Clements Parrott (Rob), Craig Allan Kerns (Sarah), Reina Clements Sowers (Chris), Dominique Clements Weir (Jonathan) and Riley Clements (fiancée, McKenna Stultz) and great-grandchildren, J. Booker Parrott, William Sowers, Kate Sowers, Clive Allan Kerns, Patrick Sowers and Sawyer Cruse.

A private service was held in North Carolina.

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Carl Mitchell Eckert

Carl Mitchell Eckert, 83, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at his home in Grosse Pointe Park after a long illness.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Jane Eckert, his wife of 53 years. He also is survived by his children, Robert Eckert, Marie Eckert, Carl Andrew Eckert (Janine) and Thomas Eckert (Sheri), as well as five grandchildren.

Carl attended the Detroit University School and Culver Military Academy in Indiana. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1955 where he was affiliated with the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. After graduation, Carl honored his obligation to serve his country as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, leading an artillery unit stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. He returned to earn his law degree at the University of Michigan and later a master's degree in education.

Carl began his teaching career at his high school alma mater, Culver Academy, teaching economics, coaching baseball and counseling students. After 10 years, he returned to Grosse Pointe to work at Detroit Bank & Trust as a trust officer, spending the remainder of his career assisting local families with their estate planning. After retiring in 1999, Carl took leadership of the Alice Kales Hartwick Foundation, forwarding its philanthropic efforts to support a broad array of local charities.

Carl enjoyed gardening, writing his memoirs

and playing with his children and grandchildren. He will be remembered as a relaxed and fun-loving family man.

The family is planning a celebration of Carl's life to be held in the spring.

David Alan Coosaia

Grosse Pointe Woods resident David Alan Coosaia, 69, passed away Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

David was born March 30, 1947, in Detroit, to Mitry and Mary Coosaia. He grew up with his four siblings on Detroit's east side and graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1965. He also graduated from Wayne State University.

Although it was 1966 when he first met Suzie, in pigtails, it wasn't until 1970 that David and Suzanne met more formally, in preparation for brother Bob's wedding to Suzanne's sister.

On Nov. 10, 1973, David and Suzanne were married at St. George Church in Detroit. In 1974 they had a daughter and in 1978, a son. Family was the most important thing to David, and he was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather.

He worked hard his entire life — from the time he could walk at Kappaz market, until the day he retired from Entertainment Publications in December 2016. He was always ready with a joke and nothing brought him greater joy than making people laugh. He loved Detroit sports, especially the Red Wings and Tigers.

David is survived by his brothers, Ed Coosaia (Michele) and Bob Coosaia (the late Diann); sisters, Nancy Potts (John) and Marsha Coosaia-Rodger (Ray); children, Melissa Parrish (Lynn) and David Coosaia (Ashlee); grandchildren, Emily Nerina and Grayson David Cook and many nieces, nephews, cousins and

extended family and friends.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Suzanne and parents.

Visitation will be 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a prayer and sharing of memories at 7 p.m.

A private funeral service will be held.

Mary Patricia Quinn

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Mary Patricia Quinn, 90, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

She was born in Indianapolis to Barbara and Arthur McCarthy and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marian University in Indiana and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She was a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools.

Mrs. Quinn is survived by her sons, Michael T. Quinn, Matthew Quinn and Martin Quinn (Jennifer) and daughters, Ann Quinn (Ron Markee), Kathleen Fischhoff (David) and Marie Gianino (Paul).

She was predeceased by her husband, Michael F. Quinn.

A private memorial was held.

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Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, March 3 to April 7, beginner bridge lessons with Cynthia Luce. Cost is \$16 for six sessions. Registration is limited to 12.

◆ "Flower Power ... Think Sunshine ... Be Happy," 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Monday, March 6. Participants create simple arrangements in vases during this Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club program.

◆ TED Talks, 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday, March 6, with facilitator Katie Arms-Farber. Author Dan Gilbert discusses "The Surprising Science of Happiness."

◆ Celebrate March birthdays at SOC 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 9. Reservations are required.

◆ "Keeping You Fit at Home — Core Strengthening Exercises," 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, sponsored by Heartland Health Care Center, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ TED Talks, 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, with facilitator Katie Arms-Farber. Katie Adams, former assistant casting director for "As the World Turns," shares "Four Larger Than Life Lessons from Soap Operas." Reservations are required. Call (313) 882-9600.

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Retired Lt. Col. David T. Fries, U.S. Air Force, speaks about the Stryker vehicle ground operation. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Larry Sullivan at (313) 881-8631.

By Anne Marie Gattari
Special Writer

Bud and Sue Ozar's story begins as so many inspirational stories do — in prayer.

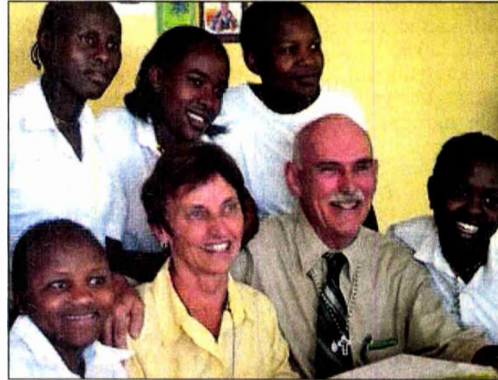
It was 2001, and Sue was a teacher at Pierce Middle School, "loving my job," she said. Bud was director of family and youth programs at the Archdiocese of Detroit. They knew retirement was around the corner, but they didn't know what that meant.

"We knew we wanted to retire to something," said Bud, "not from something."

"It bubbled up in prayer," Sue said. "It just came to me and I turned to Bud and said, 'Let's go work in the developing world. Work with the poor. The real poor who need us.'"

"I stopped in my tracks, literally, and said, 'My God, that's a good idea,'" Bud said.

For the next two years, they researched missionary organizations and settled upon Lay Mission Helpers, a community of Catholic lay people sharing their talents around the world. Their first assignment was in American Samoa, where they spent three years teaching and running



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The Ozars, on a previous trip to Kenya.

schools. They returned home and immediately asked for another assignment. It was 2006 and they were sent to Kenya for two years. Their lives changed forever.

In Meru, Kenya, they met Father Limo Riwa of St. Rita Parish who had been working tirelessly to get children off the streets and into parishioners' homes. The Ozars worked with Riwa to provide a safe environment and education.

Kenya, like so many African countries, has been racked by the AIDS epidemic. Today, approximately 1.5 million children younger than age 15 are orphaned by AIDS, according to the Kenya National AIDS and STI Control Programme.

When the Ozars left Kenya in 2008, Riwa's words rang in their ears: "Remember the children."

"How could we forget?" said Bud. "These children lived in the most deplorable conditions. Homeless, victims of abuse. They sniffed gasoline to dull their hunger."

Once back in Grosse Pointe Park, the Ozars gathered family and friends in their living room to strategize how to build a fundraising entity for orphaned girls. Since then, they have raised some \$2 million through a 501(c)3 organization called "Friends of Kenyan Orphans."

"Our work supports facilities such as St. Clair Girls' Centre in Nchiru,

Kenya," Sue said. "The girls at these centers have escaped life-threatening situations."

Bud, 77, and Sue, 75, go to Kenya every year.

