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Study to predict hotel's traffic impact

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE **POINTE** — An empirical study of motor vehicle traffic in the Village precedes further planning for construction of a hotel and parking deck on municipal surface parking Lots 2 and 3 in the downtown commercial district.

Traffic flow and volume are being based on observation, not statistical projections.

"The City of Grosse document actual demand structure," Dame said.

by each user of Lot 3 by time period so everyone has concrete information about how many spaces of parking are needed in Lot 3 to accommodate existing users," said Peter Dame, city manager

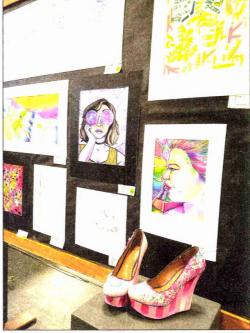
Findings also will help determine future needs.

"The study will evaluate the cost of the parking structure as designed by the developer to see if it is realistic and examine, if we were to build a parking structure, the Pointe required the study cost of operating the

A united council in February chose Pedersen Development Co. as the preferred developer of a four-story, 125-room hotel and parking deck on downtown municipal parking Lot 3. Terms include a four-floor structure on Lot 2 containing up to 30 condominiums, commercial and parking spaces

Although the \$22 million project is forecast to generate \$280,000 per year in municipal property tax revenue, plan-

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ArtFest runs through Saturday

GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

MARCH 23, 2017

Grosse Pointe South High School's ArtFest, featuring art by 500 students, is held in South's multipurpose room 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Awards night is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday. South is located at 11 Grosse Pointe **Blvd.**, Grosse Pointe Farms.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Buses adapt to Jefferson route

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK It appears Detroit Department of Transportation bus drivers have adopted the new turnaround route keeping buses on Jefferson and off residential ity. streets.

Park resident Sarah Frances Boyd, who last Hampton for turning, but fall, along with resident said it's a vast improve-Lauri Reed, brought the situation to the attention

of city officials, said bus traffic along Hampton between Alter and Maryland has diminished considerably.

"I have noticed a difference over the past week," Boyd said. "There has been a dramatic reduction of bus activ-

Boyd said about four buses a day still are using

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Park moves DPW to Joe's Garage

By Kathy Ryan aff Write

GROSSE POINTE PARK

It was a Detroit institution for years, but now Joe's Garage on Ashland trucks, landscaping has a new owner and a equipment and machinnew business plan. Park ery items, the city also is luced trabia cently purchased the former auto repair shop for use by the city as the new Department of Public Works garage.

the public works garage "to allow for future development for the DPW building located at 1005 Wayburn."

In addition to the usual using the build ing store the city's trolleys and the Santa Claus float used in the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. Details of the arrangement were first revealed in the minutes of the January 2017 meeting of city council. the



vonder

Mother Nature turned chaos into beauty following a wind storm March 8, evidenced by these photos taken along Lakeshore.

No formal lease or payments for the building PHOTOS BY C. ZIENTEK are in place, according to an email from City Administrator Dale Krajniak. He said the city

will use the building as

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BUSINESS

Ford House construction OK'd

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

bered as an attraction on behind-the-scenes tours be good stewards of this of the 60-room Edsel and Eleanor Ford mansion.

Upon construction next year of separate administrative offices and a visitor center on the 87-acre estate-turned back to the visitor expemuseum and registered rience. national historic landin-house workspace of the estate's Detroit Executive Director Symphony Orchestra Mullins and staff revert concerts in July: to original condition used by the Ford family 18,000-square foot ad-

Eleanor willed it a cul- with library, tural asset in 1976.

GROSSE POINTE see on the tour — me sit-SHORES — Kathleen ting behind my desk," space and Mullins' days are num- Mullins said. "Eleanor ◆ expanded restaurant asked in her will that we estate for generations to enjoy. We should get (office) activity out of the historic core so we can restore the historic buildings and bring it

Construction on the mark on Lakeshore in following starts soon Grosse Pointe Shores, after the final cadence of

• a two-story,

"Guess what people visitor center with exhi-

with outdoor dining.

"Our goal is to have the visitor center open for the 2018 holiday sea-son," Mullins said. "The office building will open in spring 2019."

Shores residents get first peek on a date to be scheduled in their honor.

Little evidence of work is expected to be visible from behind the estate's stone wall and mini forest buffering it from Lakeshore.

"The (Shores) planning commission voted

◆ 40,000 square foot Matuja, chairwoman. A united city council did likewise Tuesday,

Feb. 21. been a good neighbor to the city," added Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

The estate is taxexempt and must continue abiding by guidelines of its philanthropic district designation.

"We did not do this new construction to change in any significant way what the Ford House is doing," Mullins said. We're just getting out of

project," said Mary tors and students, K restrict beyond what the through 12, who use us." A neighboring homeowner had concerns

about increased activity "The Ford House has at the estate which city and estate representatives accommodated or rejected in context.

"Activities will conform with local ordinances as well as the tax-exempt rules," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "This will last as long as the site is a philanthropic zoning district.

"We're subject to the philanthropic district restrictions," said Nicholas Scavone Jr., an attorney representing the historic core and the estate. "At request of providing a higher qual- the city, we worked on a from 1929 to when ministrative building unanimously for this ity experience for visi- condition that would

philanthropic district already imposes. That's not a requirement imposed upon the Ford House today. It's a permanent restriction.

Provisions allow 25 days of overflow parking on estate property across Lakeshore inside the 1100-block curve.

"We're talking about 25 uses, not 25 events," Mullins said. "We're not going to add 25 events to our calender.

"Today there's no restriction on the number of events the Ford House can have with overflow parking," Scavone said. "This is a permanent restriction on our use."

GP News Advisory Board welcomes new members

The Grosse Pointe News has invited new members to join its Advisory Board, whose purpose is to share ideas that help strengthen and grow the newspaper as it strives to better serve the community

After discussions among board members at its January meeting, the request was made to add to the board representatives from Services for Older Citizens, the faith community and municipalities.

Joining the board are:

• Deb Miller, director of communications and fund advancement at SOC;

• Joe Rheker, deputy city manager of Harper Woods and a 21-year naval reservist;

 Mark Wollenweber, city manager of Grosse Pointe Shores and

 the Rev. Patrick Henry, pastor at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

The new additions serve not only to grow the board, but also replace former members Ed Lazar and Scott Adlhoch, who resigned their positions in January and March, respectively.



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When everyone's Irish

Patrons at Irish Coffee Bar & Grill in Grosse Pointe Farms got into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day last week.

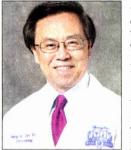
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Henry Ford Hospital dermatologist becomes president of American Academy of Dermatology

Henry Lim M.D., former chair of the Department o f Dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital and an internationally recognized dermatology expert, has become president of the . American Academy of Dermatology, the world's largest dermatologic society.

Lim, a resident of the Henry Lim M.D.



the diagnosis and medical, surgical and cosmetic treatment of skin, hair and nail conditions.

Lim was chair of dermatology for 20 years before stepping down Ascension to the posi-Feb. 28. Under his lead- tion is a two-year proership, external research cess. Lim served as funding has increased, president-elect this past the residency program year. now ranks among the Lim is Henry Ford's top five in the Midwest third dermatology chair year, which began March and the diversity of to hold a top leadership senior staff physicians The AAD represents was enhanced. Lim will late Clarence Livingood

more than 18,000 physi- continue to practice as cians who specialize in chair emeritus and senior vice president of Academic Affairs.

In April 2015, Lim was officially voted president by a vote of the AAD general membership.





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position at the AAD. The M.D., was president in 1967, and the late Edward Krull M.D., was vice president in 1987. Lim also served as vice president in 2007.

Lim is an internationally recognized expert in dermatology and his clinical interests include vitiligo, phototherapy, photosensitivity, photoprotection and psoriasis. Lim has authored more than 400 articles and edited seven textbooks.

An active member of the dermatology community, Lim is board certified in dermatology and past president of the American Board of Dermatology, He Dermatology. obtained his medical degree from the State University of New York in Brooklyn and completed his dermatology training at the New York University School of Medicine in New York.

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NEWS 3A

Park writer publishes book about Bashara murder

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK "The scene was an alley where Pinewood and Annott Streets intersect in northeast Detroit. The crime was initially believed to be a simple carjacking, an infraction so common as to be routine. But this one was different

With that opening paragraph Park writer Andrew Morlan sets the stage for his book on the Jane Bashara murder, a story that gripped the Pointes for several years and still is not over.

"Master Betrayal, The Conspiracy to Kill Jane Bashara" begins on that cold January 2012 morning when the body of Park wife, mother and business executive Jane Bashara was found in the backseat of her Mercedes SUV parked in an allev in Detroit. It then takes the reader through every phase, twist and turn of an investigation and trial that had veteran crime and courtroom professionals reeling.

"I was shocked to see the kind of media coverage it attracted," Morlan for years, then moved in said. "There was intense local media coverage, but then the national media arrived. People across the country were fascinated and horrified at the same time. And there was Bob, appearing on NBC's Dateline and ABC's Good Morning America."

It was a chance encounter in February 2012 the arrest of Bob Bashara between Morlan and some Detroit residents at a bar in Puerto Rico and kill Joe Gentz and in 2013



Andrew Morlan

Morlan to realize it might him for the murder of behoove him to pay closer attention to the case unfolding just a few blocks from his own home.

A Grosse Pointe native, 1987 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a teacher by trade, Morlan had done some freelance writing and editing.

"I had been a teacher ears, then move administration," to Morlan explained. wasn't happy and I was seriously considering writing a book. I just needed something that held my attention.

In October 2014, he found it.

watching the Bashara case closely, including in June 2012 for attempting to hire a hit man to

Jane Bashara, it was the scene in the courtroom of Judge Vonda Evans in Wayne County Circuit Court that convinced him

"I have to say that from the very first day I walked into the courtroom for his trial, I knew I was going to write a book about it," he said.

Once he began writing, his goal was to present the story without sensationalizing it or inserting his own opinion. He also wanted to present the complete picture.

This is a story where almost everyone has heard something, but no one has heard every-While he had been thing," Morlan said.

Morlan cites his relationships with investigators and members of the media as a huge advantage in researching and writing the book, as well discussion of the when charges were as the fact he was in court

month trial as well as the many pretrial conferbecame a familiar face in the courtroom and easily mingled with many witnesses.

"We have to keep in mind that this is a true story, but just about every character who moved in and out of Bob Bashara's world is in some way not normal," Morlan said, citing a long list of people involved with drugs, shady business dealings and alternative sexual lifestyles who Bob Bashara considered his friends. The irony of Bashara's comfort with drug dealers and convicted felons as well as members of country clubs and civic organizations is not lost on Morlan.

"If this wasn't a true story, it would be com-pletely unbelievable," Morlan said. "We have to keep reminding ourselves that this is not fiction, it's a true story. You couldn't write a book of fiction with this many twists and turns and weird characters."

Morlan interviewed several key witnesses in the case, from Steve Tibaudo who wore a wire to record Bob Bashara's attempt to hire a hit man to kill Joe Gentz to members of Jane Bashara's family and includes firsthand accounts from many involved, including post-trial interviews with several jurors.

He intersperses trial transcripts with those accounts, as well as stories from several of Jane's closest friends.

"I didn't want this to be Bashara case that caused finally brought against every day during Bob a book about Bob

wanted to tell Jane's story. I wanted to explain ences and hearings. He what happened and why. And I wanted to make it as accurate as I could."

When asked if he had sent a copy of the book to Bob Bashara, Morlan shook his head.

"No, I never once talked to Bob Bashara during the writing of the book," he said. "I think his testimony and his comments in context as stated in police and court recordings say far more about him than anything he could tell me now.

The irony of Bob Bashara's choice of an alternative sexual lifestyle that stressed dominance over women and the fact three strong women played such pivotal roles in determining his fate is not lost on Morlan.

"Bob's fate rested with three women, all very intelligent, strong women," he said. "We had Judge Evans, the prosecutor Lisa Lindsey and his defense attorney, Lillian Diallo. Sometimes you couldn't help but wonder Bob's feelings on

that Morlan also recognizes the story is not over, with Bashara filing an appeal to overturn his conviction and his sentence of life in prison without parole. He also is not surprised the said.

Bashara's nearly three- Bashara," Morlan said. "I story continues into its sixth year.

"I include the hearings in 2016 before Judge Evans on Bashara's request for a new trial, where he claimed inadequate council," Morlan said. Evans denied Bashara's request and the case has now gone to the Michigan Court of Appeals. According to Bashara's appellate lawver. Ronald Ambrose, a decision is expected by July.

Morlan just hopes the decision doesn't come during the Mackinac Races.

An avid sailor, Morlan has been participating in the annual events since he was 18, participating 30 in consecutive Bayview to Mackinac races. He also teaches adult sailing at Bayview Yacht Club.

He and his wife, Meggan, share their Park house with Callie, who Morlan describes as a 'very opinionated" Shibu Inu.

And is there another book?

"I'm not sure," Morlan replied, admitting he has considered adapting Master Betrayal into a screenplay.

"It's a fascinating story, and with so many twists and turns, it's difficult to believe it's true," Morlan

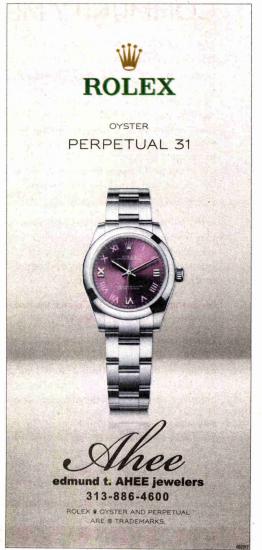
The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

 The Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meets 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore. Anticipated agenda items include subdivision of 55 South Deeplands.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

 An update on the Priority 1B and Select Improvement Project for the Milk River Intercounty Drain will be given at a meeting at 6 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack. For information, call project engineer James Rydquist, Tetra Tech of Michigan, (313) 224-9084.



