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## Survey planned

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The City wants to know how it's doing, so a citizen satisfaction survey will be mailed to every house in the community to get a read on what's truly important to residents.

Monday, April 16, council approved city staff to work with ETC, a nationally recognized city survey firm, to conduct a community survey.

It will cost approximately \$14,000 and use some of the expected \$300,000 surplus from this fiscal year's budget.

Because of the City's small population, City Manager Peter Dame said they are able to send surveys to every house in the community, allowing everyone's voice to be heard. ETC also allows respondents to fill out the form online.

Dame said the chosen survey firm, using data from other cities nationwide, can put into context how the City is doing compared to other communities. The survey also will include City-specific and open-ended questions, allowing city staff and council to get an accurate view of the current attitude of its residents.

"I think it's a very good tool and I know the council has expressed concern about the level of customer satisfaction," Dame said. "This is a great way to get how people really feel rather than just how many people show up at a meeting supporting something or

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## City agrees to fiber optic network

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The City is the first municipality to sign onto the plan to bring Rocket Fiber fiber optic to the Pointes.

Council unanimously approved forming a consortium with the five Pointes, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Public Library and Grosse Pointe Public School System Monday, April 16. The rest of the part-

ners will vote on the plan in the next month or two. "This is a great thing," Mayor Christopher Boettcher said. "It's like a home run for our community."

The initial plan is to create a local govern-

ment-owned fiber optic ring connecting all municipal, library and school buildings. Rocket Fiber also would install its own fiber ring at the same time with the idea of extending high-speed data services to area

businesses and residents at some point in the future.

The consortium, made up of one representative from each of the partners, would manage the

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Vigil against gun violence

Several nonprofits, churches and community members gathered at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church April 20 for a gun violence vigil to honor all victims of gun violence, promote common sense gun reform and take action. The event was held on the National Day of Action, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine massacre. Speakers encouraged participants to support initiatives to make communities safer. Trinity McKenzie, left, and Sammie Foondle, sixth-graders at Brownell Middle School, attended the vigil to support a safer community.

## Police probe bank robbery

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Anyone recognizing a bank robbery suspect captured in bank security surveillance was asked to contact Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety. The bank robbery at Chemical Bank in the 20000 block of Mack occurred 12:26 p.m. Wednesday, April 18.

A Woods Nixle alert described the suspect as a black male, between ages 45 and 50, approximately 6 feet tall and 220 to 230 pounds. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a gray "monster

jam" cap. The alert included surveillance images of the suspect.

Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said there are "several persons of interest" in the investigation.

An arrest made last week was related to "another outstanding matter," he said, but the individual "remains a person of interest along with a couple others."

"At this point, there's nothing as far as an update I can give you," Kosanke said at press time, adding the case "isn't anywhere near an arraignment."

— Melissa Walsh



**Surveillance image of the suspect in the bank robbery at Chemical Bank Wednesday, April 18.**

## Tree City for 15 years

By Melissa Walsh  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Proclaiming Sunday, May 6, Arbor Day during the city council meeting Tuesday, April 17, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski urged residents to celebrate the day and continue caring for the village's trees.

This year marks the 15th year the village has been designated a "tree city" — one of 340 cities named Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

In celebration, the Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board planned several events for May 6, including the planting of a memorial tree by the Shores Improvement Foundation in honor of Kurt Tech, who died last year. A plaque recognizing Tech's contribution to the community will be installed near the tree.

"This year's tree is really special, because it's for one of the early, longtime contributors," said Helen Bai, beautification committee chair and tree board member.

The tree board planted 300 new or replacement trees, including 17 varieties, since its launch. Bai will present a poster showing locations of the trees and varieties and speak on the history of Arbor Day, including the role of the holiday's founder, Michigan native J. Sterling Morton. Tree board chairman Brett Marshall will speak on selecting and maintain-

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**Colin Wilkinson**  
 Home: Grosse Pointe Farms  
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 Veteran puts finishing touches on second novel



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# Park man convicted of Village CSC sentenced

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The Grosse Pointe Park man accused of touching multiple adolescent girls' buttocks in Village stores last year was convicted Monday, April 16, in Wayne County Third Circuit Court of criminal sexual conduct, fourth-degree with a victim between the ages of 13 and 16.

David Michael Dawson, 56, was sentenced to five years probation, with sex offenders counseling, and registration on the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry. He also is no longer allowed in The Village.

Dawson was charged with four counts of CSC late last year. Three of those charges were dropped in a plea deal.

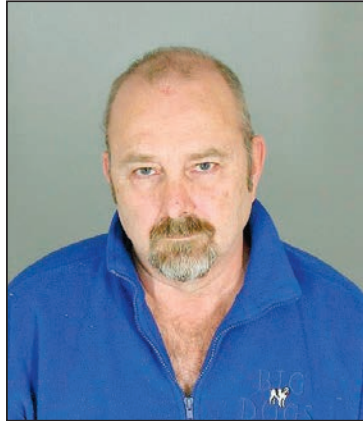
In October 2017, four girls came forward and revealed their experiences with Dawson. It was alleged

Dawson intentionally brushed against the four girls — touching or grabbing their buttocks — in separate incidents between July and October 2017.

According to Detective Lt. John Alcorn, the case was set to go to trial when new information was brought forward alleging Dawson's transgressions went back years.

Alcorn said a parent of one of the victims came to him and said an employee at The Village CVS was glad Dawson was caught because he had been a problem a long time.

"Earlier on when we investigated him, I checked back a year or so and did not find any runs that matched him," Alcorn said. "Nothing had popped up. But, we did find some stuff that was two or three years old where there were some similar encounters at the CVS in The Village and the CVS in Grosse Pointe Woods."



**David Michael Dawson, 56, was sentenced to five years probation, with sex offenders counseling, and registration on the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry. He also is no longer allowed in The Village.**

They were unproven, said Alcorn, "just reports that were made. Victims didn't stick around, so there was no way of prosecuting or investigating those crimes, but because of

that, we thought there might be some other activity."

When the prosecution brought this new information forward, the defense decided to take the plea deal instead of taking the case to trial, said Alcorn.

Alcorn also said a lot of credit goes to the four young girls who initially brought the allegations against Dawson.

"They (the girls) were amazing," Alcorn said. "Part of the reason this case was able to be investigated and then prosecuted was because they were amazing witnesses. They testified and conducted themselves almost like they had police training. They conducted themselves on the stand and presented themselves so well.

"And not to mention," Alcorn continued, "when the case started, it was their quick thinking of taking pictures of the suspect right after the crime that helped us nail him down."

# WSU alumna honored

The Wayne State University College of Engineering Hall of Fame, founded in 1983, recognizes and honors distinguished alumni who, through their leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation, have made significant industrial, educational and societal contributions to the engineering and computer science professions.

The College of Engineering honored 11 prominent alumni at its Hall of Fame awards dinner Friday, April 20, at the NextEnergy Center, Detroit.

Deming Xiao and Krish Panu compose the Hall of Fame class of 2018.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Kelley Clark, who earned a Master of Science degree from WSU in 1995, was honored as a distinguished engineer. She currently is a global vehicle integration manager at Ford Motor Co.

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network, with the school system acting as the operating and fiscal agent, responsible for day-to-day operations. The ring would be built with the school system as lead, with each partner responsible for their own laterals, or the connections from the ring itself to their buildings.

According to City Manager Peter Dame, the data network would save the city a significant amount of money over

the next 20 years, allowing it to stop paying hefty Comcast and AT&T bills.

"We will basically save on our existing services over a 20-year period," Dame said. "It will cost half as much. And that's assuming there is no cost increases, that's assuming we won't need higher data than we are currently using."

The cost to build the ring is approximately \$3.5 million, with each partner contributing to the total cost. The City's share would be just less than \$425,000.

Dame noted just as res-

idents and businesses are beginning to rely more heavily on the internet and cloud-based storage, so too is the municipality.

"We will not have our own server at city hall anymore over the next five years," Dame said. "At some point everything is going to be on the cloud. You are going to need fast connection and with reliable backup connections over the internet. More and more, everything is going to go over fiber."

Fiber optic data networks send information through a glass-based

cable. Unlike copper cables — the traditional form of transmitting information — fiber optic is less susceptible to electrical interference, can handle higher bandwidths and allows for higher speed services.

The idea to bring in a fiber optic network was spearheaded by GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

Niehaus said his previous school system in Illinois created a fiber optic network and building one for Grosse Pointe has been a goal since he started here a few years ago.

Just like the municipalities, the school system is increasingly becoming more reliant on the internet as state tests now are given electronically.

"This is the first year

we gave an electronic state test because we didn't have the bandwidth," Niehaus said. "We gave the first state test and what we found was we used everything we had in order to get those tests in."

And just like the municipalities, owning its own data network would save the school system money. According to Niehaus, it spends approximately \$225,000 per year on internet.

There are other economic factors as well, Niehaus said.

"I think personally, from an economic vantage point, we've had several conversations around that, I think this is what opens up the other side of Mack," Niehaus said.

Niehaus sees busi-

nesses flocking to the area, specifically looking at the Detroit side of Mack, if fiber becomes available because of its potential.

Dame said having a fiber ring also could attract young families looking to move out of Midtown Detroit to settle down.

"We want them to come here and they are used to having super fast data services," Dame said. "If we are the first suburbs that have it, it makes us much more attractive of the suburbs to move to when they have families than anywhere else."

Niehaus said he will make the rounds to other communities in the next couple of months. If all goes to plan, the ring should be lit sometime in 2019.

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ing trees.

The 2018 Arbor Day Fun Run begins 9:30 a.m. Runners and walkers in the 1-mile, 3K or 5K run/walk will gather in the front area of Osius Municipal Park, 800 Lakeshore. The entry fee is \$5 and registration, beginning 9 a.m., includes an Arbor Day

Fun Run T-shirt.

This year's Arbor Day adds a poster contest. Entrants can pick up poster board from the municipal building and return it with their design by Friday, April 27. Each entrant will receive an Arbor Day T-shirt and have their poster displayed in the municipal building in May. First place will receive a \$50 Visa gift card and runner up a \$25 Visa gift card.

"Typically in the past we'd have a special theme," Bai said. "We never had a poster contest before. We're hoping we'll get at least a dozen posters. We're a small community and the kids are very busy."

Additional fun for kids includes face painting by teen artist Jenay Tripp on the park's pool patio. All ages are invited to eat 15th-anniversary Shores tree city cake.

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opposing it."

As an example, Dame said Sterling Heights recently used ETC to conduct a community survey. One of the Sterling Heights-specific questions was whether or not the city should allow

medical marijuana dispensaries. During a public hearing, the majority of people present supported dispensaries; however, the survey showed 60 percent of its population opposed the idea with 40 percent strongly opposing.

"So it does give you a true sense," Dame said, "a picture of the citizen

attitude at this particular time of how they feel about city government. Why do you live here, what do you like about your community, what do you like about city government, how do you get your information about city government, what can we do to improve things? I'm a strong believer in doing these kinds of surveys and I hope we can keep doing them on a regular basis. I expect we can learn things that we can then improve how we operate from the results, then do a survey in a couple of years again and see if we've made some progress."

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# The GP island: Local geologist seeks help

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A local geologist is looking for help.

While researching the geology around the Pointes for a book on Michigan geology, Ken Van Dellen, of Grosse Pointe Park, noticed something on an old topographic map.