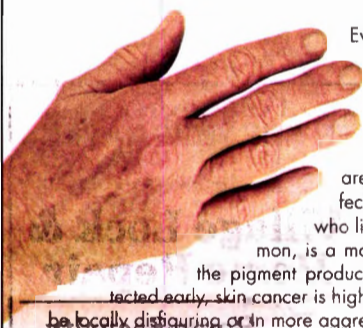
"We are the eyes and ears on the ground," Sue said. "We can tell our donors where their money is going."

To donate, visit friends ofkenyanorphans.org.

Gattari is host of "Aging Well in America" on GPWM TV, a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizen Commission and owner of BrightStar Care of Grosse Pointe. She can be reached at (586) 279-3610.

The Grosse Pointe News has partnered with Services for Older Citizens to feature residents in their "encore years," highlighting opportunities that come with advanced life experience. We're looking for individuals doing any number of things previously not associated with people 60 or older. Have a suggestion? Call or email Deb Miller at (313) 649-2104 or dmiller@socservices.org, or Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com.

Are They Age Spots...or Something Else?



Every year in the United States, millions of people are diagnosed with skin cancer. In fact, skin cancer is more common than the incidence of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancers combined. Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma are the most common forms of skin cancer affecting between 40 to 50 percent of Americans who live to age 65. Melanoma, while not as common, is a more serious form of skin cancer arising from the pigment producing cells of the skin. Fortunately, when detected early, skin cancer is highly curable. If left untreated, skin cancers can be locally disfiguring or, in more aggressive cases, may even cause death.

Regular self-skin examinations can alert you to any new or changing skin growths and may aid in the early detection of cancerous or precancerous lesions. Some warning signs we look for are changes to existing growths including color, size, shape, and the development of symptoms such as itching, bleeding, crusting, or non-healing sores. For the pigmented moles on the skin, we look for the ABCDE warning signs of melanoma. This includes:

- A: Asymmetry.** When viewing a mole, it should be symmetric on both sides. When one half does not match the other half, this is a concerning feature.
- B: Border.** Benign moles tend to have smooth, round borders. Atypical moles and melanoma can have irregular, uneven appearing borders.
- C: Color.** Most benign moles are one color. If a mole develops multiple colors to it, or changes color this can be a warning sign of melanoma.
- D: Diameter.** Melanoma is usually greater than 6 mm in diameter (about the size a pencil eraser), however when diagnosed early they can be smaller.
- E: Evolving.** Any change or evolution of existing moles including size, shape, or color can be a red flag for a developing melanoma.



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Take care of the skin you're in

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Taking care of and protecting your skin is important at any age. For senior citizens, regular check-ups are particularly important.

"What you read about most is skin cancer," said Dr. Richard Ferrara of Ferrara Dermatology Clinic and the Skin & Laser Center of Grosse Pointe. "Our big mantra is skin cancer prevention and identification."

Ferrara Dermatology Clinic offers comprehensive dermatologic medical, surgical and aesthetic services. The Skin & Laser Center serves as the cosmetic aesthetic wing, providing treatments, skin care and procedures.

"As people get older, they do get certain issues," Ferrara said. "All day long I'm seeing the elderly that come in talking about their spots, wanting to know what's truly cosmetic and what's a potential hazard for them. They also talk about their faces turning red."

Typically patients come to see him after a referral from their primary care doctor. Ferrara begins by screening for potential problems with

a head-to-toe examination.

"I may find four to five dermatological things and out of the five, most of them are harmless and one is a concern," he said. "I tell them, here's your medical priority and the rest can be ignored unless they change or are bothersome."

According to Ferrara, skin cancer screenings are the biggest public service his staff performs. Basal cell carcinoma, the most common skin cancer, can look like a non-healing curly pimple-like lesion. "Anything that's persisting four to six weeks should be looked at," he said.

The second most common skin cancer is squamous cell carcinoma, with malignant melanoma the most serious.

"From a medical standpoint, any unexplained new sore, crust or rough spot, we're looking to see whether it represents pre-cancer or a cancerous change of the skin," Ferrara said. "The most common thing we see are actinic keratoses, defined as rough, red, scaly persistent spots. Sometimes I'll have people feel their face and it feels kind of sandy. Chances are, that could

be pre-cancer."

On the benign side are little tan brown attachments quite common in the elderly known as seborrheic keratosis.

"Differentiating between the two can be reassuring. A lot of what we do is reassure people by telling them something needs to come off or it's more of a cosmetic concern," he said.

Screening for potential problems is followed by coaching on elective cosmetic opportunities. While Ferrara Dermatology Clinic offers services for medical issues that can be applied to insurance, the Skin & Laser Center handles elective aesthetic concerns typically paid out of pocket.

Between the two facilities, Ferrara said he offers a comprehensive ability to treat a range of conditions and situations. For example, a common condition called rosacea can make an adult look red, blotchy and acne-like. Once the inflammation and acne have been controlled medically, he introduces options to reduce the redness and blood vessels of the face, such as Intense Pulsed Light and

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PFLAG chapter first meeting set

A local chapter of PFLAG — Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — is officially being formed in Grosse Pointe. Its first meeting takes place 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

The national organization provides confidential peer support, education and advocacy in a network of more than 400 chapters nationwide.

Local meetings will occur the first Sunday of each month, except in July and September, when meetings are the second Sunday.

The first speakers are Tom Nelson and Linda Karle, a married couple who met at a PFLAG meeting and have been instrumental in setting up local chapters ever since.

For more information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

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15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. The public is welcome. For information, visit grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. March 8 is rock painting. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10. Call (313) 343-2408.

War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms,

hosts its Youth Arts Project at 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, featuring young talent from Grosse Pointe, Detroit and Oakland County, led by Detroit Symphony Orchestra project leader Hai Xin Wu and other professional musicians. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Belle Isle

The Daffodil Luncheon, raising funds for the purchase and planting of daffodil bulbs on Belle Isle, takes place Wednesday, April 19. The event features Jenny Rose Carey of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's Meadowbrook Farms, The Peacock Room of botanically inspired accessories and clothing, a reissue of Daffodil Day tiles in a

new color and more. Tickets are \$45. For information, visit <http://bit.ly/2lbCkJg>.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1997 hosts its 20-year reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Bayview Yacht Club. Tickets may be purchased online at bit.ly/2gedatC.

Van Elslander

The Van Elslander Cancer Center offers free 45-minute gentle yoga classes for female cancer patients and survivors 12:30 to 2 p.m. Mondays, followed by a short support session. The class is appropriate for people in or out of treatment; physician clearance is required. Call Jessica Chapman at (313) 647-3004.

SENIOR Living

Task force forming to combat loneliness

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and Services for Older Citizens are teaming up with representatives from a variety of agencies and service groups to form an anti-loneliness task force.

From teens glued to their electronic devices and lacking the social skills an older generation may have learned growing up, to seniors whose lack of interaction with others can lead to depression and isolation, loneliness is an issue that needs to be tackled, organizers said. "I have been studying health and happiness for about nine years now and the single most important thing that you can do for your well-being is to be socially connected," said Suzy Berschback, Beaumont's community affairs manager and co-chair of the task force with Chris Walsh of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Group. "Science tells us that isolation is not at all good for our health. A recent study in the

American Journal of Epidemiology stated, 'those who perceived their social support to be impaired had a 340 per-

cent higher rate of premature death than those who felt their social support was good.' We also know from a recent Yale study that patients who report feelings of being loved have far fewer cardiovascular blockages than those who didn't. So if we can help bring people together for a variety of reasons with our local nonprofits working together on this issue, I see it as a win-win for the community."