Woods court earns high marks

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

GROSSE WOODS - Few people **WOODS** — Few people Tobin said surveys, look forward to a day in compiled by the State court, but those who appear before Judge Ted Office in Lansing, are Metry in Municipal Court give the involved in the court jurist and the court staff process, including attorhigh marks based on a neys, plaintiffs, defensurvey that measured dants, their court experience.

Γhis is the fourth year

is always important by our team and we are when explaining the POINTE process to them."

Court Administrative Woods distributed to everyone even those coming into the court

committed to being even more efficient and focused on improving services to the public.'

According to John Nevin, communications director for the SCAO, the survey is part of a state-wide initiative to measure court performance.

Tobin, while pleased and treated fairly."

the process and patience of the hard work put in with the survey results, said court staff is not resting on their laurels.

"We are always looking for ways to improve our service," she said, noting the court staff participates in training offered through the SCAO and through court software vendors. "Our goal is for every person to be satisfied

in a row the court scored ticket. high marks and it was not lost on court admin- received high marks, so istrator Susan Tobin did Metry, with 95 perthat the highest cent of respondents approval rating - 99 reporting they felt he percent - came to the treated everyone with question of whether courtesy and respect people felt they were and 93 percent of treated with courtesy respondents saying they and respect by the court felt he treated their staff.

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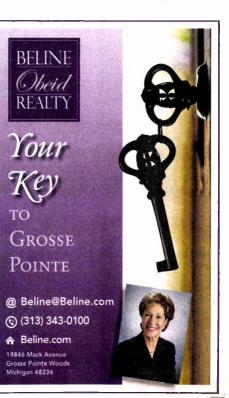
cases fairly.

"We pride ourselves in making sure our 'cus- people, so their views tomers' are treated are critically important fairly and with respect," Tobin said. "Oftentimes, sions on how to improve this is their first time in court operations," said a court situation and Metry in a written statethey are unfamiliar with ment. "I am very proud

"Our court serves the in helping us make deci-

Correction

GROSSE POINTE PARK - Judge Carl Jarboe's 97 percent favorability rating for in-court courtesy was underreported in the March 16 story, "Grosse Pointe courts give fair shake, survey says." In a state-sponsored survey of Michigan courts, 71 percent of respondents "strongly agreed" Jarboe, of Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court, treated everyone with courtesy and respect. Some 26 percent "agreed," leading to the 97 percent combined result.



4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Designer makes a statement with vacant space

Inner reflection is benefit of Tree of Life pathway

By Jody McVeigh Edito

Virginia Ficarra leaves her artistic touch pretty much wherever she goes

The former art teacher, interior designer, author and psycolorgist has finished projects throughout the metro area and beyond, including a pergola at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and a stainedglass window at Pegasus Restaurant in St. Clair Shores.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident was asked to help design rooms and paint walls at the Lake House's new headquarters, the former Pare Elementary School building in St. Clair Shores, and she designed a life-sized stained-glass figure of

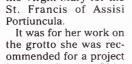
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in Mount Vernon, Ohio, on the site of the former Pittsburgh Plate Glass factory, which made the first flat glass windshields for Detroit automobiles. The factory stood 1908 to 1975.

"I was asked to design a circular, spiral-pattern, 12th-century labyrinth, Ficarra said. She surveyed the land and, "there was a wisp in the wind. The earth said to me, you don't want to put a circular pattern here. My first vision was a tree of humanity."

Ficarra's tree design, which has been patented Carra Millenium Healing Tree of Life now graces a portion of Aerial-Foundation Park,

the Virgin Mary for the includes 1,000 feet of pathway on 120 square feet

"It's a patriotic pathway for meditation and rejuvenation," Ficarra said. "I combined the mission of a labyrinth with an updated 21stcentury form. It's meant to enhance the quality and value of life and heighten awareness of the healing power of nature. Walking is man's best medicine.

Ficarra said she wanted to use the environment in her work.

"When we started digging for the Tree of Life, we dug up cullet," she said. "It was like finding buried gems. So I designed a river of glass that flows down a terrace in Aerial-Foundation Park.'

Cullet, glass slag chipped from furnaces that heated glass, was the former site of PPG. It recycled back into the



The Carra Millenium Healing Tree of Life — a bird's eye view.

project. Small pellets were mixed into the aggregate path as well. While the path's design took 3 minutes, its fabrication took three months<mark>,</mark> Ficarra said.

'I wanted to design it in such a way it did not have to have a lot of maintenance," she said. At each of the labyrinth's five branches is a bench, each with a word

faith, hope, charity, love and peace. Ficarra, a mother of three, said her yen for design harkens to age 3 or 4, when she and her brother would visit their builder father on construction sites. She remembers having lunch with him, playing with curls planed from wood and sweeping floors.

She used that childinspiration hood throughout her education and into adulthood.

"Color is what I know best," she said. "So I wrote a book, 'Making Color Work,' a primer for people who need to know color and how to use it." She expanded her audience by appearing

on WJBK Channel 2's morning news for three years, hosting decorating segments. Later, she became author, producer, set designer and photographer for Detroit TV 4's "Builders Open House," a job that lasted 17 years.

Ficarra said the labyrinth project was a fluke, but she hopes the idea spreads. 'My goal is to do these

across the world," she said. "There's such a need for this - to have something other than greenways or green paths. It's a paragon - a masterpiece or linchpin to what we are all seeking - tranquility and



Virginia Ficarra

peace. It's open to all pitals, universities, pubpeople, all ages, all abilities

"And it doesn't have to be this size," she said. "It can be smaller or larger. It can go in a backyard or at a university."

Ficarra said studies have shown labyrinth walking has plenty of benefits.

The right hemisphere of the brain goes into land," she said. "The only action when it is focused," she said. "The popular word for it these days is mindfulness. The creative part comes out and lets the left hemisphere rest. That's why walking puts these people on the right path.

"The benefits are innumerable," she continued. "I can't think of any location where it wouldn't be a benefit - prisons, hos- pier."

lic school playgrounds, corporate centers. We really needed to be more in nature, an outdoor habitat for humanity.'

Ten thousand people attended the opening of Ficarra's Tree of Life in Ohio. She hopes to share its wonders a little closer to home as well.

"All we need is the real cost is the concrete.

Ficarra is looking for vacant industrial property or parcels for the project locally in honor of Detroit's connection with PPG. For more information, email rolo cred@aol.com.

"My goal is to make other people happy," she said. "When you do that, it makes you even hap-





TO OUR LOYAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The War Memorial is removing the November 2017 opening of The Patriot Cinema in order to best determine our Association's next steps.

As we reevaluate our plans, and to assist in the decisionmaking process, our Board of Directors has commissioned a substantive parking study, collaborating with public safety experts and working toward partnership with our neighbors.

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to integrate its recommendations into the vision of a broader use of our performing arts space. At the study's completion, the revised and reevaluated plan will define an opening date, and not vice versa.

In the interim, we will proceed with board-approved plans to make necessary capital improvements to the aging infrastructure of the 1962 Fries building to ensure basic safety and accessibility standards for our guests. We expect this process to take 12 to 18 months.

Given the above, the City Council work session scheduled for March 29 has been canceled.

Our mission remains the same: to honor the legacy of our veterans and the freedoms they've provided us by providing a culturally-diverse portfolio of traditional and contemporary arts, entertainment and educational experiences that our broader community can benefit from, enjoy and support.

Warm regards,

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association

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As part of the labyrinth project, Ficarra created a cascade of cullet, found underground on the site of the former Pittsburgh Plate Glass factory.

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NEWS | **5**A

Cyber security for seniors the would-be victim's

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE immediate cash payment **POINTE** — Various forms of identity theft seem to come in waves, but consequences for victims can against senior citizens, last for years through ruined credit.

A common telephone

STUDY:

the expense of current Village users and interests.

"The the City calls for an independent study of parking issues raised by the potential of this new development," Dame tion. said. "Specifically, they Co will see where users of Lot 2 and 3 are going, for how long, look at the (parking) system as a whole and update the entire Village parking model.'

Some Village landowners and business representatives oppose replacing Lot 3. The lot is

scam during income tax season involves fake IRS grandchild from jail. employees demanding tity theft, then it will die

of past due taxes. Ongoing ploys, usually played out by telephone are people identifying themselves as court offi cers seeking cash to bail

ambulatory healthcare consultant, facilities frequented by senior citizens.

Consideration has cating the hotel to Lot 2. Also, prior to receiving final approval for con-

 meet with stakeholders next to both lots and maintain parking in Lot 3 during construc-

Construction of a parking deck is prohibited at the rear of Lot 3 near residential properties on Neff.

City officials intend to hire an independent hotel consultant to review Pedersen's feasibility study.

To avoid conflicts of interest, city officials is posting \$30,000 to east of St. Clair, north of Monday, March 20, cover the city's due dili-' Kercheval and between retained a new parking

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'We see spikes in iden-

down and pop up again,'

said newly appointed

Detective Lt. John Alcorn

Rich Associates, to perform the traffic study. Rich's \$19,000 fee is being billed to Pedersen.

The city's traditional parking consultant, Carl Walker Inc., is among Pedersen's partners in the Village project.

A new consultant also may benefit the city with a "fresh perspective,' Dame said.

"Rich Associates is very familiar with Grosse Pointe, having most recently conducted a parking analysis at the behest of Beaumont Hospital for their recent Grosse Pointe campus expansion," Dame said. "They also engineered our parking structure.'

Pedersen Development gence costs.

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Joe's Garage is the new home for the Park's Department of Public Works.

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According to the minutes, Mayor Robert Joe's Garage which will for review. No drafts Denner, following the allow function as the completion of several agenda items, adjourned the meeting to allow the council to go into a closed door session. Once that closed session was completed, the council meet-

vote was taken by the using the facility rent council to direct Krajniak free. In an email, Krajniak and City Attorney Dennis Levasseur to "finalize a lease agreement with public works garage to allow for future development for the DPW building located at 1005 Wayburn."

However, no lease has been signed, according to ness by his son, Tommy. ing was re-opened and a Krajniak, and the city is It closed in 2016.

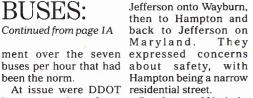
BUSES:

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buses per hour that had been the norm.

At issue were DDOT buses coming from downtown Detroit having to turn around when parking on the west side they reached the Detroit city limits at Alter for allow room for the buses their return to Detroit.

Boyd and Reed asked toward Detroit. Park city officials for help routing patterns saw



officials Park responded by banning of Jefferson which would to make a U-turn back

Boyd said the buses last fall when a change in still using Hampton all needs to start stopping come from the same DDOT buses turning off route, but believes the Hampton, so be it.'

problem may lie with DDOT's use of temporary drivers who simply haven't gotten the message about the new route.

said, "Paul Schaap is sup-

posed to draft one and

forward to our attorney

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Joe Kezhava, who was later joined in the busi-

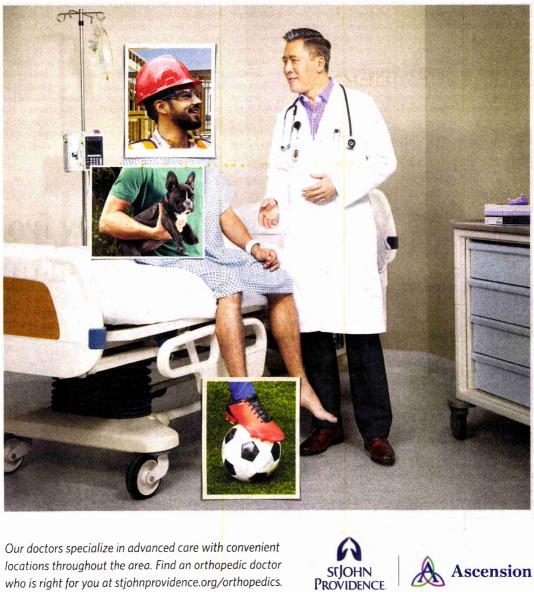
to use the building.' According to its web-

At the March 13 city council meeting, Reed asked that public safety officers become involved in enforcing the new route if necessary and Councilman James Robson agreed.

"This has been going on for several months," he said. "If public safety buses from turning on

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OUR VIEW

Celebrating our teachers

This issue marks the 28th week we have honored teachers in Grosse Pointe with our Teacher of the Week column

Featuring a different teacher from a Grosse Pointe school each week, this column offers our readers a glimpse into the thoughts, feelings, inspirations and accomplishments of the people touching the lives of children in our community. What do they enjoy most about teaching? What is a favorite accomplishment or teachable moment? Who has inspired them? What is their favorite book or quote? From first-year teachers to veterans on the cusp of retirement, responses vary, but one common theme emerges: these teachers love what they do.

Here are some typical comments:

"I feel blessed I am able to spend my days with 10-year-old children who see the world with eyes full of wonder and excitement."

"I genuinely enjoy watching the growth in the students that I work with."

"As age continues to sneak up and my career gets closer to the end. I feel compelled to share how wonderful an experience teaching has been.

"Every child I have had the pleasure of teaching has molded me into a better teacher/person.

"I love that moment when a student has a lightbulb go off and he or she finally understands a concept we have been working on.