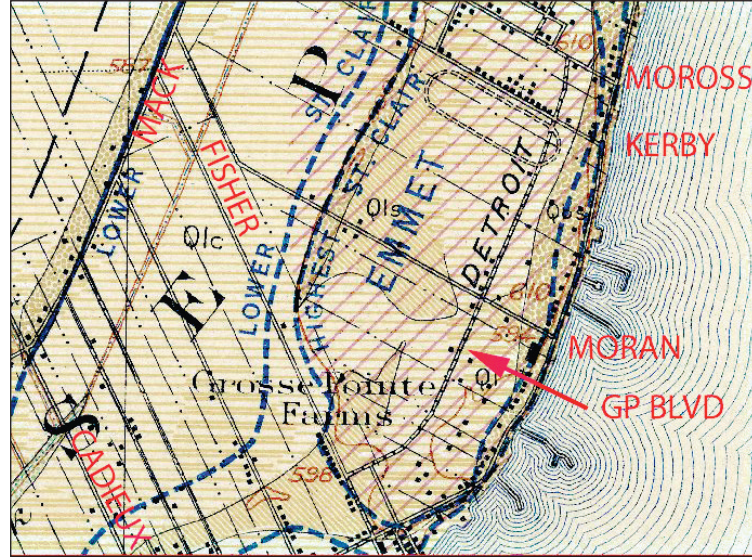
Near The Hill in the Farms, he saw circles indicating hills rising above the present day landscape. They ran between Charlevoix and Ridge from Kenwood to Stephens on top of the bluff. He said there isn't another formation like it in the area.

Van Dellen, a former geology professor at Macomb Community College, said The Hill is a moraine, formed by glacial action, and once was an island.

"A moraine is deposited at the end of a glacier," he said. "The glacier may be moving but there's balance between the movement and the melting, so it keeps bringing stuff in and melting and bringing stuff in. That's where it's at equilibrium. It keeps depositing material and builds up a ridge. (The Hill) is where the ice margin was at one time."

When the glaciers receded from lower Michigan, the moraine was built up and the glacial waters filled the lake basins, raising water levels. Water filled the area between Mack and Ridge, leaving the present day Hill high and dry.

The Hill may still be there, but the formations Van Dellen saw on the topographic map may be gone. When he went to see if they were still visible, he found they apparently had been leveled off when the area



A historical geologic map of Grosse Pointe Farms shows an area Ken Van Dellen is researching for his book on Michigan geology. Van Dellen is interested in hills stretching from Kenwood to Stephens between Charlevoix and Ridge which were apparently leveled when the area was developed. He is asking residents, contractors or anybody with knowledge of soil conditions in the area to contact him.

was developed.

He would like to know what they were, what type of soil they were comprised of. But, with little information about the formations, he's asking the locals — homeowners, build-

ers, excavators, anybody with knowledge of the soil conditions — what they know.

He said he has a theory, but doesn't want to reveal it until he has more information. He doesn't want to spoil the sam-

ple, he said.

Van Dellen taught at MCC 1969 to '99 and has been working on his book seven years.

Anyone with information should email Van Dellen at kenabcxyz123@comcast.net.

## Hollier seeks support in the Pointes in Senate race

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — "I'm on the lookout for the next wave of great young leaders," said Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen as he introduced Michigan Senate candidate Adam Hollier to speak to supporters at a meet and greet event Tuesday, April 3, at The War Memorial.

Among the crowd were several leaders from Michigan's District 2, which Hollier hopes to represent in Lansing, including Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Bob Denner and former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing. The district includes the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Highland Park, Hamtramck and much of Detroit.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan was scheduled to speak at the event, but was delayed in San Antonio, Texas, following the NCAA championship men's basketball game the day before. Speaking on the mayor's behalf was Chief of Staff Alexis Wiley, who called Hollier "someone we see as a true leader."

"If there's something we need in Lansing right now it's true leaders," she added. "People who don't have a problem taking tough positions, people who want to lead with integrity. And that's who Adam is."

The mayor's son, Ed Duggan, followed Wiley, noting, "Grosse Pointe is going to play a big part in the primary."

Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Joe Ricci said, "Whoever gets in in August will probably be our guy. And it's not going to be a Republican. Let's face it."

Calling Hollier, a Democrat, "a breath of fresh air," Ricci added, "(Hollier) talks straight. And he walks the talk."

Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman George McMullen said, "(Hollier) is very thoughtful in his comments. Grosse Pointe will not only be part of his platform, he knows a lot of people here. He's also going to represent us as well."

Denner said, "I think (Hollier) has got a very good resume to be successful and I appreciate that he's reached out to



PHOTO BY ROBERT DEANE

From left, Grosse Pointe Farms City Councilman Joe Ricci, former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and Michigan Senate candidate Adam Hollier.

us in the Pointes."

Hollier, 32, is a lifelong Detroit. His mother, Jacqueline, is a retired social worker and his father, Carl, a retired Detroit firefighter.

The married father of an infant daughter is a member of the North End Central Woodward Governance Board and a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Hollier attended Cornell University, earning an undergraduate degree in industrial and labor relations, and the University of Michigan, earning a master's degree in urban planning.

Before his run for Michigan Senate, Hollier served as director of government affairs and community relations for the Michigan Fitness Foundation, vice president of Hantz Woodlands, Mayor Bing's liaison to Detroit City Council and chief of staff for Michigan Senate District 2.

Volunteering at the event were several students, all of whom said they're supporting Hollier because he reached out to them on campus and impressed them with his approachability and concern for issues that matter to them.

Hollier's platform focuses on public education, small business development and increased community financial support from Lansing.

"The big thing is kids should be able to walk to school," Hollier said. "And kids being able to walk to school is something measurable. In the '60s and '70s, about 75 percent of kids walked to

school. And they walked to school because they lived within one mile of their schools. And right now that's very rare. Less than 5 percent of kids are walking to school because schools are further and further apart. And so you look at, even in the Grosse Pointe school district, which is talking about (school closures), it makes a big difference in what our quality of life is."

As for improvements along the Mack business corridor Grosse Pointe and Detroit share, Hollier talked of bringing about a common streetscape along Mack.

"So it's kind of like 'Field of Dreams,'" he said. "If you build it, peo-

ple will come and if you develop the systems and the infrastructure, all of those things happen."

Hollier added leaders in Lansing need to ensure local communities have the funding they need.

"It's all about local funding," he said. "So one of the biggest challenges that we have as a community is that we don't fund local government and municipalities in any way, shape or form to do the work they need to do. And as a result, they can't do what they need to do. So schools are underfunded. Police stations are underfunded."

Farms resident Erik Moin, an Independent, expressed his support for Hollier, emphasizing

Grosse Pointe support will be critical for winning the primary election.

"(Hollier) is definitely an overachiever," Moin said. "He's highly qualified. He has an incredible resume."

"What makes Grosse

Pointe special is Grosse Pointers consider themselves Detroiters, rather than suburbanites,"

Hollier told supporters gathered in the ball room.

"A strong Detroit is really critical for a strong Grosse Pointe."

## The Week Ahead

### THURSDAY, APRIL 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m. municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.

### TUESDAY, MAY 1

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park summer hours begin, daily 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Licavoli's Market, 20915 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### THURSDAY, MAY 3

◆ Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## Veteran, executive, author — 92-year-old has done it all

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Colin Wilkinson earned a great deal of attention a couple years ago when, at age 90, he wrote his first novel.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident got antsy in retirement and decided to give it a go. After three drafts, he finally finished "The Taste of Evil," a thriller inspired partly by his military experience.

While his authorship has been well received — he's putting the finishing touches on a sequel, for fans who requested one — writing is just the latest adventure on which the 92-year-old has embarked.

A natural storyteller, Wilkinson said he's always on the lookout, whether meeting new people or trying new experiences.

Born in Wallsend, England, Wilkinson was 14 when World War II broke out. His father, a reservist in the Royal Air Force, was called into duty and sent to Egypt.

"He was gone for most of the war," Wilkinson said. "I didn't really see my dad from age 15 to about age 20, which, when I think of all the things about the war, I missed having a dad around the most."

Wilkinson became anxious to join the war himself and lied about his age to do so. A crafty doctor got the truth out of him, but didn't squeal, Wilkinson said, so he was able to join the Royal Marines when he was 16. He went through recruit training and later was selected for officer school. "I became an officer in

the British Marines the month before my 18th birthday," he said. "And I was discharged as a captain before my 21st birthday. A proud moment for me when I did get home was wearing my uniform and my dad was wearing his uniform and I was the same rank he was. My dad was a flight lieutenant in the Air Force and I was a captain."

"I found out very quickly being a Marine and in charge of men — telling them what to do, what not to do — is very different than earning a living in the civilian world," he continued. "With the British equivalent of the GI bill, his majesty's government paid for my education. I took a course and got a bachelor of commerce degree, which is like a business degree, which qualified me to know all the answers to running an office."

Wilkinson was plunged into the working world, but a devastated economy made it difficult to maintain a job. He decided, at age 22, to explore the world. During his military service, he had been to "15 or 20 countries," inspiring a wanderlust he wanted to prolong.

"My parents were upset I was leaving home," he said. He promised to come back and found a place to stay in Canada. "Then something happened," he said. "I met a girl and I got married, so I never went back except on trips."

With his first wife, Dorothy, Wilkinson had three daughters — Anne, Victoria and Pamela. They settled in Canada, where he got a job with an



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Colin Wilkinson became a first-time author at age 90. He's currently putting the finishing touches on his sequel.

oil company, then with Chrysler Canada. Auto industry cutbacks in the mid-1950s led to Wilkinson exploring his employment options and he eventually was offered a job with Michigan Medical Service, a precursor to Blue Shield. Though he wasn't thrilled with the idea of living in Windsor and working in Detroit, he loved the job and stayed 25 years.

After seven years in Canada, he and his family relocated.

"It was a simple decision to move to Michigan, but it was a hard implementation," he said.

"Dorothy and I came over here and settled on a home in Grosse Pointe Park, which everybody said at the time was going downhill. Here we are 40 years later and they still say the same thing — but it looks pretty good to me."

After several years with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Wilkinson was offered a job as president and CEO of Blue Ribbon, a BCBS subsidiary.

"I jumped at the chance of starting something new," he said. "Doing things new and exciting is definitely part of my blood."

"While I worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield, I ended up in charge of the auto national program," Wilkinson said. "The department grew and grew. It was very interesting work. I enjoyed those years very much."

Eventually, because of "the politics of Lansing," Wilkinson found himself out of a job. He was 63 and decided to take an early retirement, but that didn't last long. Instead, he started his own insurance business. Then he started another.

Shortly before he retired, his wife passed away. He then met, Jacqui, whom he later married, and became stepfather to her sons, Steven and Daniel. In retirement, he handed over the businesses to two of the kids.

"They did quite well with those companies," he said, "and I did much better driving a boat."

Wilkinson's interest in boating started during his military service.

"My unit ended up taking the Japanese surrender in Hong Kong," he said. "Hong Kong is made up of islands. Our commanding officer was thinking there would be a few wild Japanese hanging around on different islands. We needed a boat to take patrols out to the different islands. We got a boat from the Navy, an old fishing boat. It had a gun mounted on it, so it looked ferocious, but it didn't go fast. We couldn't catch anybody, but we scared them off. That's what got me started on boating."

The former Grosse Pointe Yacht Club member set sail after retire-

ment; he and Jacqui spent a year going south.

"If we liked a place, we stopped and got the bicycles out and cycled around and visited towns and family," he said. "One time we were guarded by a pod of dolphins — 10 or 12 dolphins that swam along the side as we came into Hilton Head Harbor. ... So we decided to stay. We moved into a house that was almost completed."

"We went all the way down to Key West on the boat," he continued. "We met somebody interested in buying a boat, so we sold it down there because we were so into golf at Hilton Head and couldn't do both. The last picture of us on the boat, we're sitting on the deck, drinking martinis and crying."

The Wilkinsons lived in Florida a while and took three cross-country motorhome trips. A fourth trip was planned, but Wilkinson got sick. Surgery to remove a tumor, part of his lung and one rib called for extensive recovery. They moved back to Michigan, eventually settling in Grosse Pointe Farms, just down the street from where he and his wife currently live, American House at Cottage.

Wilkinson has a hard time considering himself retired, especially because he's still wants to write. He finds himself inspired by the "cast of characters" at American House.