The focus group, which will meet quarterly starting this March, is by invitation only. Organizers hope to raise awareness as well as offer solutions to the community.

"SOC is focused on the senior population," said Deb Miller, director of communications and fund advancement at SOC. "As you age, you often become more and more isolated. Your friends move away, your

friends pass away, you're less involved in organizations. Even retirement can lead to isolation.

'Our hope is to find a way of doing a better job identifying hidden citizens, bringing them into programs and activities and bringing back their connection to the community.'

DEB MILLER
Services for Older Citizens

"The first step is finding these people — hidden citizens — and then creating programs," she continued. "We have to figure out how to best collaborate to create a community that is aware of this and has a way of reaching out to address, and in some ways solve, the issue."

Miller said loneliness, when it affects health and independence, is a public health problem.

"Researchers have found that loneliness is a larger predictor of early death than obesity," she said. "Our hope is to find a way of doing a better job identifying hidden citizens, bringing them into programs and activ-

ities and bringing back their connection to the community."

The biggest challenge, she said, is the most iso-

lated individuals are just that — isolated.

"The more depressed and lonely they are, the less willing they are to get out of the house," she said. "I'd love for there simply to be an awareness in a close-knit community of who is living alone. Who of your neighbors doesn't get out often? It doesn't take that much additional effort for neighbors to check up on one another. Community is coming together to take care of one another. That is the very definition of community. With that comes awareness."

SOC offers social activities to help combat loneliness, including its

daily congregate lunches. It's also starting a loss and grief recovery support group in April, which will meet 6:30 to 8

p.m. the last Wednesday of each month.

SOC offers free technology training sessions Fridays to introduce seniors to Facebook and other social media, so they can stay con-

nected with loved ones.

Volunteers also regularly call homebound seniors or seniors in long-term care; conversations often last "upwards of an hour," Miller said, because, "Interaction nourishes the soul."

Miller said SOC is grateful for the partnership with Beaumont and

hopes the task force works to "build a strong community that supports healthy aging."

"We will ask several key community partners to work on this issue this year starting at the end of this month," Berschback said. "We will attempt to bring this issue and information to light, learn what we currently have to offer as a community and what the gaps are that we may be able to fill. We are starting to address this issue through the eyes of seniors, but the issue is not limited to seniors and down the road we hope to address other age groups as well. I would be happy to learn ideas and suggestions from the community at suzanne.berschback@beaumont.org."

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various laser treatments.

"By reducing both the inflammatory and vascular components, the results are better," he said.

A second example of treatment pertains to treating pre-cancers and cancers of the face.

"Many people present with red, rough, scaly spots representing various degrees of sun damage all the way to cancerous changes," Ferrara said. "After the skin has been medically improved of these skin issues, such as actinic keratoses, basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, patients may want to address the aging aspects of the skin including uneven pigments, coarseness, wrinkles, blood vessels and laxity. A variety of treatments are available to treat the pigmentary unevenness of the face with IPL and Q switched laser as well as diminish wrinkles and textural

changes with resurfacing lasers or peels.

"The key to heightened success is in combination therapies such as photofractional therapies, which include the combination of light and laser on the same day," he continued.

A third example of treatment is the ability to modify scars. Early after surgery, when sutures are removed, the area prone to scarring can be lasered to improve outcome. If a scar forms,

whether from a burn or surgery, and becomes red and raised, lasers can improve their appearance.

Ferrara has an extensive background in general medical dermatology, surgical dermatology and cosmetic dermatology. He is certified by the board of the American Academy of Dermatology and received his training from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He is a Diamond Level injector for Allergan Products in

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Angela Aufdemberge

The truth about human trafficking

Q: I've been hearing the term "human trafficking" a lot lately. I don't really understand it and wonder what it has to do with the internet and children. What should we be looking for?

A: Many of us understand human trafficking as the illegal movement of individuals across borders or the exploitation of vulnerable women. However, human trafficking is much more prevalent than you might think. Human trafficking involves forcing or coercing another individual into work (labor) or sexual activity. However, any commercial sexual activity involving a youth is illegal in the United States. Human trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise and there are cases of trafficking of youth in all 50 states. We are appalled by the reports of human trafficking in the media, but few of us know that trafficking of Michigan's children is occurring at an alarming rate.

Children are the primary target for traffickers. Youth are tricked by traffickers and lured into a variety of sexual activities, which are transacted through the internet. Seemingly innocent places frequented by youth are the key locations where traffickers lurk waiting to trick or entice a youth with promises of love, acceptance, travel, fame or even

fortune. The average age range for entry into commercial sexual exploitation is 12 to 14 for girls and 9 to 12 for boys. What many parents don't understand is that some children are being sexually exploited yet they are home in bed every night.

Human trafficking is described as a crime hidden in plain sight. Understanding human trafficking, the tricks used by traffickers as well as the signs that a youth is being trafficked should be a top priority for all parents, grandparents, teachers, counselors and first responders.

Aufdemberge is the president and CEO of Vista Maria, a licensed provider of mental health treatment for adolescent female victims of human trafficking. The mission of Vista Maria is to deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education to vulnerable youth so they can heal, believe in their worth and build the skills needed to succeed. Find out more at vistamaria.org.

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'Richmond Rosies' is Women's History Month presentation

Four Grosse Pointe women's organizations present a viewing of "The Richmond Rosies," a film about women who worked in the shipyards during World War II. This presentation is in honor of Women's History Month.

Between 1941 and 1945, 747 Victory and Liberty ships were built in Richmond, Calif., and women made up nearly 60 percent of the workforce. Young women, who had never worked outside the home before, had to take the place of men who went overseas to fight the war. These women were called Rosies, short for "Rosie the Riveter."

The film is presented by the American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, and is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, the Grosse Pointe Soroptomists and Dining for Women, Grosse Pointe.

The free film is at being shown at noon Saturday, March 11, in the program room of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch, 20680 Mack, at Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

SENIOR Living

Lakeshore Senior Living promises ease, assistance, activity

By Michael Cowan
Special Writer

Construction is underway in St. Clair Shores on an ambitious senior living center that promises to be a true gem of

the area. Lakeshore Senior Living, which will house 140 one- and two-bedroom apartments and offer maintenance-free yet independent living for senior citizens age 55

and older, already has a growing list of future occupants.

"The amenity package that we're offering is extraordinary," said Audra Frye, director of sales and marketing for

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, operator of LSL. "The apartment will offer fully equipped kitchens with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Residents can still cook their favorites dishes or take advantage of the Garden Café."

What's more, according to Frye, the complex will offer amenities such as weekly housekeeping, laundry facilities, a computer lab, a fitness center complete with instructors, haircutting services for men and women, a movie theater, a pub and more.