One of my favorite parts of the school day is being able to welcome students as they enter the school each morning.

As the school year winds down, we'll hear from a dozen or so more teachers. We have no doubt they will continue to inspire us with their enthusiasm for their craft, love for their students and passion for their profession. May we all be so fortunate as to embrace our jobs and derive such joy from those around us



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following the wind storm that passed through Grosse Pointe March 8.

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Concerned for trees

Several of the trees that fell down in Grosse Pointe Park were adjacent to the new sidewalks put in last summer. It appears the roots were cut when putting the sidewalk in. This weakens the trees and makes them less able to stand up to high winds. We feel there needs to be an investigation and, if appropriate, the contractor needs to be held

accountable. We are also concerned about the other trees that have had their roots cut. Will the next storm bring down more trees? Will the contractor continue cutting roots and making remaining trees vulnerable? Not only is this extremely dangerous, but the loss of yet more trees is making it harder and harder to call Grosse Pointe Park a "Tree City.' BETSY AND CLEM FORTUNA

Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST COLUMN By Christopher Mannino New proposed condo laws can level the playing field

Michigan laws and by-laws for financial and non-financial condominiums have always been slanted toward the association boards, property managers and attorneys. But this could all change if new House Bill 4015, introduced by Rep. Peter Lucido, is moved through committee and ultimately passed to provide a level playing field for all condo owners in Michigan.

As a true benefit to condo owners, proposed Bill 4015 contains new language improvements and recommendations to include the possibility of a new state of Michigan department possibly under LARA, Attorney General or separately. Having a Condominium Consumer Affairs oversight department is not a new idea. Such offices already exist in other states like Virginia, Nevada, Florida, Colorado, New Jersey, California for example. The concept has also been under consideration in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and others.

Michigan is far behind in this area and does not offer any consumer assistance or realistic path for condo owners to resolve

GUEST COLUMN By James Hohman

legitimate issues with their condominium board. For far too long, Michigan condo owners have been at a major disadvantage with their board or association other than costly and complicated arbitration or court. For the average condo owner, and senior citizens particularly, the current path to resolve issues is neither practical nor affordable and why our current condominium laws are lacking in real equal protections for the average condo co-owner.

If considered and passed in Lansing, Bill 4015 would change a co-owner disadvantage to one of equal footing in having a path to resolve issues within the state by of Alternate Dispute use Resolution and local resolution centers. This would be a major change for condominium owners and put Michigan on track to help condo owners like the other states providing such protections for condo owners.

Other language changes would allow condo owners to approve their annual budgets, which for the most part doesn't exist in the

Michigan Condo Act or most condo by-laws.

Since condo property budgets can be significant at \$300,000 and greater for example, those that fund the budget and pay for everything should have the right to approve it. This inequity should not be happening, especially since all the money belongs to the condo co-owners that can't even approve their own budget. There may be an exception here and there, but co-owners should be able to approve the budgets they fund. Other inequities, like ensuring condo owners their voting rights and stop boards that circumvent by-laws and disenfranchise coowners while spending large sums of their money.

Bill 4015 is all about fairness and equal treatment for all coowners which has been lacking all along. This includes association boards acting more responsibly in both a fiduciary and good faith capacity. In addition, a new department with oversight will give the average condo owner a path to

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Where did the money from higher transportation taxes go? What if the Legislature million this year. The taxes to the transporta-

money actually goes to sit. fix the roads?

Drivers started paying those higher taxes in January, though they were enacted near the end of 2015. But at least in the short term, the main effect of these tax increases appears to be higher spending on schools and Medicaid, not road repairs.

The 7.3 cent-per-gallon tax increase motorists began paying Jan. 1 and the 20 percent increase in the vehicle registration tax are expected to cost road users another \$460 ing revenue from other \$163.8 million more in

and governor hike gas money is dedicated to tion budget. and vehicle registration transportation funding-

> Yet the state transportation budget will only have \$160 million more this year for road repairs, not \$460 million. Why? The Legislature shifted funds out of the transportation budget just as new tax revenue was coming into it.

Gov. Snyder has been pushing for more transportation funding since he took office in 2011. offered and rejected over public schools the years and the

By last year, the taxes to fix the roads, but mostly to the roads, but Legislature was transferthen hardly any extra also some for public tran- ring \$402 million in general fund revenue to transportation, which is nearly as much as this year's tax increases will deliver.

> With the new road tax money rolling in, all but general fund revenue was removed from this year's transportation budget. The \$392 million in general fund money previously earmarked for roads is now mostly pay-Many proposals were ing for Medicaid and increase. You won't see

> Specifically, the school moting the gas tax as a Legislature began shift- aid budget is getting

general fund revenue this year and the state agency that manages Medicaid is getting \$132.6 million more.

The budgetary change is a lesson in fungibility: Increased tax revenue can be shifted from one purpose to another. Moving some general fund revenue to transpor-\$9.75 million worth of tation allowed more road repairs in the last couple years than would have been the case otherwise. Such details rarely wind up in the talking points politicians use to sell the public a tax any press releases pro-

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

eye out for drunken driv-

after 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, operating a

red 2000 Chevrolet 1500

van erratically on

Lakeshore near city hall

at the intersection of

Initially heading south-

bound, the man made a

U-turn east of Vernier,

proceeded northbound a

a U-turn southbound and

entered the city hall park-

gated the man, 33, of

Sterling Heights, for impeding traffic but

arrested him for drunken

driving. His alleged .248

percent blood alcohol

level was more than three

times the legal maximum

to operate a motor vehi-

"There were numerous

Police cited a man liv-

ing on lower Hawthorne

for letting two dogs

escape his enclosed

backyard and charge a

female resident walking

The man reportedly

- Brad Lindberg

said the dogs escaped

through a broken gate,

which is now repaired.

her brown lab, Charlie.

empty liquor bottles in

the vehicle," reported an

cle in Michigan.

Loose dogs

officer.

The patrolman investi-

Vernier.

ing lot.

City of Grosse Pointe

Account tapped

Someone in December tapped a City of Grosse Pointe man's bank account of \$1,390, he told police last week.

"(He) said the money was withdrawn in California via a Western Union money order," reported a public safety officer.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Wrong way

March 19, a woman allegedly driving a 2006 Chevrolet Impala eastbound in westbound lanes of Mack near Moross was pulled over at the intersection of Bournemouth and ters, filed his complaint arrested for drunken driving.

Police said the woman, 28, of West Bloomfield, had a .22 percent blood alcohol level.

(a) lounge in downtown Detroit and was heading home," reported the arresting officer.

Police said she thought she was on Gratiot in Roseville.

Robbery

Police documented a the alleged robbery of a man walking on upper Moross and his reporting it at public safety headquarters Saturday morning, March 18.

The man, 26, visiting from Tucson, Ariz., admits being intoxicated from a night drinking at a bar on Detroit's eastside

He reportedly retained Uber transportation to an address in the 800 block of Lincoln, City of Grosse Pointe, then proceeded to a house in the 2100 block of Hawthorne in Grosse Pointe Woods, where, unable to gain entry, he backtracked to Lincoln.

"(He) decided to walk even though he was intoxicated (and) did not know how to get to Lincoln," reported a Farms public safety offi-

cer. The man said he was robbed at 5:30 a.m. on Moross near Piche, two blocks south of a 24-hour service station at Mack, by a 6-foot, 20- to 30-yearold male wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

"(The complainant) the suspect states grabbed his arm in a nonthreatening way and demanded money,' reported the officer.

Lacking cash, the man surrendered a Capital One Mastercard credit card and Chase Bank Visa debit card. The robber rejected a cell phone.

"I don't want you track-At 2:58 a.m. Sunday, ing me," the robber reportedly said, throwing the phone on the ground. The Tucson man walked back to

Hawthorne. He obtained a ride to Farms police headquarat 8:55 a.m. and announced plans to return to Arizona Tuesday, March 21, according to police.

"She stated she was at $~46\,\mathrm{suspensions}$

An invalid license plate prompted the roadside investigation of a 49-yearold Detroit man operating a silver 2007 Chrysler Pacifica on westbound Mack near East Warren at 5:13 p.m. Thursday, March 16

A patrolman arrested 3.5-hour lapse between him for violating 46 driver's license suspensions.

Card con

A Grand Blanc man, 24, figures his 22-yearold female former fastfood coworker from Saginaw defrauded him into exchanging \$430 cash for a \$1,000 gift card to Nordstrom department store.

Upon concluding the



transaction at Mack and Moross in Grosse Pointe man for obstruction and Farms, the man went to the store at Somerset Mall in Troy.

Public Safety Reports

"(He) began selecting items for purchase," reported a Farms public safety officer. "At the checkout, he (learned) there was a block on the usage."

Police said the female suspect is wanted in Saginaw for shoplifting and in Flint for an unspecified misdemeanor violation.

Swell uncle

A patrolman cruising eastbound Mack west of Moross noted three reasons for stopping the driver of a dark green 2000 Chevrolet Malibu at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 14:

• the Malibu had an expired license plate,

◆ the driver turned right from the left-hand lane without signaling, crossed three lanes of traffic and

 nearly hit another car.

The driver, a 25-yearold, 6-foot, 300-pound Detroit man, provided a fake name police traced to someone 5 feet, 6 inches, weighing 125.

his true identity (and) admitted his alias is his nephew's name," said the patrolman.

Officers arrested the ers spotted a man shortly violating 13 driving suspensions.

He's also wanted on two warrants for failing to attend a Wayne County sentencing hearing for assault and in Warren for probation violation.

Lost drunk

A woman, 46, of Detroit, reportedly "insisted" she was headed toward the area of East Jefferson and Dickerson in Detroit when pulled over at 1:15 a.m. Monday, March 13,

swerving a 2008 Honda 'dramatically'

percent blood alcohol

– Brad Lindberg Report information (313) 885-2100.

"The suspect confessed Grosse Pointe Shores **Back and forth**

Report information A patrolman keeping a about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny from auto

An in-dash radio system was removed from a car parked in the 15000 block of Mack Tuesday, March 14, between 2 and 3:30 p.m.

- Kathy Ryan Report information few hundred yards, made about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

That's not my dog

A Hampton resident returned home around 9 p.m. Saturday, March 18, to find a large, but friendly, Rottweiler in his backyard. The dog had no collar or tags. He was removed by police. The dog's owner is asked to call Woods police.

When no one has a driver's license

Police were called to an address on Cook Road at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, March 19, on report of a couple involved in an escalating argument in a car. Police found no evidence of physical involvement, but did find neither occu-

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for driving erratically on eastbound Lakeshore at Moran in the Farms. according to police. An officer noted her

> CRV across both lanes of travel at 10 mph. The car had a flat left front tire and bumper damage. Police figure her .14

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'Therese: The Story of a Soul' at Star of the Sea

a Soul" will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. This live

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Therese: The Story of theatrical one-woman according to what she drama with music is a called her "little way" by face-to-face encounter with Saint Therese of Lisieux.

"Little Flower," lived (313) 884-5554.

lution

Bill 4015, introduced by Lucido, is a step in the right direction to give resolve legitimate financondo owners the legal cial reporting issues in protections they deserve. If this bill is truly underwhich substantial dollar figures may be inaccustood, it can only be rate or missing year after viewed as a benefit for all year. Bill 4015 would condo co-owners in ensure and maintain Michigan. Hopefully, other umbrella legal procondo owners will see tections for condo ownthe true value of this bill ers in Michigan. Most and support it for themimportantly, this bill selves and all other gives all co-owners a fair condo owners throughand realistic path to resoout Michigan.

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way to fund medical welfare programs.

The gas and vehicle registration taxes will continue to fund the transportation budget. And lawmakers plan to send some income tax money to roads in the Medicaid. Taxpayers future, so the funding for should pay closer attenroads will go up. fungibility as they listen to future state spending

Drivers got more road funding the last few years without having to pay more in transportation taxes. When those taxes did go up with the start of the new year, Lansing's response was to spend more on schools and in Midland.

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pant of the car had a driver's license The car was impounded and the couple Tracks were left to find another ride home

Expired license plate, fresh drugs

At 9:05 p.m. Thursday, March 16, police pulled over a 2013 Mercedes Benz after noticing the license plate had expired. The car's 23-year-old driver, a Pontiac resident, had a valid driver's license but no paperwork for the car. He also was in possession of



doing small things with great love Tickets are available at

Therese, known as the olsos.org or by calling

Mannino is a retired advocate for condominco-owners ium Background experience includes 25 years in property/facility management in metro Detroit for the private sector and federal government. He also has extensive experience in condominium management and condo board association affairs. He formerly lived in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

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debates.

Time to trim trees By Brad Lindberg trees grow on Shores soon," he said. property, mainly along roads and sidewalks.

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"Our tree planting pro-

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Marshall said. "We lost 33

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Designation is by the

National Arbor Day

Marshall submitted

paperwork to the founda-

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◆ review your credit

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monitor and protect

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♦ create strong pass-

words and change them

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credit card statements,

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Trade

Planting resumes in fall

Shores

during the recession.

Staff Writer POINTE GROSSE

SHORES — The city's abuzz about tree trimming. Trimming on municipal property takes place this year in the Deeplands subdivision area and, due to a private donation, extends to the lakeside municipal park

A female resident, concerned about the condition of trees at Osius Park, contributed a "serious sum of money" for their trimming, said Brett Marshall, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores tree board. She wants to remain anonymous.

"We have great residents in the Shores," Marshall said. "By the time summer comes, we should have some serious tree trimming going on in the park.

Some 3,000 to 3,300

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public safety.