"In reality, I still want to write," he said. "I've got a murder mystery in mind. Those kinds of things are fun to me. I hope my

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## Lakeshore Optimist Club awards high school students

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe recently hosted its annual club-level oratorical contest at The War

Memorial. Students from Pierce Middle School, coached by teacher Susan Quinn, participated in the contest. Each

student presented a 4-minute speech covering the topic, "Where are my roots of optimism." A panel of judges eval-

uated the presentations based on poise, effectiveness, content and delivery. Winners of the contest were as follows:

Gold medal: Aleena Siddiqui

Silver medal: Olivia Yoo

Co-Bronze medals: Jerry Xia and Maeve Perkins

First-place club winners go on to compete in an Optimist Zone competition. Top finishers there move on to district regional and district competitions, where scholarships are given to the first-, second- and third-place winners. District winners go on to compete in regional and world competitions, where additional scholarships are awarded.

The Lakeshore



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From left, Kent Comer, Lakeshore Optimist Club; Ken Mokray, Lakeshore Optimist Club; medalists Aleena Siddiqui, Jerry Xia, Maeve Perkins and Olivia Yoo; and Deborah Renshaw, Lakeshore Optimist Club.

Optimist Club meets 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at The War Memorial. All are welcome to attend for fellowship and guest speakers

and to learn about the club's contributions to the community. More information is available at facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists and lakeshoreoptimist.com.

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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Harassment

A 64-year-old Redford Township man is accused of harassing a Farms woman with unwanted telephone calls Sunday, April 22. The woman said the suspect, her ex-husband, has been calling repeatedly the last month and has left 21 messages since mid-March.

She said she has not been answering the calls, texting or emailing the suspect, but the messages have left her worried for her safety.

She also said she has taken out multiple personal protective orders against the man, which he has violated numerous occasions.

## Neighbor dispute

A resident in the 400 block of Roland Court filed a complaint against his backyard neighbor 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22. The complainant said his backyard fence was replaced without his consent or knowledge.

City officials inspected the fence and informed the complainant, besides not pulling the proper permits, the fence complied with city code.

Police informed the complainant it is a civil matter and should be dealt with through the city offices or courts.

## Lock your car

Items from two vehicles parked in a driveway in the 200 block of Vendome were stolen overnight Saturday, April 21, to Sunday, April 22. A gray iPod and \$12 in quarters were taken.

## Lock your bike

An unlocked bicycle was stolen from the bike racks at Grosse Pointe South High School during the day Friday, April 20.

## Thwarted larceny from auto

A 60-year-old Park man was working in a backyard in the 200 block of Ridge when he noticed an unknown person rummaging through his work truck parked on Vendome approximately 4 p.m. Friday, April 20.

The suspect saw the Park man running toward the truck and jumped into a waiting minivan, which drove toward Kercheval, then Moross.

The Park man was hit by the van as it sped off

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health will allow me to continue, but it does seem when you get to be 92, you never know if you're going to wake up in the morning."

Wilkinson, who was an active member at Christ Church Grosse Pointe until he gave up his driver's license at age 91, has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He's still searching for his next new adventure, even if it's just putting words on a page. And he won't let his age hold him back.

"You get to a point — around 85 or so — when you think, that's a pretty good old age," he said. "When you get there, you don't hide your age; you brag about it."

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and sustained minor injuries.

## Not mine

A resident spotted a man attempting to break into a car on Piche approximately 6:30 a.m. Friday, April 20. Police were unable to locate the suspect, but found the car's window broken, ignition punched out, items strewn across the vehicle and a large rock on the driver's side floorboard. The owner of the vehicle said the rock was not hers.

— Anthony Viola

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Takeout taken

An unknown person stole a package from a porch in the 800 block of Nottingham between 1 and 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 11. The package contained a "plated dinner" of snap pea risotto, shrimp scampi and chocolate lava cake.

## OWI

A 57-year-old Park man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 6 p.m. Monday, April 16, on Audubon at Kercheval. The man was involved in a one-car accident and was deemed to be intoxicated.

## Pink shoes pilfered

A package was stolen from a porch in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield between 10:40 and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 17. The package contained a pair of pink shoes.

## Catalytic converter stolen

A catalytic converter was stolen from a 2003 Chevy in the 1300 block

of Maryland between 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, and 8 a.m. Thursday, April 19.

## Lock your car

An unknown person stole items from multiple unlocked cars in the 1300 blocks of Harvard and Grayton overnight Friday, April 20, to Saturday, April 21.

## Smashed

A resident in the 1100 block of Lakepointe found the rear window of his 2008 Ford smashed the morning of Sunday, April 22.

## iLeft it right there

An unknown person stole an iPhone from a porch in the 1400 block of Nottingham approximately 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22. The victim said they left the phone on the porch.

— Anthony Viola

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Entering &amp; borrowing

Officers investigated a house in the 600 block of Anita when a woman reported the suspected breaking and entry of her aunt's house at 7:34 p.m. Tuesday, April 17.

She discovered her aunt's door open and a light on in the basement.

Responding officers found no signs of forced entry and were able to speak with the aunt, who said her nurse might have left the door open. She added a 28-year-old family member was using her house and borrowing her car without her permission.

She suspected him also of taking money from her purse.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Hard stop

When a patrolling officer stopped a driver speeding at 67 mph on Lakeshore approximately 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, the vehicle stopped abruptly near Willow Tree Place over the curb, striking a utility pole.

The officer observed the driver with blood on his lip and detected intoxicants.

A medic treated the man and transported him to St. John Hospital & Medical Center before releasing him for holding at Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety.

The man was charged with a second offense of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license and driving without proof of insurance.

## Door ajar

Officers responded to a report from a homeowner on Stonehurst, who found her rear door opened after she was out with her dog 1:30 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 20.

The sliding door was opened 1 to 2 inches with the locking mechanism engaged, preventing the door from

opening further or closing.

Officers found the door off the track and noticed pry marks on the molding, the door jam damaged and scuff marks on the base plate of the frame.

They found no other signs of attempted entry or entry gained.

— Melissa Walsh

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Garage bandits

◆ A weed whacker was stolen from a garage in the 800 block of St. Clair sometime between February and Friday, April 20. The victim said he noticed his garage door open two feet April 20, and discovered the weed whacker missing.

◆ A woman's white bicycle was reported missing from an unlocked garage Thursday, April 19, in the 600 block of Grosse Pointe Court.

— Anthony Viola

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I SAY By Melissa Walsh

# Truth-telling: Lessons in 'voir dire'



**D**uring my years raising four boys, when I discovered the vase broken, the big-screen TV cracked or Nerf-gun ammo jammed in the printer, I wanted the truth. With the authority of my mom voice, I would ask my young sons, "What happened? Who did this?"

To me, all four of those sweet and squirrely boys looked concurrently innocent and guilty. I needed judge and jury to get to the truth. Instead, I followed law of matriarchy and took punitive action against all four with a swift sentencing of no video games or no des-

sert. There was no time to consider them innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

Since rejoining the Grosse Pointe News as a staff writer in September, I've covered cases in the courtrooms of eight judges. I witnessed all eight as articulate and authoritative while displaying patience and compassion to those standing before them. I've seen mercy preeminently in a judge's humane, respectful treatment of victims, witnesses and the accused.

And though judges are human and therefore not immune to bias, they are sophisticatedly aware of explicit and implicit biases and set a benchmark for taming bias in their courtroom.

If your work involves the courts or you've served on a jury, you're familiar with the de-biasing process for consider-

ing facts and telling truth known as "voir dire" — paramount for achieving fairness and impartiality in a trial.

The term originates from the oath a juror takes to tell the truth and is used in the jury selection process. In the United States it also refers to the examination of expert witnesses.

Cross examination, getting at the truth, is also a form of voir dire.

As critical voir dire is for court officers from the bench and the bar, so is it also relevant for those engaged in news — reporters and consumers. This demands removing personal likes and dislikes, conjecture, sympathies, prejudices and stereotypes.

When adding or removing a graph in a news article, I must ask myself, "Am I including or excluding this information due to my bias?"

A judge presides over the finding of fact in a case and what the law prescribes given the facts. He or she oversees the "balance of probabilities" — the onus for a plaintiff's burden of proof in civil cases — and "evidence beyond reasonable doubt" — the People's onus in criminal cases.

I don't think judges look for a tell, as a poker player would. Judges hone in on, not so much the lie, but consistency, verifiable fact, justice and humanity.

Sometimes righteous anger will cause a judge to lose their cool. One chewed out a defense attorney for "standing in" for the sentencing of a young man facing years in prison.

"A defendant deserves to have his attorney there next to him at his sentencing, not someone he's never met," he

scolded.

But that was a bad morning for this judge, who discovered unverified statements made by a witness in an active criminal jury trial on his docket, potentially compromising impartiality the voir dire process worked to achieve days earlier during jury selection.

News due diligence includes heeding a judge's instructions pertaining to impartial, fair proceedings. In other words, reporters should not infect the outcome of voir dire by speaking with witnesses or jurors during a trial.

Serving the public demands this.

Privacy in off-the-court-transcript conversations in the courtroom should be honored as well. After all, isn't this hearsay? Unverifiable information — in other words, rumor, gossip and opining —

might pass as news in a tabloid, but not in a quality publication.

Like the puck patience of a skilled hockey player, a responsible reporter feeds news in a pass to readers with proper timing and accuracy, working to avoid sloppy plays to press. Allowing the story to mature scores truth in journalism.

My editor and hockey coach will attest that I've made mistakes in my execution on the page and on the ice, but continue to support me in improving my aim.

Last week, a circuit court judge said, "You're only as good as your last ruling."

And I'm only as good as my last article.

And so are consumers in reading and responding to news — accepting what a reporter writes as fact-based evidence or moving to strike from the record of memory.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1943

75 years ago this week

**COAST GUARD RESERVES TO GET NEW BOATS:** The government is building a fleet of fast Coast Guard patrol boats of which the Detroit district will receive a substantial share.

Currently, a collection of power boats of every conceivable power and speed and description have been guarding the waterway fronting Detroit and the Grosse Pointe area.

The majority of the

boats have been donated by private owners making a patriotic contribution.

**RESIDENTS PROTEST:** The Vanco Machine and Engineering Company requested a permit from the Park to construct an addition to its plant at Charlevoix and Maryland. The permit was granted.

Soon thereafter residents began to object to the addition which would fall to within two feet of the sidewalk blocking residents' view toward Charlevoix and posing a traffic hazard as well due to limited sight lines.

It was decided to postpone further action until meeting with the business owner and obtaining assurances to remove the addition within six months after the war.

turn signals, windshield wipers — to determine its safety.

In the six hours of inspections, 142 vehicles were checked. Ninety-eight cars, or 69 percent, failed to meet safety specifications.

**CITY POLICE NAB SCHOOL VANDALS:** City police located the culprits who have been committing acts of vandalism at Maire School the past few weeks, breaking 42 windows and damaging screens on the school's portable classrooms.

The vandals were two 11-year-old boys police rounded up after receiving a call reporting juveniles breaking windows at the school.

perspective he has gleaned from discussions on the sales tax ballot question is not that the library will be a burden on the schools, but the schools will be a burden on the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

**PARK REFUSES TO REQUIRE RESIDENTS TO DISCONNECT DOWNSPOUTS:** The Park City Council, against the advice of its combined sewage overflow committee, rejected a proposal requiring residents to disconnect their downspouts from the city's sewer system.

The committee recommended council file the proposed ordinance for future consideration because it would help alleviate flooding along Fox Creek.

an open forum for residents to ask questions.

**LACK OF DREDGING MAY LEAD TO BOATS DOCKING ELSEWHERE:** Grosse Pointe Woods residents who dock boats at Lake Front Park that draw more than four feet of water may have to make different docking arrangements this summer.

Dredging will not be done at the park marina prior to the boating sea-

son, affecting about 10 boats typically docked at the park.

While the city allocated \$20,000 for dredging this year, the work was not done prior to the April 15 expiration of permits. The city had planned to save on dredging costs by combining operations with St. Clair Shores, but the plan hit a snag with the disposal of dredging spoils.

—Karen Fontanive

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tion could be realized if I were to reduce to a 3/4-inch meter. After some gyrations I was able to pull a permit and engaged a plumber. As an aside, it is possible to pull your own permit instead of having your plumber charge you for it.