LSL will offer differing levels of care and service to those age 55 and older. According to its website, "Adults can live with independence and freedom and spend more time doing the things they actually enjoy, while having the peace of mind that someone is close by. Residents appreciate recreational, social and cultural opportunities through daily planned activities and can connect with



PHOTO BY MICHAEL COWAN

Construction is underway at Lakeshore Senior Living in St. Clair Shores.

their peers who enjoy similar interests." LSL will have common areas and space available for socializing in the on-site Garden Café.

However, more attention is available for those seniors who require it. LSL will offer a memory care unit with assisted living studio and one-bedroom apartments.

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BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Knights split with city rivals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' hockey team battled city rivals Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North in back-to-back games and each game had plenty on the line.

First came a home game against Grosse Pointe South. The Blue Devils needed the victory to win the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division. They entered the game with 18 points, one point shy of Country Day, which finished its league games with 19 points, 9-2-1.

The host Knights outplayed the Blue Devils for two periods, but a four-goal outburst lifted South to a 6-2 win and a division title.

"We stunk tonight, but the boys put it together in the third period to pull out a win," South head coach Bobby McKillop said. "We lacked focus for the first two periods. It was not a good effort on our part."

Head coach Mike Hamilton had his Knights ready to play and they took a 1-0 lead late in the first period on a goal by Spencer Stefani. The Blue Devils tied it 16 seconds into the second period when Conor McKenna tallied.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett's Spencer Warezak, right, and South's Jack Flynn battle for the puck during the Blue Devils' league win over the Knights.

The home team grabbed another lead when Daniel Bowen scored on the power play.

However, the Blue Devils began their comeback when Jack Flynn scored at the 4:21 mark of the second period to tie it at 2.

It was all South in the third period as it scored goals at the 12:36 and 10:08 mark to take a 4-2 lead. In the final minute, the Blue Devils tacked on two more goals to turn the game into a rout.

Liam Kavanaugh scored the first and third goals of the period, while

Flynn and Scott Miller had the second and fourth goals as the Blue Devils clinched a fourth straight division title and takes a 20-2-1-1 mark to the state playoffs.

Liggett evened its rivalry series with a 7-3 win over North, advancing to a pre-regional final against Warren DeLaSalle at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

The Knights used hat tricks from Jaron Pangborn and Luther Zinn to beat the Norsemen. Pangborn

and Zinn alternated the first six goals, and Spencer Stefani concluded the Knights' scoring with a power play goal at the 12:33 mark of the third period.

"We got some scoring from someone who hasn't scored all year and he had a hat trick," Liggett head coach Mike Hamilton said. "(Andrew) Doppke made a couple of big saves early to keep it a scoreless game and that was a big difference in the game."

Pangborn scored on the power play at the 4:37 mark of the first period,



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Jaron Pangborn celebrates after scoring one of his three goals in the Knights' playoff win over Grosse Pointe North.

which ended 1-0. It looked like it was going to be a low-scoring, tight game, but the Knights put four goals on the board in the second stanza to open a 5-0 lead.

Zinn scored early in the second period, followed by Pangborn, then Zinn and then Pangborn again to make it 5-0.

The Norsemen got on the board when Thomas Supal scored on the power play with 58.2 left

in the second period.

Zinn's power-play goal opened the scoring in the third period and it gave him his first high school hat trick.

The Norsemen's final goals were scored by Connor Albrecht and Supal.

With the loss, Grosse Pointe North ended its season 6-19-0-1.

With the win, Liggett improved to 10-15-1 overall.

SWIMMING

South wins league meet, North third

Little did coach Bill Thompson's 2001 Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving squad know they would be starting the longest winning streak in the Macomb Area Conference history.

The 2017 Blue Devils, under head coach Eric Gunderson, came away MAC Red Division Champions in their home pool, beating a senior-dominated Dakota team and an improving Grosse Pointe North squad, under Dan Hafner, for a 21st MAC title.

Team scores: South 409, Dakota 361, North 197, Chippewa Valley 135 and Romeo 107.

The South boys won the three relays and were champs in five of nine individual events.

They were led by quadruple event winners Matthew Kouierter and Ethan Briggs with Briggs being named Swimmer of the Meet based on National High School

time standards.

Kouierter won the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke and teamed up with Briggs, Matthew Melican and Cam Sanders to win the 200-yard medley relay.

Briggs won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke and teamed up with Cam Francis, Nick Vallan and Thomas Jogan to win the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:15.24, just off the MAC record and South pool record.

Other results: Francis and Jogan took second and third in the 200-yard freestyle; Melican and Khalib Rahman took third and fifth in the 200-yard IM; and Vallan won the 50-yard freestyle with Ethan Kincade taking sixth.

Diving saw Grady Eger and Nico Rabaut take second and sixth, while Francis took third in the 100-yard butterfly. Vallan, Jogan and Sanders placed second,

fourth and fifth in the 100-yard freestyle.

A.J. Rizer took third in the 500-yard freestyle, and the foursome of Francis, Kouierter, Kincade and Jogan won the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Melican and Michael Currier took second and fifth in the 100-yard backstroke, and Melican, Sanders, Rahman and Jared Pearson swept the 100-yard breaststroke.

The North boys took third in the 200-yard medley relay with Brian Wenz, Trevor Mieczkowski, John Cobau and Ben Sliwinski competing, and the highest finisher in the 200-yard freestyle was Joey Cobau, seventh.

John Cobau took seventh in the 200-yard IM, while Wenz and Sliwinski took third and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Austin Robbins took eighth in diving. John Cobau took second in the 100-yard butterfly and



PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD BRIGGS

South swimmers, divers and coaches celebrate after winning another MAC Red Division League meet title.

Hunter Adleson took sixth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Joey Cobau placed fifth in the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle relay of

Sliwinski, Ben Veneri, the 400-yard freestyle relay of John Cobau, placed third. Wenz took Alex Voroneko placed third.

— Todd Briggs
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Calling alumni and friends

The Grosse Pointe United Blue Dolphins show is at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Grosse Pointe South High School. The team welcomes all former Blue Dolphins to join in the team spirit at an exhibition show before the competitors head to the state final routine competition in March. So far this year, the team had a close competitive season with a second-place to Troy and a tie with Ann Arbor Pioneer. In the same dual meet with Pioneer, the Blue Dolphins took second place against Ann Arbor Huron in the figures state competition. Several swimmers also placed in the individual medals during the meet including a first place for a duet, which can be seen at the show March 4. The Blue Dolphins carry on the tradition of United Teams in Grosse Pointe and have a rich history. The first and only varsity high school synchronized swimming team in Grosse Pointe was the Blue Dolphins. For more than 80 years (1928-present day) the Blue Dolphins have entertained, represented and volunteered for the community. "We are a united team that represents both Grosse Pointe South and North high schools," head coach Lauren Martin said. "Most of the girls on the team became interested in the sport through the summer programs at the parks in Grosse Pointe that frequently include synchronized swimming as part of the summer swimming program. If you have a swimmer that is looking for a fun and challenging program, the summer programs are often taught by former Blue Dolphins who are able to pass on a love of synchronized swimming to the next generation." Pictured above are team members, top row from left, Colleen Corbet, Delaney Jackson, Zoey Lightbody, Abby Wilson, Hannah Hicks and Sarah Corbet; and bottom row from left, Hannah Bainbridge, Skylar McCrindle, Hannah Engles, Brooke Martin and Meredith McDonnell.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Sweet victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team shrugged off a tough loss to its city rival to put a thrashing on visiting Romeo last week in the consolation bracket of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament.