Victims are chosen randomly and targeted. "It usually comes down to when that person's information criminal — they jump at the opportunity," Alcorn ple as leaving a credit takes it and has access to your personal information.

Protect yourself

Alcorn developed a one-page guide to help victims of identify theft repair their credit and ward off future attacks. "The first step is to contact the financial institution, dispute the charges and have the account locked or closed," begins Alcorn's



The annual Arbor Dav Fun Run is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 7, on Lakeshore.

'We'll be planting a tree in observation of the national holiday," Marshall said.

Elms coming down

Two mature American elms on Lakeshore above Vernier between city hall and Osius park are dying of Dutch elm disease.

One grows on the central median, the other on the inland side of the road.

"I think they'll be cut down by the end of the year," said Marshall, owner of a tree service. "Once flagging sets up, it moves fast.

Elms can be partially protected from Dutch elm, an invasive problem, by annual injections. "It's too late now,"

expect approval Marshall said.

October by Home Instead Senior Care of 1,000 U.S. and Canadian senior citizens that use the internet more than once per month, 67 percent were the victim or target of at least one

online scam or attack. "Scammers often single out seniors because of perceived accumulated wealth and because they're less likely to report crimes due to embarrassment, according to Senior Care's interpretation of survey results.

Prevention is key.

"We're dealing with this after the fact," Alcorn said. "The damage has already been done. It's just a matter of stopping the bleeding." Identity thieves can be hard to catch.

"Often, criminals perpetrating these crimes are overseas or out of state," Alcorn said.

"They've become very sophisticated," said Lt. Al Gwyn, the department's computer fraud specialist.

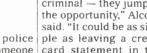
Scammers set up shop in Wi-Fi hot spots and are transitory, hacking into other people's wireless computers, tapping into financial accounts to withdraw funds or making fraudulent purchases before moving

on. "We don't have resources to go after anybody out of state. especially if somebody uses someone's credit card to have something delivered to California,

Hohman is the assistant director of fiscal policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy

two baggies of pot, a small amount of cocaine and a handgun. He was taken

becomes available to a said. "It could be as simcard statement in the rubbish. Somebody



into custody. His passenger, a 19-yearold Woods resident, was released.

An Anita resident called police Sunday, March 19, to report someone had driven across his lawn apparently during the night. There also was evidence the driver had struck a tree. Police continue to investigate

– Kathy Ryan Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.





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Success stories SOC assists seniors in saving

By Jody McVeigh Editor

Like most volunteer work, Deborah Wagner's is hugely gratifying.

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance thing meaningful from a Program counselor started volunteering at she said. "I wanted Services for Older Citizens six years ago challenge my intellect and has watched as its MMAP program grew by leaps and bounds.

"The first year I was there, I had maybe 25 clients," she said. "This last year, we served 290."

Wagner, who offers assistance with counselors Micki Nowinski and Mickie Verderbar, said open enrollment season Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 — is always busy, but the trio stays busy with clients all year round.

During open enrollment this year, SOC counselors helped seniors save \$300,000 on their Medicare coverage

'Three hundred thousand dollars is an esti- claim wasn't covered or mate based on what they would have spent without a change compared to what they'll spend after the change," Wagner said. "This is extremely gratifying. The biggest surprise to me as a counselor was I didn't realize how much help them; we're here to If you do not do a careful for.

satisfaction I would get educate them." or how appreciative people would be.'

Wagner got involved with MMAP after she

retired. "I wanted to do somevolunteer standpoint,3 something that would and let me set my own schedule. I did a Google search and the MMAP program came up. This is a really valuable service."

Wagner received free training and got started helping people save money.

"For someone turning 65, they need to understand their options and choose the plans that are best for them," Wagner said. "I'll spend one to three hours working with them. It varies based on what they know and how complex their needs are. Also, have people may Medicare but a problem comes up. Maybe their their doctor left the network and they don't know what to do. We help them with that. We also help low-income clients maximize their Medicare benefits. A lot of people don't know MMAP is out there to

It's free to receive MMAP counseling. As the program has grown, so has the number of volunteers helping run it. SOC's information and assistance department of two employees and a volunteer help schedule appointments, mail forms and make reminder phone calls. Three data entry volunteers also assist.

"This is fairly complex," Wagner said. Medicare is much more complex than people realize until they get into the program. Over the last decade, it has changed a lot to offer more choices. There are 25 prescription drug plans in Michigan, 40 HMO or PPO programs in Michigan, 120 supplemental plans. There are so many options to get straight. Figuring out the best plan for you is the biggest surprise for people.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is once you've made a decision and you sign up, you don't have to do anything else," she continued. "But plans change every year. If you don't pay attention and revisit your enrollment decision, you won't be in the plan that's best for you.

analysis, you may not be in the best plan.

Wagner said 80 to 90 percent of her clients make changes to their Medicare plans every year.

"Plans change, needs change, the drugs they need change," she said. "It pays to revisit enrollment every year.

"Counselors are all volunteers," she continued. "We're not affiliated with any insurance companies and we will not recommend one plan over another. We lay out the facts and clients make their own decisions."

People who have questions about Medicare or the counseling process, Medicaid should call SOC at (313) 882-9600. "They'll direct you to

the right resource at no charge," Wagner said.

That's what happened erable savings. It's well when Jane Barry called SOC after her insurance rates increased.

'I thought I'd revisit it Stroh agreed. and see if I could cut costs," the Grosse Pointe Park resident said. "I knew of the wonderful helping you," he said. services SOC provides, so I called. They connected me with someone immediately."

Barry was assisted by Verderbar, who helped her research to find what she was looking



"She gave me great confidence," Barry said of her counselor. "She

kept me involved in the

whole process. I've been

very pleased since it was

she has been able to get

answers to questions

"I'm very pleased," she said. "I saw consid-

worth going through the

Park resident Peter

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Stroh said he and his wife looked to SOC for help after enduring the complicated process of trying to find an affordable plan online

"We had gone in for advice," he said. "Deborah Wagner was our point of contact. She took us through what was available, who the providers were.

He said there were a lot of plans to wade through to figure out which ones they should seriously look at and what they could afford.

"She had five or six plans for us to take a look at," he said. Wagner made a recommendation, "but we made the final decision.

"This is the best consulting service you could ever find," he continued. "lt's a remarkable program. What a great aspect to have in this community."

Standing, from left are Co-President Roseanne Horne, award winners Laurie Jost, Jami **Polk and Janay** Ashleigh Wheeler and Co-President Ross Braun. Seated. from left, are award winners Brittany Zatorski and Sara Mai Baker.



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Soroptimist awards presented program; \$2,000 to Janay Soroptimist Inter-

national of Grosse Pointe held its awards dinner at Andiamo Trattoria March honor of past SIGP mem-9. The highlight of the bers; \$500 each to Laurie evening was introducing Jost and Jami Polk, winthe 2017 award winners. SIGP

This year, awarded \$3,000 to Brittany Zatorski, winner of the Virginia Wagner Educational Grant, which in the community; and honors a woman enrolled in a university degree winner of the SIGP Live

Wheeler, who won the SIGP Memorial Award in ners of the Ruby Award, which acknowledges women who have made a positive difference in the lives of women and girls \$3,000 to Sara Mai Baker,

Your Dream Award, which honors a woman attending school to improve employment opportunities and is head of household.

Baker went on to win the Soroptimist District III Live Your Dream Award and an additional \$5.000 from the Soroptimist Midwestern

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Assumption

Registration is open for Assumption Summer Youth Camp, for ages 1 to online at redcrossblood. 12. Parents may enroll org their children for the entire summer or one of two sessions. Session one runs June 19 to July 21 and session two runs July 24 to Aug. 23. This year's theme is exploring and experiencing the wonders of Michigan. Camps are divided by age. Early Childhood Camp is for ages 1 to 6, while Youth Camp is for ages 7 to 12. Full and half-day sessions are available. Registration is discounted before May 1 Call (586) 772-4477

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a prenatal yoga program 7 to 7:50 p.m. Fridays, through April 21. Cost is \$20 per class. Call (313) 885-4600.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 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 24, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 24, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit

p.m. Tuesday, March 28, University Center, 19305

Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack. Register Center,

Libraries

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

◆ 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, Tween After Hours, for ages 10 to 13. ◆ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 3, Spring Break Drop-in "Animal Fair" craft.

◆ 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, April 7, Tween Craft Break, for ages 10 to 13. Ewald branch, 15175

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

 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, Easter Bunny Basket adult craft. Cost is \$10 and registration is required.

◆ 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, "Detroit Tigers: The Big 50 with Tom Gage.'

p.m. Thursday, 7 April 6, the lecture "Primo Levi and the a.m. Friday, March 24, at Holocaust" will be pre-Christ the King Lutheran sented by Professor Emeritus Ralph Williams. Suggested reading is "Survival in Auschwitz, by Primo Levi.

◆ 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, Teen Poetry Slam.

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

♦ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, family yoga for ages 11 and older. Registration is required.

• 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, "Michigan Canines," featuring stories, crafts, magic, live animals, music and more. Registration is required for this Family Friday Night with Mr. Nick event

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, March 27, at the ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 Mary Ellen Stempfle

Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201

Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse

Family Center

"Burnout to hosts Balance: A Mom's Guide to Mom Time" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. This free workshop explains the four foundations of time mastery. To register, call (313) 432-3832

SOC

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

to 3 1 p.m. Wednesdays, March 29 to May 3, "Living With Parkinson's" workshop, facilitated by the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Topics include what Parkinson's disease is, motor symptoms and diet, the role of rehab and more.

♦ 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 3, "Flower Power ... Think Sunshine ... Be Happy," with the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club.

• 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday, April 3, "Why You Should Talk to Strangers," featuring Kio Stark

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 10th annual SOC Spelling Bee and Luncheon, sponsored by Lake Shore Senior Living Reservations are required.

 ♦ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 13, "Keeping You Fit at Home Core Strengthening Exercises," sponsored by Heartland Health Care Center-Grosse Pointe Woods. Reservations are required

Call (313) 882-9600.

World Affairs

The World Affairs Council of Detroit hosts a discussion with Ronald Neumann about U.S. relations with Afghanistan at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Neumann served as U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan 2005 to The Family Center 2007. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and the public is wel-come. Call (313) 407-7143 or email RSVP@ globaldetroit.org

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at American House, 161 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Services for Older Farms. Call (313) 881-4722.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday, March 23, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Alisa Priddle, Detroit editor of Motor Trend magazine, gives an update on current happenings in the auto industry. Doors open for networking at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 Women's p.m. Connection is a networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of women in their business and personal lives. For reservations, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241 or for information, call Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes Dr. Cornel West at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8. West presents "Justice Matters." The program, "Justice sponsored by Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. costs \$35. VIP tickets are

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From left are 1967 South graduate George Sutton, South Principal Moussa Hamka and 1956 South graduate Eric Lindquist, GPMEB past president.

South's Hamka addressed Men's **Ecumenical** Breakfast

Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Moussa Hamka visited the Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meeting Friday, March 17. Hamka began his career teaching in West Bloomfield and later served as assistant principal at Plymouth Canton and North Farmington high schools. In addition to serving at South, he is an adjunct professor of mathematics at Henry Ford College and has been a board member for several youth group organizations in Dearborn

The GPMEB meets at 7:45 a.m. Fridays at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$7 and registration is not required. Call (313) 882-5330.

National Journal columnist coming to War Memorial Ron Fournier discusses new book, 'Love That Boy'

The War Memorial presents National Journal Senior Political Columnist Ron Fournier at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30. Fournier will appear as part of The War Memorial's This Americana series, which fosters conversations centered around history, culture and the ideas that shape a community. His talk will focus on his book, "Love That Boy: What Two Presidents, Eight Road Trips and My Son Taught Me About a Parent's Expectations."

In "Love That Boy," Fournier chronicles the causes and costs of parental expectations in 21st-century America through the lens of his relationship with his son, Tyler. He lurches between the two poles of parenthood: what parents want for their children - popularity, normalcy, achievement, genius — and what children truly need - grit, empathy, character.

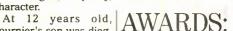
Fournier's son was diag-



National Journal Editorin-Chief Ron Fournier.

nosed with Asperger syndrome. His unique wiring and interests made him socially awkward and it was difficult for Fournier to connect with him in the way he'd done with his own father: through a mutual love of sports. When Tyler was diagnosed. Fournier's wife. Lori, insisted he bond with his son and help Tyler develop social skills by taking a series of road

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Region Live Your Dream Award.

In the spirit of "women helping women," Ruby Award winner Jost selected the charity Vista Maria to receive her \$500 and Polk selected Bravo Foundation to receive her \$500

SIGP is an interna-tional volunteer organization of women working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. It has been a club in Grosse Pointe for 60 years and has 56 members.

For more information, visit grossepointesoropti mist.org or find Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe on Facebook. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Call Roseanne Horne at (313) 706-1801.

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Register for this free program at familycenter web.org or by calling (313) 432-3832.

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trips together to the libraries and homes of former presidents. Along the way, Tyler attended a White House Christmas party, where he shook hands with President Obama and got a hug from Michelle Obama; Tyler also gained the courage to meet privately with Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush and spoke with them at length. Father and son also visited the libraries and homes of Presidents Adams, Ford, Jefferson, Kennedy and Theodore Roosevelt.

Their journey turns the spotlight on all parents, urging them to learn to love their children for who they are, not who parents wish them to be. 'Love That Boy" is a personal and honest look at the universal pitfalls of

modern parenting. Fournier and "Love That Boy" have been featured in many media outlets, including the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Detroit News, Psychology Today, Time.com, The chair and without it als older than 65 in Atlantic, USA Today,

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NPR's Weekend Edition Saturday, Washington Post, Reader's Digest and Face The Nation.