So I now have a 3/4-inch meter. The old meter charge was \$182. My new meter charge is only \$45. You do the math. Over a year it is a very significant savings. My golf is more than paid for.

I should note I have a sprinkler line to the backyard that is an inch and a half and there is no degradation whatsoever to my sprinklers. As it happens, that line was the source of the leak.

My plumber did a fantastic job and did it for an extremely reasonable price. I suspect he could be very busy if other homeowners in my situation performed the same action.

My thanks to Paul for the service he is pursuing for the good of the public. It may be instructive to further note the charge for the bigger meter increased from \$79 in March 2016 to \$182 in November 2017.

Something to think about.

ROY KOEPPE  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### 1968

50 years ago this week

**CARS FAIL INSPECTIONS:** Grosse Pointe Woods motorists were waved to a vehicle inspection check lane conducted by Michigan State Police at Mack and Lochmoor.

Troopers gave each car a thorough going over to check equipment — such as mufflers, headlights,

### 1993

25 years ago this week

**DISTRICT LIBRARY POSSIBLE:** Based on concerns about state Proposal A's impact on the library millage, which is part of the school district's millage rate, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Ed Shine asked the board of education to authorize discussions with local municipalities.

Shine told the board the

### 2008

10 years ago this week

**SHORES: TOWNSHIP TO CITY:** There are several necessary steps to change from the township to city form of government in Michigan.

While village officials have been putting their ducks in a row for a May 6 village vote, residents have expressed concerns over the process, including why there was never

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# Planting seeds of diversity and inclusion

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Early in her one-year tenure as president of the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School, MaryJo Harris looked for ways to directly support students within the club's formal mission of supporting scholarship, enrichment and preservation programs.

"In the beginning of the school year, I met with the administration and asked what are some of the issues facing high school students, one of them being mental health issues of depression and stress and suicide and the other one being diversity issues within the school," Harris said.

To this end, she arranged presentations at two general membership meetings. Counselors addressed mental health issues, including anxiety and suicide awareness, at a meeting in the fall.

The focus of the April 18 meeting was diversity and inclusion. Maureen Krasner and Sharon Whitney Boykin, co-chairs of the diversity and inclusion committee, invited Maureen Bur, director of secondary education, to talk about district initiatives and the curriculum review process. In addition, four students from S.E.E.D.S. — Student Empowerment Education for a Diverse Society — shared personal experiences about why they've committed to anti-racism activism in and outside school.

The presentation concluded with an original rap by senior Rockim Williamson on "The Other America" inspired by the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Grosse Pointe.

According to Krasner, the diversity and inclusion committee, new to the Mothers' Club this year, grew out of dual efforts from the district to make the curriculum more inclusive and from students to make the school a more welcoming community.

"My goal is to have fathers and mothers and any kind of guardian parental unit feel like (the Mothers' Club) is a place for them," she said. "The idea is that if there are groups, whether they be special needs or LGBTQ or any religious — Jewish, Muslim — or anything related to race, gender identification, anything like that, we want there to



Above, S.E.E.D.S. members, from left, Harry Susalla, Demetrius Ford, Maren Roeske and Isaac Kado presented to the Mothers' Club at its April 18 general membership meeting. Above right, Rockim Williamson performed an original rap inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, "The Other America."



PHOTOS BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

be a place in the Mothers' Club that people know they can go to be heard."

Whitney Boykin said she agreed to co-chair the committee with Krasner to be a more active participant with the Mothers' Club. She hopes to invite other minority parents in keeping with the committee's goal to involve more parents from different backgrounds.

Demetrius Ford, Isaac Kado, Maren Roeske and Harry Susalla discussed their work through S.E.E.D.S. — a year-long program with 30 students admitted out of more than 100 applicants from all four grade levels — to promote diversity and combat racism through their involvement in clubs and activities both in and outside school.

The broader social focus of S.E.E.D.S., according to Ford, is "to show the perpetuation of racism in our community." He applied to the program to help "white students unlearn their individual racism (and) ... students of color understand how to dismantle the system of racism they are subjected to. From this individual growth, S.E.E.D.S. ensures that the future leaders of our communities can navigate racism and create broader societal and institutional change."

For Ford, overhearing conversations among peers about things demonstrating lack of understanding of how these topics might offend him has made him uncomfortable during his time at South.

"It's so hurtful that people don't understand the kinds of experience I have to go through," he said, including "talk about how black women are not beautiful. Which is very

hurtful to me because my mother is such a beautiful woman and my family consists of all beautiful women. Everyone is beautiful in my eyes. ... This is one reason why I got involved in this work is to show people the beauty in other people so that they can see what I can see and they can possibly learn from my experiences."

"I haven't had a problem finding friends at South because I like to keep my circle relatively close," said Kado, "but that has never changed the fact that at any of my classes at South, I've never been able to look at another kid and think to myself, Oh yeah, he kind of looks like me a little bit. I've always been the Arab kid in my class. The kid who always had to answer questions like, Why don't you pray five times a day? Or: So where are you really from? I've had to bite my lip my entire life and answer those types of questions because my peers don't know any better because they haven't been exposed to any other races or ethnicities other than white, really, and they haven't been educated to Arab people in their lifetimes."

Kado founded the Arabic Culture Club his sophomore year because he "figured if our curriculum was not going to teach our students about the rich heritage and culture that my people came from, then I would. I became motivated to make sure there would be no other kid that was tokenized in their classroom like I have been my entire life. That's what pushed me to continue to work and help my co-facilitators create S.E.E.D.S. It's been an amazing program where

we've been able to start a conversation about these tough topics.

"Our program has given students the opportunity to learn and unlearn their roles in all of this, which has been incredible to see," he continued. "We've seen so many kids whose eyes have been opened to microaggressions or certain things that they do

that maybe they didn't think would be harmful to any other students, but that's because they've never had an experience to realize that those things they're saying or doing are actually harmful. This initiative goes way beyond college applications and just checking a box off. It affects our generation in the way that we interact

and mix with all people in our society, not just people from Grosse Pointe."

Susalla shared results from a survey the four seniors and fellow students from South as well as Grosse Pointe North High School conducted in a partnership with the University of Michigan last year.

"Here are some of the things that we found," he said, quoting from the survey. "Students think prejudice and discrimination are problems. Students do not feel comfortable reporting prejudice or discrimination to staff. Teachers do not know how to handle sensitive discussions and most students strongly believe we should be talking more about diversity."

The students dismissed the notion the actions they have undertaken — often referred to as social justice — should be viewed as partisan political actions or political indoctrination.

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## Teacher of THE WEEK

### Dorothy Wrosch

**School:** Richard Elementary School  
**Years at Richard:** 18  
**Grade/Subject:** Grade 4  
**Nominated by:** Mary MacDonald-Barrett, principal

**Principal's quote:**

"Throughout Dorothy Wrosch's career, she has taught multiple grade levels and remains dedicated to her students and has high expectations for them. She creates a warm atmosphere in her classroom and is always cheerful. Dorothy is always willing to help out a colleague and willing to go the extra mile for anyone who needs her."

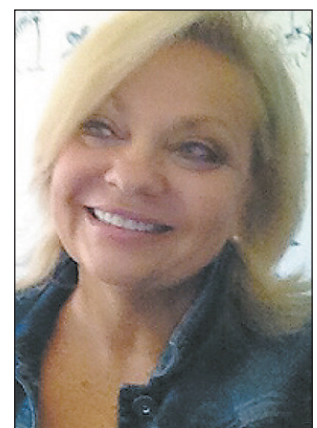
**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

There is a lot I love about teaching. I experience delight when watching children finally "get" a new concept they have been struggling to understand. For me, it's akin to lighting a candle in a darkened room. In my classroom I enjoy providing a welcoming place for students to gain skills and knowledge to help them become innovative problem solvers and catalysts for change. Having the opportunity to add color and design to the minds of children who will influ-

ence the future world, is a fulfilling experience like no other. What I like most, though, is making a meaningful connection with each unique personality in my care. The bottom line is, I just enjoy the art of teaching. What a privilege!

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

A teacher is defined as someone who gives instruction and communicates skills. Although those are intrinsic aspects of the profession, they certainly aren't all inclusive. My lessons are grounded in the curriculum, with flexibility and teachable moment discoveries in mind. For example, in social studies, when teaching about USA cultural regions, I mentioned where and why different styles of music developed. The children's curiosity was piqued, so to immediately satisfy their interest, I quickly located and played videos of jazz musicians such as Louis Armstrong and Cab Calloway, Blues singers B.B. King and Ray Charles, and many more musical artists.



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**Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.**

There hasn't been one person who inspired my teaching. Fortunately, I have had the honor and privilege to witness many teachers in the past 28 years whose strategies, creativity, ideas, skills and dedication seemed to know no bounds. I have learned and continue to learn from them every day.

**Favorite quote:**

Michelle Pfeiffer said that being an actor allows her, with every new character, to learn something new, immersing herself in a distinct universe with each project. To me, teaching provides a similar experience but it's more fulfilling because of the deep connection I feel with each precious child.



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# Girl power

## North rocketry team advances to nationals

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Their team name is Grosse Pointe North Norse Force Girls and they're a force to be reckoned with.

The five-member all-girls' rocketry team at Grosse Pointe North High School was among 100 teams across the country and four teams from Michigan qualifying for the Team America Rocketry Challenge in Washington, D.C., Saturday, May 12. Top teams, announced April 6, included four teams from Michigan, including another North team coached by parent Mark Supal.

Juniors Polly Fitzgerald and Claire Williams serve as Norse Force Girls' team captains. Remaining team members are juniors Jill Peters and Shannon Flores and sophomore Kamaria Chambers. The rocketry club is an outgrowth of North's chem-

istry club, which the girls participate in as well. Chemistry teacher Steve Kosmas advises both, with two rocketry teams under his guidance — the all-girls' team and an all-boys' team.

Last year the Norse Force Girls came in 110th in the country and placed as an alternate.

Experience, hard work and perseverance made the difference this year, as the girls sought the best score for the rocket they built while meeting the parameters set out for this year's competition.

"They worked very hard and were highly organized and worked as a team so everything was excellent," said Kosmas.

"Part of it I think was just a drive to beat the boys' team," said Williams. "They were doing it too and then every time they had a successful launch, we were like, OK, ours has to be better. We're just competitive people, it doesn't matter who."

The contest challenges students to design, build and fly a rocket to safely carry a payload of two raw eggs to a specific alti-



Far left, at a test rocket launch are team members, from left, Polly Fitzgerald, Claire Williams, Shannon Flores, Kamaria Chambers and Jillian Peters. Left, team members ready their rocket for a test launch.

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tude and back within a certain amount of time. The rules and scoring parameters change each cycle to challenge the students' ingenuity and encourage a fresh approach to rocket design, according to the TARC website.

This year's desired height is 800 feet and time duration 41 to 43 seconds, measured from the moment of rocket lift-off until the rocket lands. The target flight altitude is measured by an onboard electronic altimeter. Each foot above or below or second outside the time range is a deduction of one point, according to the girls.

"It's basically a game of adjusting stuff after every launch," Fitzgerald said.

The team qualified based on the sum of dura-

tion and altitudes scores from two local flights conducted in front of Kosmas, a qualified flight observer. Kosmas verified the flight was conducted within event rules and the egg payload was uncracked after the flight.

"We learn a lot of things about physics from just doing (the launch)," said Williams. "Velocity comes into play and how adding weight to the rocket affects the height and how the different diameters of the parachute affects the time with which it can come down."

While the team had to contend with Michigan weather during testing and qualification launches, the girls hope ultimately their experience making adjustments to wind and other elements will put them at an advantage.

The Team America Rocketry Challenge, sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association and the National Association of Rocketry, is the world's largest student rocket contest and a key piece of the aerospace and defense industry's strategy to build a stronger U.S. workforce in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Approximately 5,000 students from across the nation vie for a spot in national competition each year. Top placing teams split more than \$100,000 in cash and scholarships and the overall winning team will travel to Europe to compete in the International Rocketry Challenge at the Paris Air Show in July.