The Norsemen jumped out to a 21-11 first quarter lead and never let up, cruising to a 71-49 victory.

"This is the effort we

needed after the tough loss," head coach Ron Kochan said. "I thought the guys played a good game and this is the thing we need moving forward."

The Norsemen outscored the Bulldogs in every quarter, leading 35-21 at the half and 52-34 after the third quarter.

Senior Dillon Webb had 16 points and six rebounds to lead the way, while his brother, sophomore Ryan Webb, had 13 points and three

blocked shots.

Junior Sheldon Cage also chipped in with 13 points and senior Sam Cross had eight as the win moved the Norsemen into the fifth/sixth-place game at L'Anse Creuse North.

North beat host L'Anse Creuse North 63-59 to finish fifth in the tournament. They received huge offensive nights from senior Steve Levick, 27 points, and Dillon Webb, 20 points.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 12-6 overall.

LIGGETT & GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Second half stumble

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Chris Housey knew his University Liggett boys' basketball team just couldn't get over the hump in the second half of its 56-53 home loss to Ann Arbor Greenhills last weekend.

The Knights stretched a 24-21 halftime lead to 28-21 before they unraveled.

The Griffins outscored the Knights 17-7 the rest of the third quarter to lead 38-35 and they stretched it to nine points a couple of times in the fourth quarter.

The Knights' defensive rebounding was poor and they made only 5 of 13 free throws, which led to the league defeat.

"We gave a great effort, but not making those

free throws and a lack of rebounding hurt us tonight," Housey said. "We played hard and scored, but the lack of defensive stops was a big difference."

Senior Jackson Walkowiak, playing his final home game of his high school career, had 17 points, and junior Anthony George had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore Logan King had 11 points as Liggett slipped to 8-10.

South results

Grosse Pointe South hosted Utica Ford in the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament third-place game last weekend.

They fell behind 19-6 in the first quarter, but won the second stanza

15-8 to cut the deficit to 27-21 at the half.

The Blue Devils hung around, trailing 53-43 with four minutes left in the fourth quarter. However, they didn't score a point the rest of the game, losing 65-43.

Seniors Zane Draper and Brennen Buszka led the way with 12 points apiece, and senior Hank Wilson had seven as the Blue Devils finished fourth in the tournament.

Earlier in the week, South took on Macomb Dakota and lost 81-58.

Draper led the way with 16 points, followed by Buszka with 13 and junior Julian Harrell with 12. Harrell scored 21 points the last time the Blue Devils faced the Cougars.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 10-9 overall.

Girls basketball

NORTH & SOUTH

Norsemen, Blue Devils fall

Head coach Gary Bennett knew playing top-ranked Detroit Country Day would benefit his Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team as it prepares for

the state playoffs.

The host Norsemen lost 71-31 to finish the regular season 10-10, but playing such tough competition makes the players better in the long run.

The Norsemen fell behind 31-13 at the half and the Yellowjackets used a 22-point third quarter to put the game out of reach. It was 53-20 heading into the fourth quarter.

For the home team, sophomore Julia Ayrault had 10 points and nine rebounds, while junior Josie Ciaravino had eight points.

Next for Grosse Pointe North is a possible spot in a Class A district championship game at 6

p.m. Friday, March 3, at Roseville.

South results

Grosse Pointe South ended its season Monday afternoon, losing 56-55 to Detroit East English Village Prep in a Class A district first round game at Detroit Western International High School.

Senior Sayanna Roy scored 17 points as the Blue Devils finished the season 5-16 overall.

— Bob St. John

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

2017 March Board of Review

The 2017 March Board of Review will convene in the City Hall at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
March 20, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

APPEAL HEARINGS
March 20, 2017 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 21, 2017 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Tuesday, March 21, 2017 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313)885-5800.

GPN: February 23, March 2, March 9, 2017

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

2017 March Board of Review

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2017 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting
March 14, 2017 9:00 AM

Appeal Hearings
March 14, 2017 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
March 28, 2017 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 822-6200.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2017 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
From 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH.

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North wins First Amendment Press Freedom Award

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School was among 11 public schools recognized nationwide for actively supporting, teaching and protecting First Amendment rights and responsibilities of students in its publications. North received a First Amendment Press Freedom Award for 2017 in recognition of its student newspaper, North Pointe, NorthPointeNow.org website and yearbook, Valhalla.

A committee made up of representatives from the Journalism Education Association, National Scholastic Press Association and Quill and Scroll International Honorary Society selected the winners. Among the criteria was an emphasis on student-run media where students make all final decisions on content. This was North's first win, according to adviser Shari Adwars.

In the first stage of the competition, the adviser and at least one editor at each school completed questionnaires. Schools who advanced to the next level were asked to provide

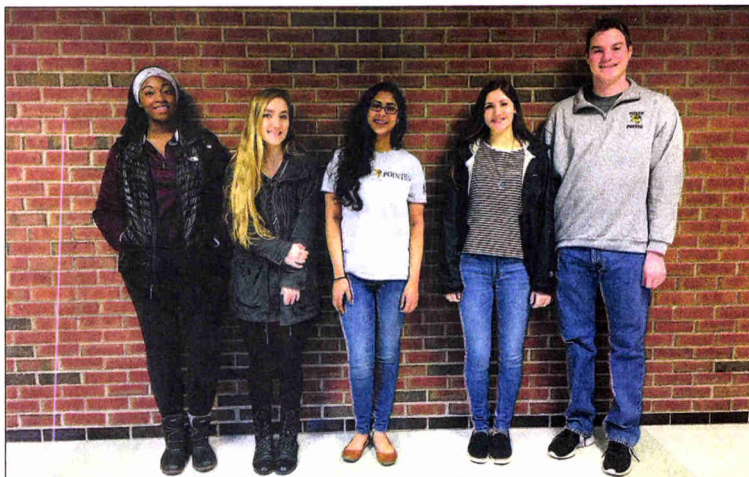


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Student editors participated in the application process for the Freedom Award. Pictured, from left, are Valhalla Editors-in-Chief Sarah Scott and Victoria Sonaglia-Gates, North Pointe Editors-in-Chief Ritika Sanikommu and Lindsey Ramsdell and NorthPointeNow.org Managing Editor Alexander Harring. Not pictured are North Pointe Managing Editors Mora Downs and Billy Moin.

responses from the principal and all media advisers and student editors, indicating their support of the First Amendment.

Seven student editors — four from North Pointe, two from Valhalla and one from NorthPointeNow.org — participated in this process, according to Adwars.

Said Adwars, "Those kids all sat down and independently did their own responses to the questions, clarifying edi-

torial policies, asking what they'd do, whether they'd undergone prior review by administration or their adviser, whether they thought there were any hands-off topics or things we couldn't cover, what material they believed would fall under things that were vulgar or obscene. It really tests their knowledge of what legally can or cannot be published It's more of a test of the understanding school-wide Are

these kids knowledgeable enough? Are they skilled enough to make decisions?"