"It is really amazing to have such powerfully moving speakers as Ron Fournier on our This Americana series," said Brandon Faber, director of community engage-ment at The War Memorial. "Ron's experience and story is a powerful insight for anyone and we're grateful for his addition to The War

Memorial's programs." Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at warmemorial.org/ron fournier or by calling (313) 881-7511. The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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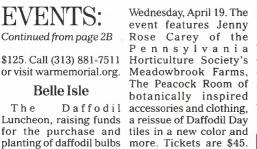
From left, Kevin Evans, MTB Foundation executive director; Holly Ellis, American House Foundation; Steve Carnes, Wright & Filippis; Tom Isett, MTB Foundation board member; Fred Stafford, MTB resident; Sabrina Thompson, Stafford's aide; Kathy Blake; Bellanca La Barge; Francis Stafford, Stafford's mother; Jessica Johnson, Stafford's nurse manager; Kathleen Bollenberg, Stafford's social worker; Vonette Smith, unit manager and Janice Nearon, MTB Foundation treasurer.

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\$125. Call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org.

Belle Isle

The Luncheon, raising funds planting of daffodil bulbs on Belle Isle, takes place Visit http://bit.ly/2lbCkJg.



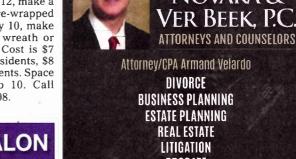
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Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Bernice M. Inger

Bernice M. Inger, 101, passed away Monday, March 13, 2017.

She was the beloved mother of Thomas, Doug (Damaris) and the late Ralph (Joanne); loving grandmother of 10; greatgrandmother of 15 and great-great-grandmother of two. Services took place at Kaul Funeral Home, St. Clair Shores.

Share a memory at kaulfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Griggs Bradley

Shirley Griggs Bradley, 70, of Grosse Pointe, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017, after a battle with cancer.

Shirley was born Nov. 19, 1946, in Mount Kisco, N.Y., to Natalie Hopkins Griggs and John Edgar Griggs. She grew up in Wilmington, Del., and attended Tower Hill School where she was an accomplished athlete and president of her class. Shirley participated in AFS International, spending a summer in Japan, and remained in contact with her Japanese family throughout her life.

A graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., Shirley worked for AFS International, taught fifth grade and then worked as a paralegal before raising her three children. Shirley and her family lived in Hollis, N.H., eight years before moving to Barrington, R.I., where they spent 16 years.

She and her family moved to Grosse Pointe in Stephens College in 1996, where Shirley was a dedicated member of the community. Much of her time focused on helping others, both by working directly with those in need as well as through nonprofit organizations such as the Junior League of Detroit and Sigma Gamma, supporting children's charities. She was a connector of people and loved introducing those within her extensive circle of friends and family.

Shirley had a love for

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Gary L. Jensen

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gary L. Jensen, 74, died Thursday, March 16.2017

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Patricia; mother, Dorothy; chil-dren, Christopher Jensen (Jill), Jeffery Jensen (Alexandra Connor) and Jennifer Northey; grandchildren, Nicholas, Rachel, Nathan, Jack and Elizabeth and siblings, Robert Jensen (Susan), Michael Jensen (Michelle), Gregory Jensen, Bruce Genia (Donna) and Katrina Jensen and son-in-law, Timothy Northey.

A memorial Mass was held March 22 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods. Share a memory at

bcfh.com.

Kathleen Beacom Candler

Kathleen Beacom Candler, affectionately known as "Kaye," died peacefully Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, in Harbor Springs. She was 91.

Born Aug. 12, 1925, in Pickford, she was an avid sailor in the Les Cheneaux Islands on her Star No. 73 sailboat. As a keen observer of nature, she developed a love of photography that continued throughout her life.

Kaye graduated from Columbia, Mo., and proceeded to work at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti for American Airlines. She met and married Thomas Candler and moved to Grosse Pointe Shores. They raised three daughters and were active members of the Grosse Pointe community for more than 30 years.

Kaye was a longtime volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts where she was a gallery aide. She used her photogranatural beauty and was an phy skills to showcase became reacquainted dence retirement home active gardener, member the arrangements for and past president of the Arts and Flowers and to she met when they were and his wife operated many volun Garden Club. Other inter- teer functions. She was ests included Questers awarded DIA Volunteer of the Year in 2002. She is survived by her three daughters, Cyndie Gullickson (Roger), Pamela Saftler (Steven) and Susan Causley (Richard); grandchildren, Kathleen "Katie" Baubie (John Vincent II), Marjorie "Maisie" Baubie, Bryan Saftler (Sharyn), Thomas Causley and Anna Causley. Kaye was predeceased by her husband, Thomas E. Candler; son-in-law, William E. Baubie III M.D. and her granddaughter, Lucy Causley. A private burial will take place in Cedarville Donations may be made to the Harbor Springs Public Schools with a memo for the "Lucv Causley Alpine Race Training Scholarship," tions may be given to 800 S. State Street, Harbor Planned Parenthood of Springs, MI 49740. Funds

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Renee Renaud Sankar

St. Clair Shores resident Renee Renaud Sankar, 97, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016.

She was born in Detroit to Frank and Margaret Renaud and graduated in 1936 from Northern High School. She was a principal with Historic Realty Co., in Detroit.

She was interested in the history of Detroit and was a member of the Indian Village Garden Renee Renaud Sankar Club.

Renee is survived by her sons, Scott McDuffee and Gregg McDuffee; daughter, Renee R. McDuffee and stepdaughters, Andrea Sankar, Suzanne Cullinane and Pamela Sankar.

A memorial celebration will be 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle, 1 Riverbank Drive, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Father Solanus Guild, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Mary Caroline Mulier

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Caroline Mulier, 84, died Tuesday, March 14, 2017, peacefully at home.

She was born April 1932, in Detroit, to Harold and Florence Mohr, and grew up in Grosse Pointe where she made friendships that lasted a lifetime.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School, she attended Michigan State University graduating with a degree in home economics. She also was a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

After college, Mary began a career of retail sales and management working at Carson Pirie Scott in Chicago and Hudson's and Saks Fifth Avenue in Detroit.

While at Saks she with Roger Mulier, whom in Petoskey, which he seventh grade. Thou married in October 1960, settled in Grosse Pointe and had three sons. After various moves throughout the country, the familv settled back in Grosse Pointe. In 1988, Mary and her husband moved to Osprey, Fla., where they enjoyed sailing, golfing and playing tennis. She also enjoyed creating and maintaining lifelong friendships with people wherever she lived. Mary was a travel agency owner/agent which enabled her and her family to travel world-wide for many years. She loved conversation, playing bridge and dining with the many friends she made throughout her lifetime. Mary was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She was thankful for the support she received from family and friends during the 12 years of her illness. Mary is survived by her fullernaples.com.





husband, Roger; sons,

Roger Jr. (Carolyn), Mark

and John; grandchildren,

Kimberly Mulier and

Tyler Mulier; sister, Connie Sperry (Don); one

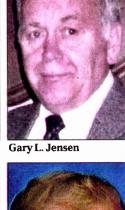
be held 11 a.m. Saturday,

April 1, at Church of the

Palms Chapel, Sarasota,

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niece and one nephew. A funeral service will





Kathleen B. Candler



William H. Verhelle Sr.



Kathryn W. Summers

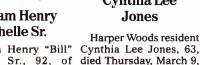
be 11 a.m. Monday, March 27, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made in her name to St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Kathryn Whitlock **Summers**

Kathryn "Katie" Whitlock Summers, 39, beloved wife of Matthew Carney Summers and loving mother of Matthew Jr. and Walker, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017, in Gordonsville, Va.

Katie was born in Richmond, Va., Aug. 31, 1977, to Ken and Mary Whitlock, and graduated from her treasured Sweetbriar College in 1999. She was a competitive equestrian hunter throughout her youth and adulthood. Katie and Matthew were married in 2007 in Charleston, S.C., and moved to Grosse family Summers family later moved to Harbor Springs before returning to Virginia. Katie was never happier than when she was on her farm with her family, surrounded by her horses and rolling hills. In addition to her husband and children. Katie is survived by her parents; sisters, Lynne Whitlock Gelfand, Lisa Whitlock Clear (Ed) and Laura Whitlock Lauck (Wayde) and multiple nieces and nephews. Katie was predeceased by her sisters, Rebecca Anne and Elizabeth Margaret, and mother-inlaw, Denice Summers. A funeral was celebrated March 22 at St. Isadore the Farmer Catholic Church, Orange, Va.



Naples, Fla., passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in his home.

wiegandbrothers.com.

William Verhelle Sr. was born in 1924, in Chicago, to Joseph Verhelle and Frances Jank. He attended St. Clare Catholic grade school in Grosse Pointe Park and University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Bill served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1960, he married Angela at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe.

He worked for CIT equipment finance company in the 1950s and later in banking in Detroit and Warren. In the early 1980s, he became part owner and the administrator of the Reus Resi-

Verhelle Sr. William Henry "Bill"

died Thursday, March 9, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born in Grosse Pointe to Edwin B. and Virginia S. Henry and graduated from Northern Michigan Community College.

and enjoyed gardening. She enjoyed volunteering to help the elderly.

her sons, Christopher and Andrew and sisters, Suzanne Valoczki and

Barbour Chapel.

Iris Jean Whitehouse

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Iris Jean Pointe Farms to start Whitehouse, 89, away Sunday, March 19, 2017.

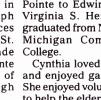
William Henry Verhelle Sr., 92, of

Cynthia loved animals

Cynthia is survived by Michelle Schultz M.D. Lynn B. West.

A memorial service was held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church







Mary Caroline Mulier

and the Colonial Dames. She also was involved in the community of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Shirley loved traveling, sailed extensively with family and friends, was an active runner and enjoyed summers on Cape Cod.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 46 years, Bruce; sister, Eleanor Diemar; brother, John Griggs; children, Truman (Nisa), Eleanor (Allan Carscaddon) and Laura (fiancé Brian MacDougall); grandchildren, Maren and Alden Bradley and Lydia and Hadley Carscaddon.

A funeral service will in the summer. be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

nearly 20 years after, he and Angela lived near their sons and their families in both Victor, N.Y. and Naples, Fla.

Bill is survived by his wife of 56 years, Angela; their sons, William Verhelle Jr. (Cyndee) and Joseph Verhelle (Kari); grandchildren, Madeline Verhelle, Mitchell Verhelle, Bradley Verhelle, Nicholas Verhelle, William Trey" Verhelle III and Luke Verhelle. He also is survived by his sister-inlaw, Patricia Verhelle.

He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Rev. Joseph C. Verhelle S.J. and Robert Verhelle and sister, Fran Kristufek. A funeral Mass was celebrated March 18 in Naples.

Donations may be made to Cure Alzheimer's Fund, 34 Washington St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02481

Share a memory at

She was the loving wife of Fred: dearest mother of Martha Gray (Larry), Amy Kliman (Tom) and Sarah Whitehouse; grandmother of Kendra, Julia, Evan, Brian, Andrew, Alexander, Benjamin and Alexandra and great-grandmother of Maxwell, Franklin, William, Luke, Sutton, Cormac and Wyatt.

Iris graduated as a registered nurse from the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Wayne State University. She was the first diabetes teaching nurse at Henry Ford Hospital.

Iris was active at St. James Lutheran Church and in her community. She was loved by those who knew her.

A memorial service will

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Barbara Leiter

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Barbara Leiter, 88, passed away Wednesday, March 15.2017.

She was born April 27, 1928, in Detroit to Kendrick and Marion Stoke, and graduated from Denby High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1951 from Wayne State University, where she was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

After World War II she met and married Werner A. Leiter, a Navy veteran and lifelong Detroiter, on on other activities. Aug. 12, 1950. Barbara taught at Detroit Day School for the Deaf until she and Werner started their family. It was then they moved to Grosse Pointe Farms.

summer

Cadillac. There Barbara enjoyed many summers swimming, fishing, blue-berry picking, card playing and watching beautiful sunsets across the lake. As the children grew older, Werner and Barbara spent February and March at their condo on Treasure Island, Fla. Barbara loved

sea shell hunting. Throughout her life, Barbara was a naturalist, loving the outdoors, wildlife, flowers, trees and rock formations. She instilled this love for nature in her children. She loved God, was a spiritual leader in the house and supportive of the church and its effort to change lives. Barbara and Werner gave generously through the years to send youth camping or

Among her other hobbies, Barbara loved rock hunting, bird watching, gardening, playing pinochle with the family and baking pies.

Barbara was prede-The family acquired a ceased by her husband, cabin on Werner and is survived by Sapphire Lake, near her children, Ken Leiter move to Japan. Overseas

(Carmela), Tom Leiter (Sharon) and Susan Sudney (Scott); grandchildren, Kendrick, Julia, Jeremy, Andrew, Stephen, Thomas, Alex and Sam and great-grandchildren. Kellan, Mikaila, Kendrick Michael, Zoe and Vito Anthony.

A memorial service will be noon Saturday, March 25, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Carol Pollina

Carol Pollina died peacefully Sunday, March 12, 2017, surrounded by her children, Frank, Gordon, Jeannie, John, Sally and Amy.

Carol was born July 5, 1925, in Waukesha, Wis., to Sam and Jean Price. Wanderlust and an adventurous spirit compelled Carol to leave home at a young age to attend UCLA and then seize the opportunity to



Barbara Leiter

she worked for a colonel during the American occupation and explored as much as possible, going on ski trips and immersing herself in the Japanese culture.