## Week Ahead

APRIL 23 - MAY 4

Grosse Pointe North High School's Band & Orchestra is hosting a used instrument donation for the instrumental music program. Drop off instruments in Room C-101 at North, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. with evening hours Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Instruments should be in playing condition. Donations will be used by North students or sold to a third party to generate money to purchase new instruments for the school. All donations are tax deductible.

APRIL 26-29

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School's all-school musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," opens Thursday at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets, available at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org), Posterity Framing and Printing in The Village and at the door, are \$15 for lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens. Gold cards are accepted. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

# Gearheads gear up for world championship

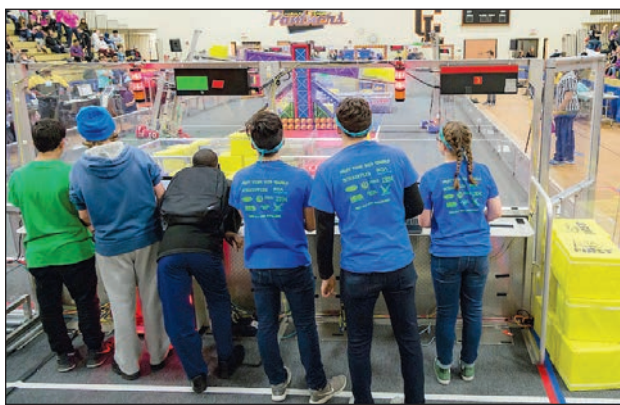
By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

For the first time, the FIRST Robotics World Competition is coming to Detroit, providing an opportunity for the Grosse Pointe community to come out and support its local robotics team.

The Gearheads, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools' combined robotics team, qualified for international competition for only the second time in the team's 15-year history.

Standout performances in district competitions in Belleville and Centerline resulted in the team accruing enough points to qualify in spite of a disappointing performance at the state championships at Saginaw Valley State University April 11 to 14, according to team mentor Eileen Reickert. Triton, the robot, suffered some damage in the preliminary matches, putting the team in 23rd place.

"We were unfortunately unable to compete in the playoffs, but due to our



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The Gearheads competed in the FIRST Robotics Center Line district competition March 9 to 10.

excellent district performances in Belleville and Centerline, we have earned enough points to qualify for Worlds and we are honored to go and represent our school and state," Reickert wrote in an email.

Qualifying for states was a feat in itself; with 508 teams, Michigan has the most high school FIRST robotics teams in the country, Reickert said. Only 160 top teams competed in Saginaw.

The Gearheads excelled in each of the district events, winning the

Chairman's award at Centerline March 8 to 10, and advancing to the finals, and placing first in Belleville March 22 to 24. The team also won the Safety Award as well as the Innovation and Control Award for programming.

The Chairman's award is the most prestigious award the organization gives out and is based on what the team does for community outreach and to promote STEM and the FIRST Robotics organization in the community, according to team business co-captain Ritika

Pansare. To compete for this award, teams give a 7-minute presentation to a panel of judges, followed by a 5-minute question-and-answer session. Team members Pansare, Ponette Rubio and Ben Uram gave the presentation.

Pansare was named a semi-finalist on the Dean's List at Centerline as well one of 15 finalists on the Dean's List at the state championship. She will compete to be named one

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Students advance to international DECA competition

Nine students from Grosse Pointe high schools headed to Atlanta, Ga., for the DECA International Career Development Conference, the highlight of the DECA year, April 21 to 24. Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high school DECA teams competed at the 2018 Michigan DECA State Career Development Conference at the Cobo Center in early March. In addition to competing against more than 4,000 DECA members from throughout the state, participants had the opportunity to meet business professionals while vying for a spot at the international conference.

From North, John Godoshian and Sonny Mulpuri competed and won as state champions in the Financial Services Team Decision-making event; Kaitlyn Kolk, Julia Becker and Nate Davis earned a gold medal for their business plan — “a very well-written 50-page document,” according to their adviser, Brian Levinson — they put together for North’s student-run school store; and Christian Eckerman achieved the fourth highest score in Michigan on the state DECA exam, earning him a personal invitation from the state direc-

tor to compete at the international conference in the Accounting Applications event, according to Levinson. Students from South won a total of 20 medals in the state competition, according to their adviser, William Cayo. Among 33 club members competing, 11 were finalists in their events and three qualified for the international competition. Adrian Doan was a state champion in the Food Marketing Series event; Erica Fossee was a state champion in the Business Finance Series; and Molly Baerman earned admission to the senior leadership program.

In addition to competitive events, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of leadership and career advancing academies. Founded in 1946, DECA has more than 3,500 high school chapters preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. Participation in DECA provides members opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom through innovative challenges in partnership with corporate partners.

— Mary Anne Brush

District releases school calendar

The Grosse Pointe Public School System announced major breaks for the 2018-19 school year, with additional days to be determined once teacher contracts are negotiated.

“We’re grateful to the Grosse Pointe Education Association for releasing these major breaks ahead of time because we have so many parents who have to put in their vacation time in advance,” said GPPSS Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon.

The district works with the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency to coordinate a common calendar in the region. This is in response to the state’s request for a more efficient coordination of materials and resources regionally.

For example, Wayne County has chosen spring break to fall the first week of April regardless of when Easter falls, Fannon said.

“We recognize that in our community we still have a large portion of the community that celebrates Easter and so we have chosen to continue to have Good Friday off

at least no matter when spring break falls.”

The 2018-19 school calendar includes 180 days of student instruction. The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 4.

◆ No school for students (staff reports) Election Day, Nov. 6.

◆ No school for students or staff Wednesday, Nov. 21, to Friday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving.

◆ Winter break runs Saturday, Dec. 22 to Tuesday, Jan. 1. Staff and students return Wednesday, Jan. 2.

◆ No students or staff on Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 21.

◆ Midwinter break begins Saturday, Feb. 16. Students and staff return to school Monday, Feb. 25.

◆ Spring break begins Saturday, March 30. Students and staff return to school Monday, April 8.

◆ No school for students or staff Friday, April 19 (Good Friday).

◆ No school for staff or students Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

◆ Final day for students and staff (half day) Friday, June 14.

Still to be added to the calendar are conferences, half days and teacher duty days.

— Mary Anne Brush

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of 10 Dean’s Award winners worldwide.

Co-captains this season are Josh O’Grady and Chris Fong. The drive team is Josh Rigotti, driver; Evan Reickert, operator; Trinity Diehlee, technician; Chloe Skiles, human player and drive captain, Chris Fong. The faculty coach/adviser is North teacher Jason Wolfsen and the team enjoys the help of a number of mentors, including fabrication and build mentor and past parent Jeffrey Santrock, a

senior technical expert for global product development at General Motors.

The free three-day world championships April 25 to 28 at the Cobo Center are “a must see for anyone aged 5 to 95 who loves STEM and has an inquisitive mind,” Reickert wrote. “You will see and meet in the pits teams from all over the world — elementary through high school students all engaged in and excited about exploring STEM.”

“It’ll be a lot of fun,” said Pansare. “Hopefully we’ll get a lot of people from the community and schools to come and watch.”



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The Gearheads won the Belleville district event as Alliance Captain on the second-place alliance after two days of competition, ultimately winning in the finals.

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“Social justice is centered around empathy and caring about others, not around being a

Republican or a Democrat,” Roeske said. “You can choose to be Republican or Democrat,” said Ford. “I can choose to be Republican or Democrat, but I can’t choose to be

black. Maren can’t choose to be a woman. Isaac can’t choose to be Arab. Harry can’t choose to be gay. We don’t get to choose to do this work. It is not a choice; it is out of necessity.”

“Racism in its component parts is dehumanization,” Roeske said. “It’s the act of white people dehumanizing minorities for their own social and economic gain. ... When you cut off your

ability to see another person as a person, you also cut off your own humanity.”

“The antithesis of racism is radical humanization. It is radical empathy,” she continued.

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## Hearty harvesting



A portion of the produce yielded in past years.

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## Backyard Community Garden seeks help for ninth season

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When the Backyard Community Garden first found a home in Grosse Pointe Park, the excitement for a community garden drew 45 people to the team. They started on two lots and took over a third before the season was over.

“There wasn’t one single nutrient in the ground,” said Mary Martin, an original member still involved with the garden. “We didn’t see a worm the whole first year. We spent an incredible amount of time moving yard after yard of compost, manure and dirt.”

Added Mil Hurley, also an original member, “It really was a barren landscape when we started.”

Now on healthy soil, the garden has produced thousands of pounds of produce since 2010, thanks to the teamwork of dedicated individuals.

Grosse Pointe Park leases the land to the garden, also called The Backyard, which currently is down to using one plot of city-owned property at Mack and Wayburn. A second plot is at their disposal; however, with just 12 families working the land, they’re happy to downsize. At least that much has changed since 2010, when there was a waiting list of families hoping to help.

“The motivation was people wanted to grow their own organic produce and know where



Morgan Montagne, Meadow Montagne and Trulyn Doyle pull weeds in the raised garden beds.

their food was coming from,” said Martin, a Park resident. “And it’s educational for kids.”

The Park installed an irrigation system on the land for the garden. It also supplies mulch throughout the season and allows gardeners the use of a nearby garage.

“We’ve had a great partnership with Grosse Pointe Park,” Hurley said. “That’s been a real asset.”

Added Martin, “They’ve been extremely supportive since day one.”

However, the garden sits on prime real estate and The Backyard volunteers are looking for a new home, preferably on at least a half acre, if not more, Martin said.

For now, volunteers are well prepared for the season to come. All ages are welcome to work in the garden, which currently has set hours noon to 2 p.m. Sundays.

“Folks in the neighborhood — Grosse Pointe and Detroit — come to garden,” Hurley said. “We invite folks to join

us, but the key is, you have to work it to have the benefit of the produce. That’s our system: We are all working in the garden and we all benefit from the produce.”

The garden operates April to November and as early as mid-April, volunteers were pulling parsnips from the ground. A crop of garlic also is coming up.

“Garlic does not care about cold or snow,” Martin said. “Parsnips could care less about winter either. Plenty of years, we walked into fresh kale, too.”

Planting begins in a couple weeks and until the ground warms, gardeners use rain barrels and hand watering to sate their crops. Thirty different crops are planned this year, including carrots, onions, leeks, green and yellow beans, tomatoes, rutabagas, parsnips, lettuce, spinach, radishes, cucumbers, potatoes and a variety of herbs. One peach tree from the group’s former orchard



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From left, original members Mil Hurley and Mary Martin stand with this year’s garden leader Matt Montagne.

remains as well.

There isn’t much The Backyard hasn’t tried. The group has experimented with ways to grow plants, including vertically. They do a crop rotation, so the soil stays amended, Martin said, and they do some companion planting, as well as yield second and third crops. Chemicals or sprays are a no-no and it’s rare to have any type of infestation. Most crops do well; some have failed.

“Fleshy, pulpy things bring critters, so we don’t do any of those,” Martin said. “We try to be as mindful as we can that we’re in a neighborhood. Same with compost —

we tried it, it attracted rats, so no more compost.”

The Backyard was home to bee hives several years, but lost the hives this past winter. Volunteers hope to bring the apiary back next year. Once it’s time to harvest, Martin said volunteers have been known to spend all day pulling up produce.

“We put it on the tables and members take it as they want it,” she said. “Every year, you can expect 400 to 600 pounds of fresh produce per family. It’s insane how much food there is. Typically with most crops, you take as much as you want or

need. A few of the crops are limited, like garlic, so we divide it up equally.”

Membership is not limited to Grosse Pointe residents; all are welcome. Although the crops are condensed, the more the merrier, Martin said.

“I’d love to see this up to 15 or 20 (families),” said Matt Montagne, a Farms resident who’s in charge of the garden this year. “I hope we can bridge it to years past when membership was much more significant. It’s such a great resource for the community. I hope we can keep it going for kids and families and

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Longtime gardener Jack Howes looks over a past year’s crops.



Henry Doyle and Keaton Duda show off their parsnip harvest while Morgan Montagne holds leeks pulled from the garden early this week.