"They take their responsibilities so seriously," she continued. "At every step, from the artwork we use — do they have the rights to use it — (they ask) is it copy protected, have they fact checked every single bit, are they using good sources and knowledge-

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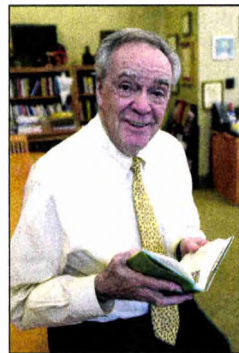
Liggett head to retire

Head of School Joseph P. Healey announced his retirement from University Liggett School, ending a 10-year tenure in which he transformed the school's curriculum, unified two campuses, began an ambitious athletic construction effort, launched an all-school strings program and expanded the school's regional footprint with the creation of the Liggett Merit Scholars program.

Healey, 74, is planning to retire in June so he can spend more time with his family, including his four children, two grandchildren and one grandchild on the way.

"It is with profound gratitude and appreciation that I accepted the resignation of Joe Healey, a nationally renowned educator, leader in independent schools and a good friend to my wife, Vivian, and me," said University Liggett School Board of Trustees President John W. Stroh III. "Joe will long be remembered for everything he has done for University Liggett School and he will be greatly missed by the school's students, faculty, staff and Board of Trustees. We wish him the very best in his retirement as he spends some well-deserved time with his family and friends."

During his time at Liggett, Healey wrote the



COURTESY PHOTO

Liggett Head of School Joe Healey

defining thesis of his educational career, "A Curriculum for Understanding," which begins with the fundamental idea that students learn from experience. The paper led to the implementation of Liggett's Curriculum for Understanding, the school's guiding philosophy that allows students to drive their own academic growth.

"These 10 years have been among the most rewarding of my long career in education, 25 years of which have been devoted to the independent school world," Healey said. "I have a sense of satisfaction and a hope that all that has been accomplished will endure and continue as a legacy to the school."

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Academy students embark on real-life learning adventures

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Academy middle school students spent a week in February tapping into real-life experiences through the R.E.A.L. program. The acronym stands for real-world experiences and applied learning.

Electives offered in the program provided opportunities for students to engage in tasks that extend classroom learning, employ cross-disciplinary thinking, make connections to the world outside of their classroom walls and create innovative solutions and products as a result of their work, according to Lawrence DeLuca, assistant head of school for instruction and grades 1-8 principal.

Examples included Sharing the Melting Pot, a cultural awareness class in which students focused on food as identity, an important cultural facet of every country and ethnicity, and how immigrants brought these food traditions with them and adapted them to their new environments. They visited Garrido's Bistro & Pastry on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, where they made and tried several new dishes originating from European and Latin American countries.

Students in the Academy Weekly class created a news show highlighting school events to be shown on the GPA YouTube page. Students wrote, interviewed, filmed and edited the show and plan to continue it throughout the year. Students also took a private tour of the Fox 2



Above, students from the Academy Weekly class visited the Fox 2 television studio. Pictured, from left, are Alexander Kuplicki, Shayla Andrews, Charlie Fauster and Jeremiah Johnson. Right, students in the Sharing the Melting Pot class visited Garrido's Bistro & Pastry. Clockwise from left are Angel Jones, May Savage, Gordon Acheson, Connor Pitera, Abby Woods, teachers Amal El-Hosni and Bridgette Murray, Abigail Keane, Margaret Demkowicz, Kaitlyn Gray, Alexandria Belyue and Elizabeth Becker.

television studio with Pulitzer Prize and Emmy Award-winning reporter M.L. Elrick.

In Project 442, named for the number of miles between Detroit and Philadelphia, students came up with ways to re-frame the story of Detroit from a city in ruins to that of a vital city with a rich culture and history and tell that story through various forms of artistic expression to middle school students in Philadelphia. Students researched areas of cultural significance regarding Detroit through its history, art, restaurants, ethnic communities, revitalization efforts and gentrification.

In the graphic arts class, students learned

about graphic design tools and editing techniques and worked on designing and making their own buttons.

The two classes joined forces in a trip to the Eastern Market to see how graphic designers use art, design and technology to communicate meaningful messages.

Participants in GPA's Historical Society brought history to life. They turned back time to create the first-ever museum of GPA history to be displayed at the 50th Action Auction. They met with museum professionals at the Detroit Athletic Club to see how they preserve art and other artifacts. An important component of the class was reaching out to the community to hear stories from the people who experienced it first-hand.

Students in the crime scene investigation class learned crime scene analysis techniques: document analysis, fingerprinting, blood typing, chromatography, tire track evaluation and footprint analysis. They visited the Grosse Pointe Farms police station and took part in a mock investigation.

Ladies Night Out

Members of Monteith Elementary School's PTO are stepping out — and they are asking community members to join them.

Ladies Night Out, an event formerly hosted at the school, is held 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. This shopping event includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and silent auction.

In addition, each of the 40-plus participating vendors offers an item for a tin-can raffle, from a one-hour psychic reading to a day at the spa. Also raffled off will be a necklace and

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Save the Date

MONDAY, MARCH 27

◆ College Night, a one-stop shopping event, will be held 6 to 8 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School's gym.

Representatives from more than 100 colleges, universities, technical schools and military organizations will be on hand to answer questions and educate students and their parents.

Week Ahead

THURS.-FRI., MAR. 2-3

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School presents student-directed one-acts in South's auditorium. South is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, contact Meaghan Dunham at meaghan.dunham@gpschools.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School's radio astronomy team hosts Starnival, an educational festival 5 to 7 p.m. with a stars and galaxies theme appropriate for children ages 6 to 11. Admission is \$5 per child and registration opens at 4:30 p.m. North is located at 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/Starnival>.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

◆ University Liggett School hosts a special screening of the documentary film "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age" 7 p.m. at 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. "Screenagers" reveals how tech time impacts students' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to navigate the digital world and find balance. It is the only screening in southeast Michigan. The event is free, but reservations are required. Visit uls.org/screenagers to RSVP.

THURS.-FRI., MAR. 9-10

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea's musical drama class presents "The Lion King Jr." 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$5. The gymnasium is located at 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 884-1070 for more information.

THURS.-SAT., MAR. 9-11

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School presents "The Addams Family Musical" 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 1 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$15 main floor reserved, \$10 balcony general admission, \$10 students and seniors (60+) main floor reserved. Gold cards are welcome. Tickets are available at the door one hour before each performance or at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20281 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.



From left, Allie Larpenteur, Giovanna Randazzo and Hannah Martin show the buttons they designed and made in the graphic arts class.

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able sources and are they asking questions and digging as much as they possibly can?"

This is the 17th year of the award.

"We had more schools apply than ever before, but some operated like open forums with board policies that allow for — even seem to encourage — censorship," said John Bowen, JEA Scholastic Press Rights Committee chairman, in a news release. "With their current administrators, they have been OK, but a change in board or administration would be dangerous."

"What I'm so impressed with here is our administration and our school board understand that having a robust journalism program helps students become college and career ready and develop critical thinking skills," Adwars said. "It encourages civic engagement. Especially now, civic engagement is of utmost importance and the fact that they can identify and solve problems in our community is important."

Winning schools will be honored April 6 at the opening ceremony of the JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention in Seattle.