She attended nursing school at Baylor University in Dallas, Texas, where she met Clement Pollina M.D. After marrying in 1952, they moved to Roseville

Carol's strength of character and unselfish nature were especially apparent during the time she spent as a single mother upon Clement's unexpected passing in 1972. To provide for her children, ranging in age from 10 to 19, Carol acquired her real estate license. She continued to work as a Realtor until her retirement in her early 70s.

The many friendships she forged over the years brought her much joy. She played bridge and tennis, was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club, enjoyed visiting museums and going to the theater and was a voracious reader. She never lost her passion for travel and visited Italy. China, Great Britain and Egypt, to name a few.

Carol will be greatly missed by her six children, two daughters-inlaw, two sons-in-law, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A celebration luncheon will be held summer 2017. Share a memory at



ahpeters.com and leave contact information to be notified about the celebration of life date. Donations may be made to the donor's

Richard Wayne Hannan

Richard "Rick" Wayne Hannan, 47, passed away Friday, March 10, 2017.

Born March 26, 1969. in Dearborn to Richard and Joyce Hannan, Rick grew up in Hartland. He graduated from Hartland High School in 1987 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. His family said Rick, never short of wit or a sense of humor, thrived in college, becoming president of Sigma Chi fraternity and meeting the love of his life and the university's homecoming queen, Heidi, whom he later married.

Following college, he explored Alaska, Nantucket Island California and the East and West coasts. The Nantucket excursion sparked a passion for both fishing and sailing that he carried with him into his family life, sailing the family's sailboat "Tiempo" and teaching his son and daughter the love of both. Not only was Rick a family man and loving and devoted father, he had an unparalleled passion for friendships. He remained



Richard Wayne Hannan

friends with people throughout his life, several starting as far back as kindergarten.

While Rick briefly played baseball as a child, he developed a passion for it when his son acquired an affinity and love for the sport. Rick helped coach his son's Little League team to an unexpected championship. Rick had a passion for many things including music, cooking, hiking with his family and enjoying what nature offers in the country's national parks.

Rick was employed by the Dow Corning Co. for almost 19 years as a sales executive. This past January, he began a new challenge with the Techmer Co.

Rick is survived by his wife, Heidi; children, Jack and Zoe; parents, Richard and Joyce Hannan and sister, Kelly Farrow (Michael). He also is survived by his mother-inlaw, Gail Dunaway; other in-laws and several nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the 529 college funds of Jack and Zoe Hannan. Make checks payable to MI 529 advisor plan (memo Jack and Zoe Hannan), c/o UBS-Yvonne Carver, 325 Old N. Woodward Ave., Suite 200, Birmingham, MI 48009



In our ever-changing news from the fake. electronic age we are The appeal of fake news

Wishful thinking

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

bombarded by information. What was once available to us almost exclusively through our attention and engages our trusted local newspaper is now just a click away with a seemingly unlimited number of options. While there are many blessings in this change, there also are some challenges.

The most recent challenge that has grabbed our attention is the phenomenon of "fake news." Fake news incorporates disinformation and hoaxes packaged to look like real news. With so many media outlets and their constant repackaging to remain relevant, it is increasingly difficult to tell at first glance the real

is it often serves up what we want to be true. We see

sources behind the story.

Fake news has a decep

tive cousin, wishful theol-

ogy. In a similar way, it

often is based more on

what we'd like to be true

source. Wishful theology

can take many forms.

Perhaps we approach

faith like a salad bar, pick-

ing the things we like and

leaving what we don't. It is like, "I know the Bible,

my church or denomina-

tion teaches this, but I like

to think that ..

to critically and honestly check our sources. In Acts 17 we find the church in a headline that grabs our Berea doing exactly this: checking the message of passions and we read on the Apostle Paul against without considering the Scripture to ensure his

wishful theology it is wise

message was accurate. Fake news can mislead our worldview for a time; wishful theology's impact can be eternal. In Matthew 7 Jesus asks us to intenrather than on a reliable tionally consider upon what we are building our life and if that foundation can stand the storms of life and the reality of death. It is time to check the source.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Evangelical Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visit livinghopeec. For both fake news and org.

favorite charity.

and then Grosse Pointe Park, where they raised their six children.



COMMUNITY 6B



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANE STRICKLER

Eighteen members met Tuesday, March 14, to plan the local walk. Pictured, back row from left, are Bill Davenport, Dick Hile, David Hands, Jim Hooper, John Mitropetos, Richard Yeager-Stiver, Wendy Evans, Wagner and Robin Leong, Allison Gudenau and Pearl and Ken Van Dellen. Front row, from left, are Susan Allison, Elena Mitropetos, Diane Strickler, Phyllis Osler,

CROP:

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national relief and develop-ment work of Church World Service. Additionally, this CROP Hunger Walk assists in eradicating hunger in the community by supporting Crossroads of Michigan and the Gleaners Backpack Program.

Eighteen members met Tuesday, March 14, to plan the local walk.

CROP Hunger Walks make a difference worldwide, ensuring more children reach their 5th birthday, teaching sustainable ways to grow food and providing additional sources of food and income to families facing extreme challenges.

For more information about the walk, contact Grosse Pointe Congregational Church at (313) 884-3075 or Catherine Fly at Flyhouse1@aol.com.

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ICE HOCKEY

College changes help Grosse Pointers

Hamilton helps Penn State

By Bob St. John Sports Edito

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Trevor Hamilton has been well traveled, but found a home in Happy Valley, Pa., home of the Penn State Nittany Lions men's hockey team.

The 22-year-old junior played a large role in helping Penn State, the No. 4 seed, earn its first Big Ten Tournament championship last week-end, beating No. 2 seed Wisconsin 2-1 in doubleovertime at Joe Louis Arena.

Playing in front of family and friends last weekend, Hamilton, an economics major, had an assist in the Nittany Lions' 4-3 double-overtime victory over No. 1 seed Minnesota in the semifinals. Penn State whipped No. 5 seeded Michigan 4-1 in the first round.

Hamilton played in all 37 games this season for the 24-11-2 Nittany Lions, scoring six goals National Hockey League and drawing 20 assists and college hockey. for 26 points. He is -4 for the season, but was a +1 the Big Ten in Tournament.

defenseman has elevated his game. Before attending Penn State, Hamilton played for the Muskegon ple of years as a high Lumberjacks and Lincoln Stars of the United States Hockey League.

He had several college offers, but chose Penn State.

Head coach Guy a ton of ice time.

Penn State plays Union Reginal semifinal at 4:30 Saturday, March 25, at U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati.

The Frozen Four is



Trevor Hamilton played a large role in helping Penn State win its first Big Ten Tournament title with wins over Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Saturday, April 8, at the behind Washington. United Center in Chicago.

North grads

Grosse Pointe North alums Zach Werenski and Scott Dornbrock are making waves in the

Werenski has played in all 70 games to date this winter for the Columbus Blue Jackets of the high-The 6-foot, 195-pound est level of hockey on the planet, the National Hockey League. The 19-year-old spent a couschool student at Grosse Pointe North before playing junior hockey, college hockey at University of Michigan and then in the NHL.

The rookie has 11 Gadowsky gave Hamilton goals, 35 assists and 46 League. He has played 52 points. He is a +22 to go with four power-play (N.Y.) in a Midwest goals, one game-winning goal and one overtime goal.

Columbus is 46-18-6 (98 points) and is second in the Metropolitan and three assists for four Thursday, April 6, and Division, just two points points in 43 games

Another former Grosse

Pointe North studentathlete, Scott Dornbrock, is a junior at Miami, Ohio, and played in all 36 games. The team finished 9-20-7 and Dornbrock had three goals, 10 She is closer to home assists and 13 points as a and will be a main condefenseman.

He also played junior hockey after his two years at North, playing for the Omaha Lancers and Minot Minotauros.

Liggett grads

University Liggett alums Lord-Anthony Grissom and Nick Azar are playing well at the junior level.

Grissom is playing for the Janesville Jets of the North American Hockey games and has three goals, 17 assists and 20 points. He is a +23.

Azar is a member of the Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League. He has one goal

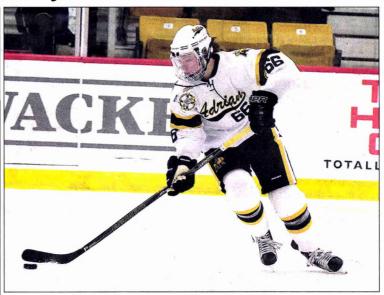


PHOTO COURTESY OF COREY GRAHAM

Adrian College sophomore Leigh Farquhar moves up ice during the Bulldogs' NCAA first-round playoff game against Elmira.

Chad Davis's program

The sophomore played

her final two seasons.

Farquhar enjoys Adrian By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms' Leigh Farquhar transferred from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., to Adrian College.

in eight games this season, notching one assist for the Bulldogs, which finished 28-3 on the year. national crown. Farquhar was +3 in her

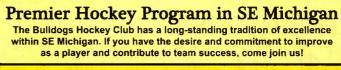
eight games. Adrian lost 4-3 in overtime to Plattsburgh State in the NCAA Division III national championship game at Arrington Ice Arena in Adrian. The Bulldogs were less lineup.

tributor to head coach than a minute away from winning the title, but the Cardinals scored with 21 seconds left and then won it at the 10:345 mark of OT, winning their fourth consecutive

For Farquhar, playing time was limited due to Adrian's abundance of seniors.

That will change next season when she will be counted on to provide a scoring spark to the





2008 10U (Squirt A) Head Coach: Jay Ricci ricclioa22@aol.com Tryout Info: 3/18 11:00am ESH Ice Arena

2007 10U(Squirt AA) Head Coach: Doug Zieleniewski 1bulidooshockeyclub@gmail.con

Girls 12U Head Coach: Steve Smith ssmitti@msn.com Evaluation Skate: Sunday 3/26 10am McCann Ice Arena Girls 14U

Head Coach: Paul Zinn u14opladybulk

YOUTH ICE HOCKEY

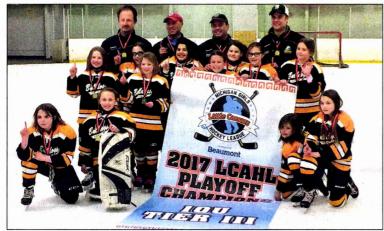


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Champs again

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The Grosse Pointe Lady Bulldogs Black 10U team won the Little Caesars Girls Hockey League championship last weekend in Brighton, beating Ann Arbor 3-0 in the title game. This ends the girls' season with a 14-1-2 overall record. Pictured above are Annie Cleland, Ella Dobbs, Lexi Dobbs, Abby Evans, Tia Kosmas, Allie Lindsay, Bella Metry, Leanna Phillips, Fay Robb, Evie Smith, Annie Walsh and Maggie Weiss. They are coached by Scott Lindsay, Steve Smith, Kurt Dobbs and Dennis Weiss.

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2006 12U (PeeWee A) Head Coach: Eric Londo - 313.570.5860 Tryout Info: 3/11 4:15pm ESH Ice Arena

2005 12U (PeeWee AA)

Head Coach: Tom Viggiano tom.viagiano@rscmain.com Tryout Info: 3/15 7:30pm, 3/20 7pm, 3/24 7:15pm ESH

2005 12U (PeeWee AA Black) Head Coach: Trevor Sattlemeier tsatt16@gmail.com Tryout Info: 3/19 12:15pm, 3/26 4:15pm ESH ice Arena

2004 14U (Bantam A) Head Coach: Jon Bartoy ionbartoy@msn.com Manager: Amy Cowan agmeiner1@comcast.net Tryout Info: 3/14 6:00pm, 3/18 3:00pm ESH Ice Arena

2003 14U (Bantam AA) Head Coach: Bill Asimakis - 313.600.5353 wasimakis@clarkhill.com Tryout Info: 3/14 7:15pm, 3/16 7:30pm ESH Ice Arena

Girls 10U Head Coach: Scott Lindsay scott.lindsav17@att.net Evaluation Skate: Sunday 3/26 9:00am McCann Ice Arena

Tryout Info: 4/13 7:30pm, 4/14 7:30pm, 4/17 7pm ESH

10U/12U/14U Boys and Girls House (Cross Ice) Head Coach: Robb McIntyre robbmcintvre@vahoo.com

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Basketball

Local grads shine at college level

Ladies excel on big stage By Bob St. John

Sports Editor

Each of the three local high schools have a graduate playing Division 1 women's basketball.

Claire DeBoer

Claire DeBoer is a senior at Bucknell University and played an integral role in helping the team win the Patriot League Tournament and the NCAA make Tournament.

DeBoer, the Patriot League Player of the Year, had a monster game in the tournament title contest, scoring 30 points Bucknell beat Navy 77-71 in overtime.

Her collegiate career came to an end in the this season. first round of the NCAA Tournament when Bucknell lost 103-61 to No. 3 seed Maryland at the XFINITY Center in College Park, Md.

She finished as the No. 9 all-time leading scorer in Patriot League history and No. 3 in Bucknell history with 1,678 points. She had 899 career rebounds for No. 3 in school history and 290 assists to finish No. 9 in school history.

Bucknell finished 27-6



and grabbing 10 Bucknell's Claire DeBoer, a Grosse Pointe South rebounds to help alumna, had a double-double, 30 points and 10 re alumna, had a double-double, 30 points and 10 rebounds, to help the Bison beat Navy in overtime and earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Lola started seven games and played in 30. Haleigh, Lola She averaged 1.9 points Ristovski per game.