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# Farms native finishes first Boston Marathon

## Participation raises funds for Be Like Brit Foundation

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Gerard "GR" Dulac knows the significance of participating in the Boston Marathon. As a runner, he said, it's one of the most highly regarded marathons, drawing nearly 30,000 participants and 500,000 spectators each year.

But his participation in this year's race April 16 marked an even bigger footnote for the Grosse Pointe Farms native: He ran it as a charity entrant for the Be Like Brit Foundation.

"Be Like Brit was founded by Len and Cherylann Gengel to continue the work of their daughter, Britney, who died in the earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010, while on a service trip with her university," Dulac said. "Britney sent a text to her parents just hours before the earthquake, describing how much the work she was doing meant to her and how she wanted to start an orphanage there. Her parents decided to dedi-

cate their lives and resources to honoring her final wish and urging others to emulate her dedication."

Spring 2016, High Point University — where Dulac currently is a junior working toward a dual degree in psychology and nonprofit management — offered its first alternative spring break trip with Be Like Brit.

"This was an experience that I was incredibly fortunate to be a part of," Dulac said. "I, along with every other student on the trip, was impacted by the work we were able to accomplish. Through helping the Haitian workers build an earthquake-resistant home in the day and bonding and playing with the children in the orphanage at night, it was a trip like none other."

His experience there led him to apply to run the Boston Marathon on behalf of Be Like Brit. His entry was provided by John Hancock, which donates guaranteed



Dulac crosses the finish line at the 2018 Boston Marathon.



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Be Like Brit founder Cherylann Gengel and GR Dulac.

entries to select nonprofits.

"I've had the opportunity to work for many nonprofit organizations, but there are none I hold as highly as Be Like Brit," Dulac said. "It was truly an honor to be able to represent them in the Boston Marathon."

The 26.2-mile race was unlike anything the 21-year-old has experienced.

"While I was excited to have the chance to run in the marathon before the race started, this race specifically will go down as one of, if not, the most memorable race I will have ever the chance to run in my life," he said. "Most runners look forward to crossing the finish line to the roaring

cheers of the crowd; however, I crossed in silence."

Dulac recalled the Boston Marathon bombing five years ago, when at 2:49 p.m. April 15, 2013, the first bomb exploded at the finish line.

"This year, on April 16 at 2:49 p.m., I finished the race as the moment of silence began for the victims of the Boston bombings," he said. "Such an emotional finish is one that I will never forget and truly showed the meaning of resilience and being 'Boston Strong.'"

On top of the emotional

impact the race had on Dulac, it took a toll physically as well.

"With the weather in the 40s and rainy and with 25 to 30 mph wind gusts, nothing should have been easy about running Boston," Dulac said the day after the event. "However, running it for charity, in honor of Britney — and for the 66 boys and girls in the Be Like Brit orphanage — made the finish line seem 26 miles closer. Charity running makes everything so much easier and I would recommend it to anyone who is struggling to find the self-motivation to run a marathon. While it's great to run a marathon (or any race) for yourself, there's something about doing it for a higher cause that makes it that much better."

Dulac, the son of Gerard Dulac and Lisa Manz-Dulac, has two

brothers, TJ and Dominic. A runner since third grade, Dulac put in extra training in advance of Boston.

"In the past four months, I've been steadily building up my mileage, at times putting in close to 50 miles per week," he said. "After my longest training run a few weeks out from the race — 21 miles — I knew that I'd be able to complete the marathon," which he did with a time of 3:40:17.

Also prior to the race, Dulac was able to raise \$7,565 for the Be Like Brit Foundation — approximately \$2,500 short of his fundraising goal.

Donations continue to be collected through Thursday, May 31.

Learn more about the Be Like Brit Foundation at [belikebrit.org](http://belikebrit.org).

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### Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast welcomes Sam Buchanan, captain of the J.W. Westcott II, a U.S. Postal Service mail boat, to its next meeting, 8 a.m. Friday, April 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

The Ecumenical Breakfast hosts its 48th annual Husbands, Wives and Friends

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# An American tradition

## Community invited to May 6 hymn festival

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Celebrating the Easter season and all of its themes, St. James Lutheran Church presents "Journeying with the Risen Christ," a hymn festival honoring life-changing encounters, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

All are invited to partic-

ipate in the event, which includes singing, readings and organ music accompanied by choirs and instrumentalists.

"Hymn festivals are a tradition started by American organist Paul Manz, who started them in response to his congregating," said Michael Burkhardt, guest organist and director of the festi-

val. "He found they like to sing in the middle of an organ recital. Eventually, he started performing all the hymns as a festival. It often involves creative ways of doing things thought of as familiar — new ways to make old things come alive."

The program — led by a massed choir of singers from St. James, St. Paul

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia and several of Burkhardt's students at Eastern Michigan University — is a combination of concert, sing-along, readings and reflection. There are no

sermons or Communion. "We want it to be engaging and spark people's imagination and touch their hearts in a way that's new or different than what they're used to," Burkhardt said. "It's a unique phenomenon. There used to be lots of places where we would do communal singing. We don't have those kinds of opportunities — we're a busy culture these days. We don't have it as much even in worship spaces in the country. We've relegated singing to those who do it

best and it becomes like a spectator sport."

Burkhardt stressed the importance of continuing the tradition of music and singing, especially as the arts often are cut from schools.

"If we don't do it, it won't happen and our kids won't get to do it either," he said. "Our job is that we don't neglect sharing songs of the past with people and teaching new songs."

Burkhardt, a Farmington Hills resident, in

See HYMN, page 4B

# WEDDINGS

## Kish-Wilcox

Robert John Kish and Kyrian Reid Wilcox were married Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at Pillar Church in Holland. A reception at Baker Lofts Events, also in Holland, followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Arija and Todd Wilcox of Ada. The groom is the son of Amy and Ken Kish of Grosse Pointe Park.

The bride wore a silk dress with a sheer lace jacket. She carried a bouquet of white flowers with tropical mixed greenery and redwood twigs.

The bride's childhood best friend, Emily Farwell, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were friends, Kirstin Diepholz, Katherine Pittman, Samantha Stevens, Tori Viveen, Jessie Schuett and Laurel Hall and the groom's sister, Katie Kish.

Flower girls were the bride's friends from church, Ellery, Annie and

Leah Smit.

Attendants wore wine-colored, Bohemian-style dresses with a lace overlay. They carried bouquets of white and coral roses with hearty greens.

Richie Kish, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen were friends, Matt Baxter, Wes Cimmarrusti, Marty Moesta, Sam Starks, JR Duster and Zach Fex and the bride's brother, Kamaron Wilcox.

Serving as ushers were the groom's cousin, David Wittwer and friends Geoff Welsler, Aaron Mick and Connor Martinuzzi.

The bride earned a nursing degree from Hope College and is a registered nurse and photographer. The groom, who earned an engineering degree from Hope, is chief operating officer of a start-up company, Competitive Wedge.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and reside in Holland.

## Schneiter-West

Julie West and Branden Schneiter were married Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017, at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Milwaukee, Wis.

The Rev. Jewel Olson officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the center.

The bride is the daughter of Pat and Marty West of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Joanne Witkowski and Norm Schneiter of Plymouth, Wis.

The bride wore a Wtoo ivory textured tulle lace dress with a cathedral train and finger-tip length veil. She carried a bouquet of white and blush roses.

The bride's sister, Kathryn West Gaudino, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were friends, Rachel Woodburn, Kristen Remillet, Kristen Griffin and Donna Bereletich and the groom's sister, Brittany Schneiter.

Flower girl was the bride's friend, Ellie Cashen.

Attendants wore floor-length tan chiffon wrap dresses by Joanne August. They carried



Kyrian Wilcox and Robert Kish



Branden Schneiter and Julie West

bouquets of white and blush roses.

Kevin Hellman, the groom's friend, served as best man. Groomsmen were friends, Jacob Koepsell, James Kelling, Mark Trotter, Mitch Griffin and Kyle Gillman.

The groom's nephew, Landyn Schneiter, was the ringbearer.

The bride's friends, Ali Myszewski and Rachael Ruggles, were readers during the ceremony.

The bride, a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, earned a bachelor's

degree in business with an accounting major from Loyola University Chicago. She earned a master's degree in education from Marquette University in 2012. She is the director of student engagement at Mount Mary University in

Milwaukee.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is an accountant with Ohio Kilts LLC.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Glendale, Wis.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## Moran-Jansen

Beth and Joe Moran of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, William Thomas Moran, to Brittany Anne Jansen, daughter of Jane Jansen and the late Mark Jansen, of Chicago.

An October wedding is planned.

Mr. Moran earned a hospitality business degree from Michigan State University and a culinary arts degree from Johnson & Wales University, Denver. He is the director of operations for REAL GOOD JUICE Co. in Chicago.

Miss Jansen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in retail management from Michigan State University and is pursuing a master's degree in organizational leader-

ship through Penn State University. She is employed by the Hunt Club in Chicago.

## Shabo-Thomas

Katherine Mary Shabo, daughter of Akram and Holly Shabo of Sterling Heights, and Christopher Nolan Thomas, son of David W. and Lisa Thomas of Grosse Pointe Farms, announce their engagement.

An October wedding is planned.

Miss Shabo graduated 2010 from Sterling Heights High School. Mr. Thomas, a 2009 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Both are employed by eMortgage Funding LLC in West Bloomfield.

Brittany Jansen and William Moran

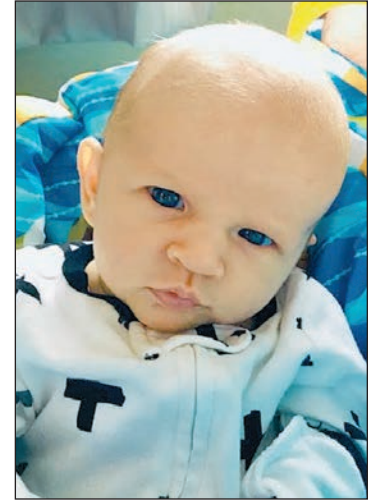


Katherine Shabo and Christopher Thomas

# BIRTHS

## Isabel Joy MacKenzie

Bryan and Sarah MacKenzie of Milwaukee, Wis., announce the birth of their daughter, Isabel Joy MacKenzie, Feb. 7, 2018. Paternal grandparents are Ken and Sandy MacKenzie of Grosse Pointe Farms. Maternal grandparents are Jayne and Bob Berthelsen of Germantown, Wis.



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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

# Translations and transliterations

Although the Good Friday, Passover season has ended, I am intrigued by a question a friend asked before the holidays. We were talking about the Stations of the Cross, which I hope you were able to attend, and I was asked, "How do you pronounce this Hebrew transliteration?" Of course, Hebrew is the language I use for prayer every week at the synagogue.

The passage pointed out to me is Matthew 27: 46-47. In it, Jesus called out, "Eloi, Eloi, Lema Sabachthani?" This means "My G-d, my G-d, why have you forsaken me?" Some other translations use "Eli, Eli" and suggest he is calling for Elias to save him. Other translations say he is calling for Elijah. Perhaps they are one in the same. But this is not Hebrew. It is Aramaic. The Hebrew is "Eli, Eli, Lama Azavtani." Slightly different. But, it is Psalm 22, the beginning lines of the Psalm.

Any Jew of that time would have been familiar with the Aramaic, as there were many Aramaic translations in the First Century C.E. of the Hebrew scriptures. In fact, the rabbis felt the scriptures should be available to all in the vernacular. Passages in the prayer book today that are very important are in the

vernacular, Aramaic. Many of Judaism's holiest texts and prayers are in that vernacular.

Yes, that utterance does sound like one who is in desperate need of help and feels abandoned. Elijah, according to Jewish tradition, was to herald the coming of the Messiah, so I will leave that passage to my esteemed pastoral friends to untangle theologically. However, the Psalm continues and ends with a ringing affirmation of faith in G-d and trust in his wisdom and goodness. My friend asked, "Why didn't my religious teachers point out that this was a statement of faith rather than hopelessness?"

Of course, I have no answer to that question. However, I was very interested in the observation this was, in effect, taking a phrase out of context and commenting on the nature of the partial quote rather than the entire Psalm.