In Next Week

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New program informing parents on human trafficking

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Education legislation may have local impact

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Two proposed bills, if enacted, could impact the Grosse Pointe Public School System in the not-so-distant future. Michigan House Bill 4192 proposes repealing the Common Core State Standards, while House Bill 610 repeals the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 — reauthorized in 2015 as the Every Student Succeeds Act.

HR 610

ESSA authorized state-run programs for eligible schools and districts seeking to raise the academic achievement of struggling learners and address challenges for students with disabilities, mobility problems or learning difficulties or from impoverished backgrounds.

House Bill 610 repeals ESSA and authorizes the Department of Education to award block grants only to qualified states. To qualify, a state must comply with education voucher program requirements and make it lawful for parents of an eligible child to elect to enroll their child in any public or private elementary or secondary school in the state or to homeschool their child.

These block grant funds would be distributed by local educational agencies through an education voucher program based on the number of eligible children within that geographical area. From these amounts, the agencies distribute a portion of funds to parents who elect to enroll their child in a private school or homeschool their child. Funds are to be used for appropriate educational expenses only.

HR 610 also repeals the Nutritional Act of 2012, known as the No Hungry Kids Act, which established nutritional standards for the national school lunch and breakfast programs. According to the bill, the existing rule “requires schools to increase the availability of fruits, vegetables,

whole grains and low-fat or fat free milk in school meals; reduce the levels of sodium, saturated fat and trans fat in school meals; and meet children’s nutritional needs within their caloric requirements.”

“ESSA is another example of a federal program to help our students get what they deserve — an education,” Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus wrote in an email. “We do this in GPPSS. Creating block grants begins the process of uncoupling the funding. GPPSS wants to do what is right for our students. We prefer ESSA be amended if there is another great idea rather than uncouple the funding with no idea of what will happen. We believe this is an attempt to funnel funds away from public schools.”

HB 4192

House Bill 4192 proposes replacing Common Core — a set of academic standards for math and English outlining what students in kindergarten through 12th grade should know — with academic standards in effect in Massachusetts during the 2008-09 school year. State assessments used by Massachusetts during that time also would be implemented.

Massachusetts replaced those academic standards with Common Core in 2010, the same year Michigan adopted CCSS.

“GPPSS and other school districts have spent valuable time and resources to adopt the Common Core standards,” Niehaus wrote. “Professional development, curriculum writing and curriculum adoption have centered around the Common Core standards in Michigan. ELA (English language arts), math, science and social studies have all been incorporated. Common Core are only standards. GPPSS maintains local control when we write the curriculum to meet or exceed those standards. We believe we have

rigorous standards for our students to learn and our teachers to teach. We believe GPPSS is in a great place to continue to make our curriculum better than ever. Dropping the Common Core means that we have to start all over again. We would rather compare our Michigan Common Core standards and do a cross walk with the Massachusetts standards being proposed.” Niehaus added his research confirmed Massachusetts no longer uses the 2008-09 standards.

“Each time standards are changed, there are tremendous costs to Michigan’s students,” wrote Paul Salah, associate superintendent of educational services for the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, in an email. “These costs include thousands of hours in training for educators, millions of dollars in textbooks and resource adoptions and thousands of hours developing formative and summative assessments designed to inform instruction.”

“Common Core State Standards are not the problem,” Salah continued. “We spend too much time talking about how we are going to fix education, debating accountability systems, debating which assessments are best and not enough time on what successful schools look like.”

Steven Cook, president of the Michigan Education Association, offered a state perspective in a news release.

“The negative consequences of repealing the standards outweigh any positives, which is why MEA is opposing HB 4192. Students and educators need continuity in education policy — not arbitrary changes to standards and tests.”

Cook added Common Core is about state-driven standards, not a federally mandated curriculum.

“Having common standards across districts and states is helpful, especially for students who need to change schools



Lynne Roby

School: Trombly Elementary School
Years at Trombly: 6 (28 total years in GPPSS)
Grade/Subject: K-5 Special education teacher in the Learning Resource Center
Nominated by: the Trombly community
Quote from Principal Walt Fitzpatrick:

“Lynne is the consummate professional. She has dedicated herself to each of her students and advocates every day for their success. Swing by Trombly in the evening and it is very likely you will see Lynne working and preparing to provide a challenging and supportive experience for her students. All that with a positive attitude that is contagious and uplifting. Since her arrival at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year, Lynne has been a game changer. All the students who walk through her classroom door are guaranteed to have her support and encouragement while being challenged to push themselves and reach high beyond their own expectations.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I feel honored to be a teacher. It is a great responsibility and privilege. Teachers have the power to change lives. In the words of Rita Pierson, “Every child deserves a champion — an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”

This is my favorite part of my job; the connections I make with my students and the opportunities that this relationship nurtures and provides. Every day I have the opportunity to create a safe environment where students learn to acknowledge and identify their difficulties and realize through hard work and determination they can accomplish anything they set their mind to, or believe in. Every day I learn something new from my students. We learn together. In addition, I feel fortunate to have supportive parents, administrators, colleagues and other school personnel. It is through the collective efforts of everyone that so much is accomplished each day for every student.

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

I am proud of my ability to work hard with, and for, any student who receives my services. I see what students can achieve, not what they have yet to achieve. I have had parents thank me for changing their child’s life. If I can help shape a student’s perception of themselves and give them hope this will impact their future for the better. To know you have this power evokes great emotion. By providing a safe environment where students are not afraid to fail, or make mistakes, great things can happen. All students want to achieve



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success. Sometimes you just have to add more rungs to the ladder so they achieve success at their pace.

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

I am inspired daily by the teachers and support personnel that surround me in my building and my district. Sharing makes us all better. Particularly, when positive energy is shared. I am also inspired by Dr. Seuss’ book, “Oh the Places You Will Go.” The journey of life is filled with endless possibilities. Through my teaching I try to instill a growth mind set in my students. They can achieve what may seem as the impossible, if they believe they can do it. Mistakes are to be learned from and risks should be taken. If you work hard and are determined, you can go anywhere you want and achieve anything you think.

Favorite quote:

“(Kids) don’t remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.”

— Jim Henson

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Among Healey’s other achievements is the creation of the Liggett Merit Scholars program, which each year attracts metro Detroit’s best and brightest ninth-grade students to Liggett. Former Liggett Merit Scholars have gone on to earn Rhodes, Fulbright and other prestigious scholarships. Healey’s creation of the program helped the school evolve into a regional institution that attracts students from more than 50 ZIP codes and several foreign countries.

Healey also increased and stabilized enrollment, brought together two separate campuses and elevated the athletics program. He developed an all-school strings program beginning in third grade. He also launched the Sure Foundations campaign, a \$50 million fundraising effort that helps support school initiatives including the Liggett Merit Scholars program and the construction of the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Campus

Center, which will break ground later this year. The Boll Campus Center follows the completion of the school’s athletic fields, one of the country’s largest high school turf field projects.

“Thanks to Joe’s vision and leadership, Liggett soon will break ground on the Boll Campus Center, which will continue to build on the school’s legacy of athletic success,” said John Boll, grandfather to six Liggett alumni. “The Boll Campus Center is the next logical step in the school’s development and it would not be possible without the incredible leadership that Joe Healey has given the school.”