Maria Liddane University Liggett's

Grosse Pointe North's Maria Liddane enjoyed a solid junior season at American University. Liddane and American

finished 15-16. She averaged 6.7 points per game, as well as 5 assists per game. She started each of the

31 games this season and led the team in assists.

Ewing earns All-MIAA

University Liggett alumnus and Olivet College senior Eric Ewing has been named to the 2016-17 All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association firstteam for men's basketball

All-conference honors are based on a player's statistics during the 14-game MIAA schedule.

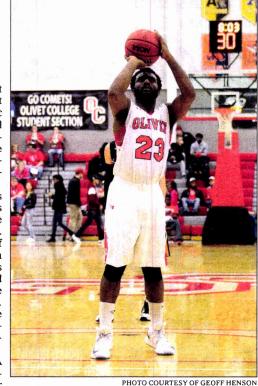
Under the direction of first-year head coach Steve Ernst, the Comets had a 9-16 overall record and were sixth in the MIAA with a 5-9 mark. The nine total wins were two more than the previous two seasons combined.

Ewing was the MIAA scoring champion, averaging 21.1 points per game. He made 99 of 242 baskets (40.9 percent), including 32 of 86 (37.2 percent) from three-point range, and 65 of 81 (80.2 percent) free throws for 295 total points.

Ewing was fifth in total steals, 24, and 10th in rebounding, 5.9 per game.

For the entire 25-game schedule, Ewing averaged 20.6 points and scored 514 points, which ranks fourth all-time at Olivet for a single season. He scored in double figures in all except three

FROM THE SPORTS DESK



Olivet College's Eric Ewing earned All-MIAA honors this season.

games, reaching 20 or His other statistics this more points in 15 games. Ewing's single-game high was 34 points against Robert Morris-Peoria, Ill., while his best game against an MIAA opponent was 29 against

Albion College. among the single-season assists. leaders in field goals attempted (third, 427), field goals made (sixth, 183) and three-pointers attempted (fourth, 160).

season included 148 rebounds, 41 steals and 51 assists.

Ewing scored 943 total points on 351-of-791 (44.4 percent) shooting. He also grabbed 290 rebounds, made 84 steals Ewing also ranks and dished out 118

Ewing is the first Olivet men's basketball player since Michael McClary in 2010-11 to be a first-team All-MIAA selection.

YOUTH HOCKEY



Ristovski sisters, senior

Haleigh and sophomore

Lola. They helped the

University of Detroit

Mercy Titans finish 18-14

and runner-up in the

Haleigh started all 32

games, averaging 5.4

points and 8.1 rebounds

League

Horizon

per game.

Tournament.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID MATTALIANO

Friends, rivals

Long time friends Morgan Hamilton, left, Ava Mattaliano, center, and Ava Stephenson played together for six years on soccer teams from Grosse Pointe Soccer Association/Eastside Soccer, but this winter play on three of the top travel teams in the country. Hamilton plays for Compuware, Mattaliano with Honeybaked and Stephenson with Little Caesars. They played against each other several times and enjoyed the experience. Each girl made the High Performance Hockey League All-Academic squad, which means they have a 3.5 or higher grade point average in the classroom.



North earns praise

made the best of hosting four events this winter and the athletic department deserves all the credit.

Athletic Director Brian Shelson, Principal Kate Murray, Athletic Secretary Teresa Bennett, Security Coordinator Nof Antoine and several head coaches combined to put on quite the show during the winter athletic season.

"The G.P. North staff was phenomenal in their support to athletics as we aimed to host more 'large' (regular season) events, than we ever have in the past, on top of the 14 weight classes.

Grosse Pointe North working these events, Tournament in early and our community for supporting these great events."

There was the 37th annual Macomb County Tournament, which saw more than 30 wrestling teams pour into the gymnasium.

parking, space for the success for wrestlers, wrestlers to compete, more than enough room for fans to watch and a concession stand offering more than top notch popcorn. Lakeview and hosting the gymnastics North hosted the first day of competition, but it was Feb. 17. all North for day two, which held the finals in

February.

North wrestling head coach Eric Julien and the athletic department staff had things rolling for a second straight year. Fans enjoyed a great venue and hopefully North hosts this event North offers lots of next winter. It was a huge coaches and fans.

So far North is three for three in events and the Norsemen made it a four for four winter after team league meet Friday,

They brought all of the equipment from the gymnastics room upstairs

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hosting our regular sea- This event was a suc- and assembled it on the son schedules," Shelson cess and the second main gym floor. The wrote. "In wrestling we hosted our annual Norsemen Classic tournament the Macomb county tournament and the MAC Blue/Gold/ Silver tournament. In gymnastics, we hosted the league tournament, which allowed us to set up the gymnasium as it has never been before. North also hosted basketball games for the new MAC tournament. All of these large events pushed our gym space to the max, but all of our athletes, coaches, custodial staff, support staff, teachers and administrators, came together and made all of these events very successful. On behalf of our athletic cap for North. department, I want to personally thank our athletes, our hard working coaches, our athletic booster club, our staff Division

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event was a dance team vault, balance beam, clinic coordinated by uneven parallel bars and head coach Leslie Genest and her squad members. More than 50 girls in elementary and middle hours, North earned an school signed up for the clinic on a Monday, followed by a routine per-formed at halftime of the Norsemen varsity boys basketball game the next evening.

Everything was perfect. The dance team members and Genest did a fantastic job of putting together a routine in just three hours. A standingroom only crowd cheered the following night when they performed the routine

Macomb Conference Blue/Gold/ porting their sons and Silver and Bronze daughters. League

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floor exercise were put to the test. When it was through in a couple of A+ for the effort.

Fans, coaches, including Grosse Pointe United head coach Kristin Remillet, and gymnasts had plenty of room to enjoy the show put on by the fearless gymnasts, who flew through the air with the greatest of ease.

The smaller events were also a success and this positive vibe will be felt throughout the rest of the 2016-17 school year.

All in all, what a winter for Shelson and his staff. Another feather in the Hats off to them for providing four great venues Event three was the for fans to sit back in Area comfort and enjoy sup-

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Claire's CareLand All-access playground in the works

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Write

While plans for a barrier-free, handicap-accessible playground at Parcells Middle School are still in the developmental stages, project chair Dean Valente is confident, with the community's support, the project will come to fruition.

The playground, tentatively named Claire's CareLand, was inspired by Valente's desire for his daughter, Claire, and her friends in the special needs community to have full access to a playground with multiple pieces of equipment. Valente said he started discussions with Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus about a year ago.

"He liked the idea and we slowly but surely plodded along looking at different schools," he said.

About six months into the planning, Claire project became personal. Valente died suddenly in September 2016 as she was starting her senior year at Grosse Pointe North High School.

"She had lots of health at that point," he said. and developmental issues her whole life and Valente has, by his own munity, but this was the



COURTESY PHOTO

Claire Valente and her North classmates, pictured during a visit to the Detroit Zoo spring 2016, were Dean Valente's inspiration for Claire's CareLand. "We all miss her a lot," said her teacher, Carol Holmes.

the installation of one of

the first Playscapes in the

"It was old school, lots of

unfortunately we never for playgrounds." Years ago he was involved in really were cautioned her life expectancy would be as short as it was," Valente said.

community at Patterson It was at that point the Park in Grosse Pointe "I was building (the play-Park. ground) with (Claire) in timber and tires, chains and wood chips," he said. mind to start for the whole community, but it really "It was really way ahead of the curve. There were became a passion project playgrounds in the com-

An attorney by trade,

admission, "a real affinity first Playscape. It was truly a community project.' His "real education with

playgrounds" came with construction of the Tot Lot opposite the Neighborhood Club in the City of Grosse Pointe, a community project he chaired through the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club.

"I didn't have a special needs daughter at the

See CLAIRE'S, page 4D | are heard."

in diversity talks

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

Embracing diversity is one of the guiding principles of the Grosse Pointe Public School System strategic plan, approved last year. This includes celebrating the unique backgrounds of students and staff, accepting human differences and using multiple instructional approaches to meet the needs of all students.

While the strategic plan has been in the works since last year, implementing the diversity portion lacked one key component - the students themselves.

"We want to hear from our students," said Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Moussa Hamka. "We're here for them and we're here to ensure their experience at the high school is everything they want it to be. They need to be a part of this process and be engaged and help us understand what is the current climate and how can we make it better. Oftentimes we talk about kids, we create programs for kids and we don't always include students in the process. We want to make sure their voices

Involving students began with the formation of a student advisory group. Hamka and Grosse Pointe North High School Principal Kate Murray invited students at each high school to apply. Eight students from each school were selected to serve on the advisory group along with Hamka, Murray, a teacher and counselor from each school - Dan Gilleran and Jenny Sherman from North and Lisa Kline and Nick Bernbeck from South and Director of Secondary Instruction Maureen Bur.

Facilitating the group is a team of four professional trainers from the University of Michigan led by Barry Checkoway, professor of social work and an internationallyrecognized scholar and youth empowerment practitioner. Other team members are Roger Fisher, director of Michigan's program on intergroup relations, Katie Richards-Schuster, professor of social work and Bridget Christan, Michigan alumna and Grosse Pointe parent.

"One of the things we discussed as a district was a need to create a systemic approach to creating opportunities for

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All-star surprise



PAWS takes a swing while Monsignor Gary Smetanka reads "Casey at the Bat."

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Students have a voice

SCHOOLS

St. Paul opens doors Students organize clothing store for homeless week PAGE 3

School surp dents as part of March is Reading month with a guest appearance by PAWS, the Detroit Tigers mascot.

Monsignor Gary Smetanka read the story "Casey at the Bat" while PAWS acted it out. PAWS's antics elicited smiles and laughter from staff and students in the audience.



Above, Ben Bania and PAWS dance to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Bania won a prize — a Miguel Cabrera "Miggy" bank - for correctly guessing the song played during the seventh-inning stretch of a Detroit Tigers baseball game. Left, PAWS takes a break from entertaining to hang out with admiring fans.



SCHOOLS 2D

Get ready for College Night

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Write

College Night, a free college fair open to all students and families in the area, offers one-stop shopping for collegebound students. It also is a great way to begin a process that can be overwhelming.

One of the best ways to approach it is to "come in with a plan," said Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Grosse Pointe South High School counseling department chairwoman

Held in alternating years at North or South, this year's event is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 27, at South, with most schools stationed in the gymnasiums. A handful of colleges will make three separate 30-minute classroom presentations throughout the evening.

This year's event boasts "a huge turnout," said Walsh-Sahutske with representatives from more than 100 colleges, universities, tech-

nical schools and military organizations on hand to answer questions and educate students and their parents. Perennial in-state favorites will be present as well as colleges and universities from farther afield.

"It can be overwhelming, so I always tell kids it's a good idea to take a look ahead of time and make a plan for the day and pinpoint a couple of colleges to speak with," Walsh-Sahutske said. "The representatives are very knowledgeable."

Among many newcomers this year are Colorado State University, Carleton College, College of Charleston, DePauw University, Franklin & Marshall College, Hope College, High Point University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Indiana University, John Carroll University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Skidmore College, University of Kansas, University of South Carolina and University more confident."

of Kentucky

Also new are two organizations representing travel abroad opportunities — AFS Intercultural Programs and Youth for Understanding. Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe will return to provide information to students on youth exchange programs. Representatives from all three organizations will discuss potential gap year opportunities for students who may want to postpone college plans for a year or younger students interested in high school exchange programs.

Walsh-Sahutske recommended students check out the National Association of College Admissions Counseling website - nacacfairs.org in advance for ideas on what to look for and questions to ask. The website provides "helpful information for using your time best," she said, adding, "When people feel prepared, they feel

'I wanted to be part of a program making sure our schools

were set up in a way to value diversity and not discriminate.'

Shane Reeside and his son, Evan, spoke with Albion College representative Polly Tech during last year's College Night. The night also presents seem a little more immian opportunity for students to make initial connections with regional representatives who will review applications for

admission. "It's easy not to be ready for it," said Walsh-Sahutske, "especially when kids are freshmen and sophomores. College feels really far away. For parents it may nent. It's better to be ahead of it.'

FILE PHOTO

Parents should also mark their calendars for Financial Aid Night 6 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at North. This presentation is targeted to parents of juniors who will apply for financial aid in October

same social standing.

"As schools, we don't always value these principles as much as we should," she continued. "I wanted to be part of a program making sure our schools were set up in a way to value diversity and not discriminate."

"We are very excited about this work for multiple reasons," said Murray. "One, it's important to help all of our stakeholders become culturally competent. Two, it's work we're doing across the district. Our North and South stuworking dents are In her application together on this project. The first step of the pro-cess is to understand our students' perspectives about their schools so our students are being trained on how to create a needs assessment of their fellow students."

They're delightful kids," said Bur. "I don't use this term often, but it was a bucket-filling experience, that first meeting. Hearing the kids, they were being very respectful, but they were also being very responsive to the questions in terms of what their reality is. To me, that's the best way we can build a reality we can sustain because we are hearing it from the like them or are from the students' perspectives."