It seems the Bible often is quoted in bits and pieces, without reference to the whole of the piece quoted. Hence some say "the devil may quote scripture for his own purposes," etc. Yet, the whole of Judaic scripture, which was familiar to Jesus, is a testament of faith in spite of the other questionable episodes relayed throughout the

Bible. A friend at the synagogue likes to state, "We show our ancestors with all of their warts and human failings." Taken as a whole, scripture tries to answer the human conundrum and direct us toward justice and honest dealings with others. This Bible is the cornerstone of our civilization, even though there are some rather lurid sections that ask questions we all ask of ourselves as we ponder the human condition. Life itself is not always neat and unambiguous, so why scripture?

Jewish theology is rather straightforward. G-d is. He touches the world and men. That leaves us with a lot of free will to make our own way. Judaism does not believe in original sin, so we are free to choose our way without initial guilt. I do not believe faith is blind, but rather sees either broadly or selectively, depending on the individual.

Choose wisely and be sure you are seeing the entire text before leaping into the abyss of action on what you have read or heard. Life is indeed a blessing. This is the season of life.

*Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue, Detroit.*

# CHURCH EVENTS

## St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, celebrates 65 years in its church building with a weekend of events, beginning with Mass 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Later that evening and in partnership with Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, "The Soul and Spirit in Opera and Song" begins 7:30 p.m. The free concert features representatives of the University of Louisville, Metropolitan Opera, Tuesday Musicales, Michigan Opera Theatre and others performing the music of Bellini, Mozart, Verdi, Puccini, Gershwin and more. The celebration continues 10 a.m. Sunday, April 29, with a Mass of thanksgiving led by Bishop Robert Fisher. Donations toward the renovation of St. Clare's Petrof piano are accepted. For information, call (313) 647-5000.

## Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Easter and Ascension Oratorios: Johann Sebastian Bach," 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, featuring the Christ Church choirs. A freewill offering will be collected. Call (313) 885-4841.

## First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes the Motor City Chorale for a concert, "A Spring Renewal," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

The Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers Holy Yoga

9 a.m. Fridays. The program incorporates traditional yoga positions with God's word and worship music. A donation of \$5 to \$10 is suggested. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat; mats also are available.

## CROP Walk

Church World Service sponsors a CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, May 6, beginning and ending at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 221 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registration opens 12:15 p.m., followed by the walk 1 p.m. One- and three-mile options are available. For information or to register, call Sara Sessions at (313) 402-5339 or visit [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org).

## St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace take place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by discussion.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

◆ The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

## HYMN:

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advance of the festival has traveled repeatedly to St. James to practice — to get a feel for the venue and its acoustics.

"It's important to live in the environment," he said. "If you know the space and the instruments well enough, you can adjust along the way." He'll rehearse with the choirs for the first time just hours before the event.

"It isn't really until the hymn festival that we put everything together," he said. "The resulting energy in the room will inspire me to go one way or another way."

Burkhardt is EMU's resident organist and professor of organ. He also is founder and artistic director of Livonia-based Hearts, Hands and Voices, a worship and fine arts program for chil-

dren; composer of two settings of the Eucharistic liturgy and numerous works for the organ, chorus and handbell; author of two books on choral singing; director of worship and the arts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, among other titles.

He completed his undergraduate degree at Carthage College in Wisconsin, then earned a master's degree from Southern Methodist University and doctorate from Arizona State.

All are invited to the festival, which St. James Minister of Music Kurt Heyer said will be exciting.

"I know it's a wonderful thing our congregation will enjoy," he said. "And hopefully, it'll help us get together with people outside the congregation. We're tucked so far in here; nobody knows we're here."

Festival hymns include classical, folk and

revivalist traditions from around the world, including Scandinavia, Latin America, Ireland, France, Germany and the United States.

The festival is free of charge, though a freewill offering will be collected.

Burkhardt said he hopes the festival inspires "renewal of the spirit in a time of lots of conflict. ... I hope they have a renewed sense of identity — who they are and whose they are — and inspiration to go out and live more fully in the world. I hope it puts a smile on their faces. There will be lots of improvisation; I'm going to try to paint pictures of the words coming alive."



PHOTO COURTESY OF KURT HEYER

The church's organ was built in 1965. The console was solid stated in 2010, and additional pipework was added 2014 and 2016.

"I'm hoping we meet new people who have a shared interest and love of music in the church," Heyer added. "Also, this is the first big event we've done with the organ since it was refurbished."

The church's organ was built in 1965 by the M.P. Moller Co., of Hagerstown, Md. The console was solid stated in 2010. Additional pipework from other

Moller organs built in 1981 and 1951 were added in 2014 and 2016.

"We've expanded and got a new system in the console," Heyer said. "It's exciting to give it a workout."

A reception follows the festival.

St. James is located at 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 884-0511 or email [music@stjamesgp.org](mailto:music@stjamesgp.org).

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# OBITUARIES

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

## John Thorn Conner

John Thorn Conner, 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 4, 2018. John was born May 1, 1935, in Philadelphia, to Walter Thorn Conner and Margaret Judson Conner. His family relocated to Grosse Pointe, where John graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1952.

John met Sally Metry while attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. They married in 1961, and made their home in Portage, where he retired in 1997 as a sales engineer for the mining industry. John also served in the U.S. Army Reserve six years.

John enjoyed classical music, the arts and especially golfing in Portage and Orange Beach, Ala., where he and Sally vacationed many years. John and Sally also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and abroad. John was a faithful supporter of the Detroit Tigers, Western Michigan Broncos and the PGA. He was generous with his time, inspiring and guiding his family, on whom he had an indelible impact.

John is survived by his loving wife, Sally, and their children, Elizabeth Hammond (Steve); David Conner (Amy) and Stephanie Wagner (Troy). He will be dearly missed by his loving grandchildren, Jonathon, Carly and Brooke Hammond; Makenzie, Noah and Logan Conner; and Samantha and Allie Wagner.

John also is survived by his loving sister, Ann Conner; nieces, Jennifer Lemieux (Joe), Kelly Drummond (Kevin), Wendy Paszkiewicz (Joe) and Michelle Turczyn; nephew, Mark Turczyn (Kelli); cousin, Cy Judson (Janet); brother-in-law, Fred Metry (Alice); sister-in-law, Donna Muawad (Said) and many more nieces, nephews and cousins.

John was predeceased by his parents; dearly loved sister, Susan Brown and in-laws, Sam, Elmas, Gilbert and Eva Metry.

A Mass of Christian burial will be noon Saturday, May 5, at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 1150 Centre Street, Portage. Visitation begins 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the West Michigan Cancer Center at wmcc.

org; Kalamazoo Concert Band at kalamazooconcertband.org; Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra at kalamazoosymphony.com; or St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 1150 Centre St., Portage, MI 49024.

## Peter Samuel "Pietro" Maniaci

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Peter Samuel "Pietro" Maniaci, 87, died Monday, April 16, 2018, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Detroit to Vito and Mary Maniaci and graduated from St. Charles Catholic High School in Detroit. He enjoyed a 40-year career as a leading sales executive at AAA.

While playing baseball at St. Charles High School, Pete was recruited by several major league baseball teams, including the Detroit Tigers. He declined the MLB baseball career opportunities and instead proudly served in the U.S. Army.

He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ellen, and they lived in Newport News, Va. on the army base. When they returned to Detroit, they began to build their family and loving circle of friends. Pete enjoyed spending time with his large immediate and extended family and many dear friends.

Pete was predeceased by his wife, Mary Ellen. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Josephine Serra and brothers, Charles and Jasper Maniaci.

Pete is survived by his sons, Vito (Kathleen), John (Cheryl), Chuck (Terri) and Pete (Ronda); daughters, Mary K Rewalt (Steve), Anne Caramagno (Ken), Kathy Squillace (Tom) and Crissy Therriault; 27 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He also is survived by his sisters- and brothers-in-law, Angela and Joe Weaver, Patrick Giffer, Terri Jackson and Catherine Maniaci. Pete was a loving uncle to many nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

A funeral service was celebrated Saturday, April 21, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

48230 or The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

## William Edward Lauppe

William "Bill" Edward Lauppe, died peacefully Saturday, April 21, 2018, at his home on Lower Herring Lake. He was 69.

Bill was born July 4, 1948, at Harper Hospital, Detroit, and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. A proud alumnus of The Kiski School and Alma College, he always valued the well-rounded liberal arts education he received. For 18 years, he owned and operated Detroit Automotive Parts, a well-known automotive parts store and machine shop on the eastside of Detroit. Later he served as program manager at Talon Automotive Group, account manager at Wynkoop Associates, Great Lakes sales manager for SAE and vice president at Sovereign Insurance Group. He loved his professional work and took great satisfaction in the many leadership positions he held.

After retirement Bill moved to Northern Michigan. He was an active member of the Rotary Club of Frankfort and Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. A parishioner of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Beulah, he served on the vestry as junior warden and as treasurer of the Father Lovett Foundation.

Bill was known for his friendliness and good cheer. He was loved by those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Susan; son, Andrew (Carrie); beloved grandchildren, Helen, William, Norah and Charlotte; sister, Nancy (Michael) and brother, Frederick (Jeannie).

A funeral service will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 785 Beulah Highway, Beulah. Visitation begins 2:30 p.m. A private family burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org; the Iraqi Christian Relief Council at iraqichristianrelief.org; or Animal Welfare League of Benzie County at awlobc.org.

Share a memory at jowettfamilyfuneralhome.com.



John Thorn Conner



Peter Samuel Maniaci



William Edward Lauppe

## Thomas Barry

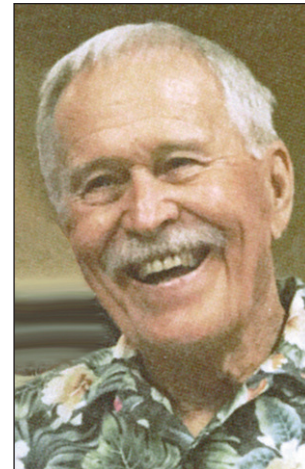
Former Grosse Pointe resident Thomas Barry died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, in Auburn, Calif.

Born June 26, 1937, in Chicago, to Alfred and Esther Barry, Tom graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1955. He was co-captain of the 1954 state champion football team. Tom attended Western Michigan University, Michigan State University and Wayne State University, before completing a master's degree in California.

Tom spent most of his adult life in California. He was an educator, coach and administrator. In 2015, he was inducted into the Placer High School Hall of Fame. The 1972 basketball team he coached finished No. 1 in Superior, Calif.

His story telling, good nature and warm laugh will be remembered by those who knew him.

Tom is survived by his wife, Clair; siblings Kathleen Cox (Al) and James Barry (Bonnie); five children; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, with whom he remained involved throughout the years.



Thomas Barry



Helen G. ZurSchmiede

A Celebration of Life was held March 24 in Auburn.

## Helen G. ZurSchmiede

Helen G. ZurSchmiede, 89, died peacefully Sunday, April 15, 2018, at home surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 19, 1928, in Washington, D.C., to Paul D. and Helen H. Grubbs and moved to Grosse Pointe at age 9. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended the University of Michigan where she met Tom ZurSchmiede, to whom she was married 67 years until his death in 2017.

Helen is survived by her children, W. Tom III (Delle Jean), Robert F.

(Elizabeth), Janet (Craig A. LaPine) and Kathryn (Paul D. Groesbeck); 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was a homemaker extraordinaire and delivered Meals on Wheels many years. Helen was a devoted fan of the Detroit Tigers, an avid golfer and had a passion for playing sports of all kinds. She was beautiful, fiercely principled and above all believed in minding your own business.

A funeral service will be 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Focus: Hope, 1200 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, MI 48238.