Healey came to Liggett in 2007 from the Ethical Culture Fieldston School in New York City, where as the head of school he oversaw 1,600 students and 300 faculty. Previously, he held positions as headmaster at the Haverford School in Pennsylvania, dean of the college at Hobart College in New York and associate dean of the undergraduate program at the College of William

and Mary in Virginia.

Liggett Provost and COO Bart Bronk will act as interim head in July. A national search for a permanent head will begin later this year.

“It has been a tremendous privilege to work with Joe Healey, one of the truly great leaders in the independent school world,” Bronk said. “I am

so they’re learning the same things at the same grade levels. How to educate students to meet those standards — the curriculum — is something that can and should be controlled at the local level with input from front-line educators who are the experts at educating kids.”

honored to have the opportunity to continue the good work he has initiated and to guide the school through this transition. I know I speak on behalf of the entire faculty and staff in expressing our deep gratitude for Joe’s leadership, mentorship and for his terrific accomplishments at Liggett.”

Wedding Guide

Look for this Special March 9, 2017 in your Grosse Pointe News

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS BOARD OF REVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor’s office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor’s office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 27, 2017 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
LESLIE M. FRANK
CITY CLERK

GPN: Feb. 16, 2017, Feb. 23, 2017, Mar. 2, 2017

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2017 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Municipal Court Room, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
1 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017
9 a.m. until business is completed

for reviewing the 2017 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2017, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-9956. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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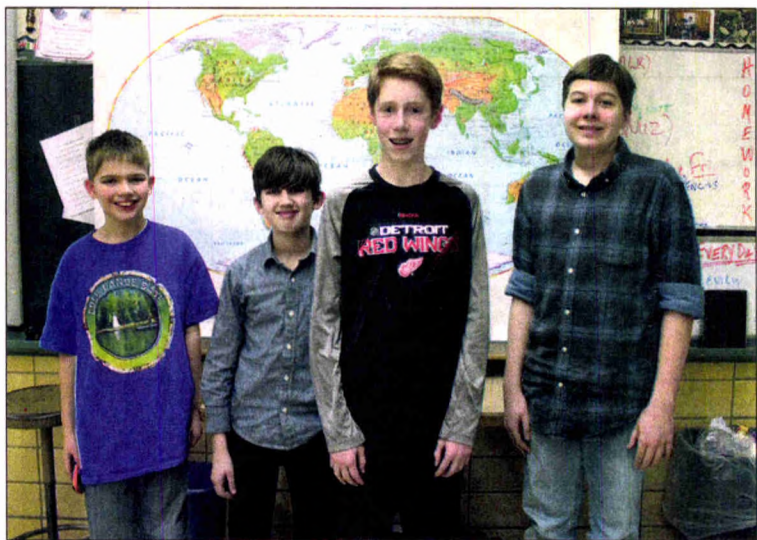


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From left, sixth-grade winner Nathan Jochum, seventh-grade runner-up John Mozena, seventh-grade winner and overall champion Noah Dean and eighth-grade winner Stephen Barstys.

Two-time geo bee winner advances to state finals

Noah Dean, a seventh-grader at Parcels Middle School, won the school's National Geographic Society Bee for the second consecutive year and has qualified to compete for the state championship at Western Michigan University March 31.

Nathan Jochum was the sixth-grade winner and Stephen Barstys was the eighth-grade winner and overall runner-up.

To be eligible, state bee

competitors must be in grades 4 through 8 and have won a school-level competition involving at least six students. Only the top 100 students taking the test compete at the state level.

Grosse Pointe middle schools boast four state championships since 1989, including three former Parcels students. Matthew Vengalil won in 2006 and Jamie Ding won in 2004 and

2005. Pierce Middle School student Christopher MacKechnie won in 1990.

State winners advance to the national competition at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C., May 15 to 17, and compete for \$25,000 in college scholarship money. Jeopardy's Alex Trebek hosts.

— Mary Anne Brush

Mason service project



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mason fourth- and fifth-graders completed a service learning project — kids giving back to kids — as part of their Valentine's Day celebration. The blankets and cards the students made will be delivered to Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. From left, Elliot Jarvi, Molly Spence, Charlotte Julien, Alex Noyd, Harlan Cain and Hannah Cooper work as a team to fold a blanket they completed.

An unusual birthday request

Birthday parties are usually filled with food, balloons, party favors and presents for the birthday boy or girl.

One University Liggett School student had food and decorations at his party, but no presents. The guests weren't being rude when they didn't bring presents for fourth-grader Andrew Johnson — they were honoring Johnson's birthday request.

Johnson, a hockey player who loves sports and skating at McCann Ice Arena in the winter during gym class, asked that his friends not buy him birthday presents. Instead, he asked that each family take what they would have spent on a present and make a donation to Liggett's Sure Foundations campaign.

"With Andrew's birthday being so close to Christmas, it just seemed silly to accept more gifts when he was already so



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Fourth-grader Andrew Johnson

blessed by the family and Santa," said his mother, Mandy Johnson. "We asked Andrew about giving guests at his party the option to make a gift and he was all for it."

Johnson said she had been reading about the school's Sure Foundations campaign and one of the priorities of the campaign — improving the facilities at the school — resonated with her son.

"With Andrew's love of Liggett and sports, we thought it would be a great fit. He really liked the idea and agreed to the plan," she said.

In total, nine families donated \$400 to the campaign.

The birthday boy said he's glad he asked for donations instead of presents.

"It makes me feel good, knowing that I'm helping out Liggett," he said.

And he didn't completely miss out on getting a present or two for his birthday.

"A few people brought presents and made a donation," he said.

The Sure Foundations is a \$50 million comprehensive campaign that invests in Liggett's campus, supports academic excellence and scholarship, builds the school's endowment and raises annual operational support.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Grand Valley State University: Hannah N. Atherton, Mary Jo C. Beeby, Rachel G. Bellovich, Hans W. Brieden, Emily A. Huguenin, Jeffrey A. Judson, Benjamin A. Klingensmith, Gabriel W. Korkmaz, Sydney E. Kummer, Meghan M. Kurza, Heidi A. Marchi, Gabriel E. Martinez, Kaelyn A. Mocerri, Madason M. Puhly, Carley K. Reno, Samatha L. Schervish, Christina E. Sicklesteele, Brad H. Sklarski, Megan P. Sklarski, Sophia P. Smith, Adam L. Stewart, Ethan D. Teranes, Brandon M. Terrell, Matthew M. Torlone, Katie C. Wilk, Alexander A. Wilson and Danielle N. Zukowski.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Ryan M. Franck** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at the University of St. Thomas.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Madeline Schebil** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chelsea Marsh was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at St. Olaf College. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the daughter of Ronald and Kimberley Marsh of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Robert Reilly** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business fall 2016 from Miami University.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Sarah Jane Graves** earned a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology and health

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Joseph Rabaut was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Michigan Technological University. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of Donna and John Rabaut of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Ronald Hasenbusch was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Michigan Technological University. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of Anne and Ronald Hasenbusch of Grosse Pointe Park.

Joachim Wright was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Michigan Technological University. The Grosse Pointe North High School graduate is the son of Kevin Wright of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Jerome Jackson** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Alma College.

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