Week Ahead

THURS.-SAT., MAR. 23-25 Grosse Pointe South **High School presents** ArtFest 2017, a juried art show featuring 500 student artists, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Awards night is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Artwork is displayed in South's multipurpose room, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

 Monteith Elementary School's PTO invites community members to Ladies Night Out 6 to 9 p.m. at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. This shopping event includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and silent auction, with 40-plus participating vendors offering items for a tin-can raffle. Local businesses will provide services such as manicures, makeup applications and psychic readings, with Mini Picassos hosting a paint party. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available at the door or in advance at mkt. com/monteith-elementa ry-pto-spirit-store. For more information, call Natalie Thompson at (313) 570-2412

FRI.-SAT., MAR. 24-25

 St. Paul Catholic School presents "The Lion King Jr." 7 p.m. in the St. Paul gymnasium, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets can be purchased online at stpaulonthelake. com. General admission is \$5 for seniors and students and \$7.50 for adults. Reserved seating is \$9. Call (313) 885-3430 for more information.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

 Wayne County **Community College** District School of **Continuing Education** presents "All About the Arts," a free series open to the public featuring the best hits from the '70s, '80s, '90s and today at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception at 6:30 p.m. in Cleminson Hall is followed by the show 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. For more information, contact the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center at (734) 374-3232 or visit wccd.edu.

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dialogue, awareness and education that will live on for many years and kind of outlive any one person," Hamka said. Whether I'm here, or Kate's here, it will hopefully become self-sustaining. It's not something you do. It becomes a part of who you are as an organization.

The group met for the first time in early March. A full-day session is planned Friday, March 24.

'The focus at the present time is on the students in the two high schools and working with them to prepare a survey of students in both high schools,' Checkoway said. "That's part of what we are doing. We also expect to be doing teacher professional development and that will come down the road after we've worked with the students in the next three months."

Checkoway and his team have conducted professional training with teachers in more than 25 school districts. Locally they have worked with University Liggett School, the Cranbrook

Educational Community and Farmington, Novi and Oakland public

MAREN ROESKE

Grosse Pointe South junior

schools. "Young people is our primary initial focus,' said Checkoway. "We would like young people to be able to support the current diversity effort by providing a studentled survey that will gather information about their attitudes toward these kinds of issues.

Students will administer the survey, compile and analyze the information and present a report of their findings to the community. Checkoway and his team will work closely with them and advise them in every stage of the process.

"This survey will go to all students in (grades) 9 through 12 because we know that mid-adolescence is the time when students are trying to make sense of their environment and they are watching carefully issues related to diversity and equity and inclusion, Checkoway said

"My vision and my hope is that as we conduct this work we get the student voice," Bur said. "We also need to look at our other stakeholders - our staff. The third part is our community members. How do we look at what are the needs from those two stakeholders as well? The students are central to this work, but we need to

make sure we are working in lockstep with all of the other community members as well." Two students invited to

serve on the advisory group are North junior Zoe Lightbody and South junior Maren Roeske.

"I really wanted to help out in the community with making sure everyone gets an equal opportunity for education," said Lightbody. Initial discussions among group members focused on the current climate. "We talked about some common issues that come up in the community," she said. Next step is "inter-viewing people. We're talking to people in the

community and getting feedback on what they think.'

"Nobody really understands, not even the teachers in the classroom, what kids are facing every single day, the way students may feel marginalized by the curriculum. Our role is to find that out, to find out what the big issues are,' said Roeske.

essay, she wrote about how education is the cure for ignorance.

"Education is how we teach people who may come from backgrounds or environments where they may not learn how to deal with minorities in a way that is not ignorant," she said. "Education is the only way to reverse attitudes that are bigoted. I talked a lot about how schools especially need to step up and make a commitment to raising a student body in a manner so they can go out into the world after high school and after college so they can have empathy towards not just people who look like them or act



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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Hugh R. Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held 2) February 22, 2017
- To adjourn to Goal Setting Session for discussions regarding Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis. 31
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting 4) is hereby adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 110415 through 110507 in the amount of \$171,027.36 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further. authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$12,911.16 for professional services during the month of February 2017 for the following projects: 8 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-179; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; 2019 Call for Federal Projects, #180-187; 2017 User Charge; #180-185; Housing Rehab, #180-178; 2016 TIP Beaconsfield Recon, #180-174, 2016 for the second seco 174; 2015 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-170; 2016 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-176; Littlestone Repair, #180-186 and the 2016 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-180. (3) Approve payment to Badger Meter in the amount of \$5,767.92 for the purchase of 48 new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meter tops.
- To adopt the attached resolution outlining and identifying the emergency preparedness, response and recovery plans between Wayne County and the City of Harper Woods in the 2) event of a natural or human made disaster and further to appoint the City Manager as the Emergency Management Liaison for the City of Harper Woods.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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SCHOOLS 3D

St. Paul opens hearts by opening doors

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

This year marked St. Paul Catholic Church's 30th as a participating parish in the Cass Community Interfaith Rotating Shelter Program. Each year, St. Paul opens its doors for a week to house, clothe, feed and help members of the homeless population. To do so requires the help of a committee of volunteers. a wealth of experience from community members and an "all hands on deck" approach. Each year, 400 to 450 people volunteer to help with the program, according to parishioner and volunteer Tricia Kesteloot.

"Open Known as Hearts - Open Doors," the outreach program ran Saturday, March 4, to Saturday, March 11. The "mission of mercy" was to provide a warm, loving, welcoming environment for guests, encourage unity and fellowship among guests and parishioners, organize activities and entertainment in a relaxed Pointe Farms donated

environment and provide clothing for guests to two hot meals and two bag lunches daily - more

During their stay, guests received help writing resumes and preparing for job interviews, practical advice on issues such as accessing insurance or replacing lost identification and wellness assistance from physicians available on a nightly rotation.

"That is one of the larger issues for people who are homeless," said Kesteloot. "They don't where know the resources are.

According to Kesteloot, many guests arrived with only the shirts on their backs. This was where the volunteer efforts of seventh- and eighth-grade students from St. Paul Catholic School came in.

Beginning in December, students conducted a clothing drive. Parishioners, school families, community neighbors and the Brooks **Brothers Factory Outlet** on the Hill in Grosse

wear during their stay including "comfy than 1,000 meals in total. clothes," according to the students - or to job interviews. Leftover clothing was distributed to other organizations to be given to people in need.

Friday before guests arrived, seventh-graders transported the clothing to a room dedicated to serve as a clothing store for the week. Eighthgraders organized and ranged the clothing.

"After months of consideration about how to restructure the clothing store, we made a conscious effort to empower our youth to be the innovators," said Kesteloot. 'Not only did they soar at being organizers and team leaders, but, most importantly, they had fun creating a very special place for our guests.'

The clothing store was named Therese's Closet in memory of Therese Cardoze, a volunteer dedicated to working in the store each year who died in January.





Above, Reagan Rinelia and Katelyn Moyer hang bathrobes and coats in the women's section. Above right, Therese's **Closet offered an array** of options for guests. from comfortable clothing to interview attire.

inspirational posters with psalms to decorate the store and sleeping areas for the guests. Younger students made

placemats and prayer cards "It really is a labor of

love for all of us,"





PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ryan English and Andres Borrego fold pants and help organize the men's clothing area.

A leprechaun, lucky charms and a pot of gold

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Academy teacher Wendy Jerome tied St. Patrick's Day into lessons for her middle school science, math and physics classes Friday, March 17.

In leprechaun genetics, sixth-grade scientists used their knowledge of inheritance patterns to cross Lola and Laddie Leprechaun. Student illustrations revealed humorous results, according to Jerome.

In math classes cotaught with Michelle Roberts, students calculated the probability of eating each of the eight different types of marshmallows included in a bowl of Lucky Charms cereal. The "magically delicious" original original marshmallows - pink hearts, yellow moons, orange stars and green clovers - have changed shapes over the years since the cereal was first created in 1963. The 2017 version of the cereal includes a red balloon. purple horseshoe, shooting star, pink heart, clover hat, rainbow, hour glass and blue moon, according to the students' investigation.







PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top, holding a bowl of Lucky Charms are, from left, Allie Larpenteur, Jeremiah Johnson, Neil Murphy and Samantha Krasnicki. Above, a student separates marshmallows from the oat cereal. Left, Wendy Jerome tests the strength of a straw tower by placing gold coins in a Dixie Cup on top.

ing the most gold coins Dixie Cups were filled to before falling over won the contest.

Jerome said all the students did such a good job size of the cups," she building, none of the tow- said, declaring all of the ers fell even when the students winners.

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- · Ehresman Associates, Inc.
- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
- McGraw-Hill Dodge
- REED Construction Data
- Construction Data Company

MANDATORY pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. General Contrac-

cereal into even amounts for each group, separated and counted the marshmallows and oat pieces, then recorded their results on a data table to determine the marshmallow

Students divided the with lowest and highest probability of being eaten in a box of Lucky Charms.

"The best part was the kids got to eat the cereal when we were finished with the assignment," Jerome said.

Seventh-grade physics tower. The strength of the students were given the Pot of Gold Challenge. Using 50 straws, masking and gold coins, they were tasked with building the tallest and strongest The tallest tower support-

tower was determined by how many gold coins it could hold in a Dixie Cup tape, scissors, a Dixie cup at the top. Coins were added to the pot after construction was complete.

Celebrating Pi Day

also known as Pi Day, an mathematical constant w,

Tuesday, March 14 - annual celebration of the



or pi - was a day of col- second-graders on Pi laborative learning at Day bar graphs and University Liggett upper school students School. Middle school worked with first-graders students worked with on Pi Day necklaces.

Pictured are tenth-grader Brady McCarron and firstgrader Mac O'Reilly.

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tors intending on submitting a bid to the Grosse Pointe Public School System must have a representative in attendance at this meeting (signed in) or their bid will be rejected by the Board of Education.

Sealed bids will be due Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

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

The bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board of the superintendent of the school district. The board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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

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

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

Please direct questions to Richard VanGorder, Manager of Buildings and Grounds at 313-432-3082.

BOARD OF EDUCATION The Grosse Pointe Public School System Cynthia Pangborn, Secretary GPN: 03/23/17

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time, but I was acutely aware we had very diverse children in our community, so I made a real effort to make it not only compliant with U.S. safety standards, but safe for children with disabilities," Valente said. "I'm proud to say if you go there today it's very viable and it's still compliant for all safety standards for playgrounds."

Claire's CareLand also will be coordinated through Grosse Pointe Rotary.

"I'm a Rotarian and the Rotary Club is the cornerstone for some of the things I do," Valente said.

While plans are tentative, requiring approval Education as well as the state, funding is underway, with costs estimated from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Funding began with donations following Claire's death.

'One of the things that kind of blew me away when my daughter cial needs field and crepassed away (was) we asked in lieu of flowers that people make contributions to Claire's CareLand. It was kind of overwhelming because from just an obituary, we received about \$6,000 from friends and family and the community It was very heartening when all my daughter's teachers — the special Grosse Pointe North -



Claire Valente "really put 100 percent into the things she did," said North special education teacher Carol Holmes.

got together and raised a chunk of money for us. That really came together in a way that made me believe this was somefrom the GPPSS Board of thing that was really going to happen."

While conducting research on standards and compliance, Valente realized this was not a project he could do by himself. He reached out to community members with expertise in the speated a committee comprised of Sue Banner, director of Full Circle; Deborah Moffat, executive director of The Arc of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods; Jeanne Lizza, president of Special Kids; Lois Valente, former school board member and Claire's mother; Patti Kukula and Jennie Silva. From GPPSS in addition Abbey, deputy superin-

tendent for business and operations; Rich Van Gorder, director of buildings and grounds and Parcells Principal Daniel Hartley.

Valente's vision is for a playground for Parcells students during the school day that is open to all children in the community after school, on weekends and during sporting events. Valente said Parcells is the ideal location, with a playground filling a void.

"Besides being a school play field, (Parcells is) also a heavily used com-munity play field," Valente said. "If you're a parent or a participant and have younger siblings or children who aren't participating, it's really a challenge because there's really nothing for them to do. Our hope is we'd be providing a play area for those children while their siblings are playing.'

Another advantage is the playground will provide opportunities for Parcells students from the general education population to "pair up with special needs students so they're more integrated into the community and the playground will be a conduit for that kind of partnership," Valente said.

Valente is working with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen on a county grant and The Arc on a pledge. Fundraising begins in education program at to Niehaus are Lisa earnest in April, with the and her friends in mind this. They were part of goal to complete the proj- to address the broad the original inspiration.'



Maria Simone

School: St. Paul Catholic Describe an accom-School

Years at St. Paul: 2 Role: Social worker Nominated by: Tina Forsythe, principal Principal's quote:

"Maria is always willing to help in any situation. She goes above and beyond when needed. She helps students work through any difficult situation. She has excellent communication with staff, parents and students."

What do you enjoy most your role at St. Paul?

This is my second year at St. Paul and I am very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful community. I enjoy getting to know the students and seeing their many gifts and talents.

ect for the start of the spectrum of special 2017-18 school year.

That's ambitious and it may not come together one and make it a special that quickly, but hope- place for everyone. fully with everybody's cooperation it may be inspiration for it," he con-able to happen," Valente tinued. "There are a lot of said.

the project know because of Claire While began with his daughter that inspired me to do

plishment you're proud of.

I am very proud when a student connects something I have taught them to a real-life scenario. I think it is important to role play different social situations with students and explore reasons behind our everyday actions. Please share a book or person that has

inspired you. My greatest inspirations are my parents. I was taught from a young age to lend a helping hand and treat everyone with kindness and respect. My parents taught me to always put others first. I believe their guidance has shaped me into the person I am today and led

needs, Valente said, "We

want to appeal to every-

"Claire was clearly the

terrific kids I've gotten to

COURTESY PHOTO

me to a career working with children.

Favorite quote:

"When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change."

- Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus

Donations may be mailed to Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Checks should be made payable to the **Grosse Pointe Rotary** Foundation, with Claire's ClareLand" in the memo line.



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