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## Ralph F. Woodbury, MD

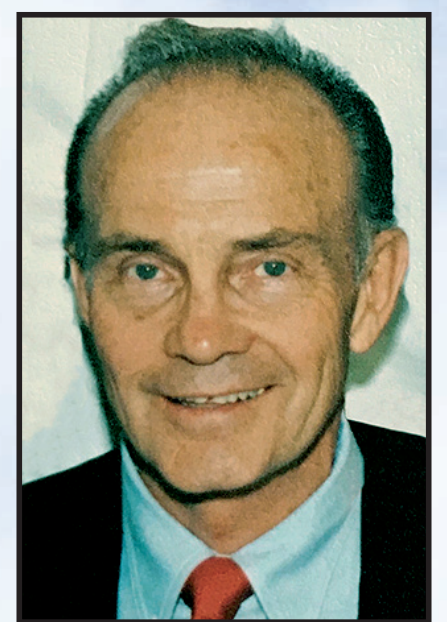
Ralph F. Woodbury, MD, age 87, passed away early Sunday, March 25, 2018 at his home in Oak Park, Michigan. Ralph was born March 29, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan to Lloyd and Jane Woodbury. Ralph weighed only 3.5 pounds at birth when premature babies were given a poor prognosis. He prevailed and at the age of eleven won a gold medal in Detroit's Inter-School Junior Olympics.

At Northwestern High School, Ralph lettered in football and track, and graduated with honors. He was offered a football scholarship to Bowling Green University in Ohio and when he matriculated to study History, he became the first person in his family to attend college. In his sophomore year, he suffered a career-ending knee injury. He rebounded from that setback quite well in meeting Elaine Crough. They were married in September of 1951 as Ralph entered his senior year of college.

As a living testament to the efficacy of the rhythm method of contraception, their first child was born ten months later. To celebrate his son's birth, Ralph entered medical school. Ralph graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1956. After an internship at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Ralph went into the private practice of medicine, concentrating on family medicine. When board certification in Family Practice came along, Ralph became one of the first Board Certified Family Practitioners in the United States. He became Chairman of the Family Medicine Department at Bon Secours and Cottage Hospitals.

Ralph had particular interests in allergy, the immune system, and the effect of diet and nutrition on health. With a particular love of teaching, Ralph joined the faculty at St. John Hospital's Family Medicine teaching group. In 1997, his efforts were rewarded when he was chosen "Educator of the Year" by the Michigan Family Medicine Society. Just last year, while living in a senior housing facility, he was conversing with a fellow resident when her visiting daughter said, "You're Dr. Woodbury! You delivered me and my sister! We were twins - remember?"

This type of interaction happened frequently.



Ralph Fairfield Woodbury, MD

Ralph was a voracious reader. His innate curiosity was also expressed in travel. With Elaine as co-pilot and four children in the back seat, the family went on many camping and skiing adventures. Ralph and Elaine met at a dance studio and when they would dance together, the crowd would often stop and watch their effortless grace.

Ralph also loved tennis and golf. He was forever on a quest for the 'secret' to golf. If he found it, he didn't tell anyone. As his athletic prowess waned, Ralph transferred much of his energy to music and song. He was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Choral Group and the American House East Choir.

Ralph is survived by his sister, Ruth McVettie (Memphis, MI); sons, Dr. Derrick F. Woodbury (Tucson, AZ) and Jeff Woodbury (New York, New York); his beloved daughter, Colleen Woodbury (Troy, MI); grandchildren, Christopher Morin (Ruth), Natalie Gray (Michael), Morgan Woodbury, Carson F. Woodbury and Rexford Woodbury; great-grandson, Harrison Gray.

He was predeceased by his wife, Elaine, in 2009 and his son, Gregory, in 2013. A celebration of Ralph's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

## Motor City Chorale at First English

Motor City Chorale, a metro Detroit singing organization for 85 years, presents "A Spring Renewal" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. A free-will offering is accepted.

The chorale is directed by Eric Miller, choir director at Warren's Lincoln High School since 1981 and senior choir director at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms since 1994. He will be accompanied by pianist Robert Foster, organist and director of the choir and annual musicals at First English and piano accompanist at Grosse Pointe North High School.

The concert program includes classic

offerings like Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Amen" and "God Be in My Head" by John Rutter, plus the patriotic "Armed Forces Salute," "Shenandoah" with "Ragged Old Flag" and "America the Beautiful." Popular favorites like "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "The Circle of Life" by Elton John and Tim Rice, as well as a medley of Walt Disney tunes and other selections, also are performed.

Formerly, the chorale was known as the GM Chorus. In summer 1978, GM discontinued its support of the chorus, after which the chorale opened membership to the community. In 2014, membership chose to fully separate from General Motors by changing its name to the Motor City Chorale.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By DeLisa Glaspie

# Protect children by telling the truth about opioid dangers

**Q:** My 16-year-old son plays multiple high school sports and I often worry about injury primarily because of prescription pain killers and the fear of addiction. What can I do as a parent to become more knowledgeable about this epidemic and protect my child in case he needs pain medication? How can I make sure

others in my community are aware of this frightening epidemic?  
**A:** Understanding what opioids are is a good start. Opioids are a class of drugs that includes

heroin as well as the prescription pain relievers oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, fentanyl and others. Four of five new heroin users started by misusing prescription pain killers.

Adolescents, ages 12 to 17, often become addicted because of shared unused pain relievers. Adolescents who misuse prescription pain relievers often obtain them from a friend or relative for free, unaware of the dangers of non-medical opioid use. In addition, prescribing rates for prescription opioids among adolescents nearly doubled from 1994 to 2007.

As of 2014, an estimated 1.9 million Americans older than age 12 were addicted to one or more of the aforementioned prescription drugs, while 586,000 were addicted to heroin. This addiction often is lethal. Startlingly, opioid overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S., surpassing automobiles and gun deaths. Teens may be



especially vulnerable, as their sensation-seeking and risk-taking tendencies collide with a still-developing brain. Postdoctoral fellow Julie Gaither of Yale University warned in Consumer HealthDay, young children are "eating them like candy."

Protect your children by talking to them and exposing them to the truth about the dangers of opioid abuse and the epidemic; share the statistics and participate in awareness events that welcome youth. Every moment with your child can be used as a teaching moment. If you or any of your family has pain killers in their medicine cabinets, dispose of them properly. Discuss your concerns and the statistics at community gatherings, churches, book clubs, picnics, etc. Education is key to building stronger families and communities.

**SAVE the DATE**

Anti-stigma forum, "Opiates: Wonder Drugs in the Wonder Years," with keynote speaker Ken Daniels.

5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at The Salvation Army, 3000 Conner, Detroit.  
 RSVP online at [neguidance.org/event/anti-stigma-forum/](http://neguidance.org/event/anti-stigma-forum/).

DeLisa Glaspie is the child, youth and family services clinical program director at Northeast Guidance Center Eli Z. Rubin Children's Wellness Center. Glaspie may be reached at (313) 308-1400, Ext. 206. Northeast Guidance Center is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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# Bringing back Wednesday

## Silent auction opens April 30

Grosse Pointe Academy's Action Auction is just around the corner. A beautiful, Brazilian-themed night is planned Saturday, May 12, complete with food, dancing and a variety of live auction items.

Additionally, its online silent auction opens to the public 10 a.m. Monday, April 30, giving bidders more than a week to browse items until the auction closes 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 9. This is the first time in five years the Academy hosts the Wednesday event in addition to its live Action Auction.

Hundreds of items are up for grabs in categories such as Art and Home; Children; Ladies and Gents; Health, Beauty and Fitness; Sporting Life; Travel and Out on the Town. Items range from a bottle of Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon and an Apple Watch with AirPods to "Perfect Cut" diamond earrings from LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists and a Taylor

Reese spa package. A category of Academy Attractions, featuring hundreds of items such as front row seats to Grandparents Day and a classroom pottery painting party, also are available.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are planned for the silent auction evening 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.

Online tickets are available at [cbo.io/gpa/tix](http://cbo.io/gpa/tix). Confirmed ticket holders are emailed a link to register and receive a bidder number prior to the silent auction opening April 30.

Those unable to attend the Wednesday event, but who would like to participate in the silent auction, may register at [gpa.cbo.io](http://gpa.cbo.io) to receive a bidder number. Registration is free.

Tickets for the Wednesday event are \$75; Saturday Action Auction tickets are \$200 each; and combination tickets for both events are \$250.

For more information, call (313) 886-1221, Ext. 121 or visit [gpacademy.org](http://gpacademy.org).  
— Jody McVeigh



Kaela Elmer, the granddaughter of City of Grosse Pointe resident Donna McCosh, sits with one week's harvest last July.

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## HARVEST:

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people who want to learn. Everyone comes to garden for a different reason.

"If somebody wants to come and try it, but they don't want to commit, just come on a week day and take a tour," he continued, adding if it's not the right fit, there's no commitment to stay. "We have a lot of different tasks for people to do. If you don't like to weed,

there are other things to do. We try to accommodate everybody."

Volunteers are asked to stick to set gardening hours, which come May include 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays and 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Sunday times should move to the morning hours during summer.

"There are a lot of people with experience, but also a lot of people brand new to gardening," Hurley said. "It's fun to have a mix of abilities. We have little kids up to

grandparents. Anybody who wants to garden is welcome.

"It's been fun," she continued. "The best part of doing this — the vegetables are fabulous — but it's a real community."

Cost for membership is \$25 per family, per year. Members are required to work one two-hour work day per week.

For more information, search "The Backyard Community Garden" on Facebook or email Montagne at [mjmontagne@gmail.com](mailto:mjmontagne@gmail.com).



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## Fond farewell

Neighborhood Club trustees gave special recognition to Betz Johnson in honor of her retirement May 31, after 45 years of service as recreation director. Pictured from left are Executive Director Stu Alderman, trustees Peggy King Scully, Mike Cotton and Anne Rahm, CFO Sean Bruce, President Jack Ryan, Johnson and trustees Ellen Durand, Debbie Minanov, Cathie Mitchell and Don Lindow.

## Kids on the Go ribbon cutting May 3

Pediatric nonprofit Kids on the Go, which provides free therapy, camp and programs to children with special needs, is unveiling its new home with a ribbon-cutting ceremony 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3. Immediately following the ceremony, the community is invited to tour the new facility during an open house.

What started 20 years ago as a vision to help a few special kids during summer has exponentially grown into a comprehensive curriculum. Kids on the Go provides fun and therapeutic enrichment opportunities for local children who otherwise might not receive therapy during summer break. Some of the classes offered this

year include Build Up Mobile Legos & Robotics, Friendship Cheer, Bike Riding "Try" Cycle, All-Star Hoops and art and music therapy.

Kids on the Go's newly renovated classrooms are housed in the former Pare Elementary School, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, which has been repurposed into a collaborative space for local

nonprofits, including The Lake House, Shorewood Kiwanis, Ribbons of Hope, Hands of Hope, We Are Here Foundation, Wigs 4 Kids and Big Family of Michigan.

For more information, contact Kids on the Go Executive Director Kristy Schena at (313) 332-1026 or [kristyschena@cast.net](mailto:kristyschena@cast.net) or visit [kidsonthegocamp.com](http://kidsonthegocamp.com).

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Brunch 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Chuck Gaidica, executive director of Hilltop Church of the Nazarene and community ambassador for Children's Hospital of Michigan, speaks. The event also

includes music by Michael Kopasz and food by Capuchin Soup Kitchen Catering. Tickets are \$10. Reservations are required by 9 a.m. Friday, April 27. For

more information, call (313) 882-5330.

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## Boys lacrosse

### RIVALS

# Norsemen slip past Blue Devils

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse teams gave fans quite a show last week on a cold, breezy night.

With the clock winding down in the fourth quarter, senior Marco McMann scored to give the host Norsemen an 11-10 win over the Blue Devils.

"They won all the face-offs, so that really took us out of fast-break offense," North head coach Mark Seppala said. "We made some adjustments at the half and that opened up the field a little more in the second half."

For South head coach Justin Macksoud, it was a second straight one-goal defeat to a city rival and third straight one-goal loss. They are snake-bit and can't get the close games to fall into the win column.

The Blue Devils carried the play in the second quarter, outscoring the Norsemen 4-1 to take a 6-4 lead to the intermission.

After trailing 2-0 early in the first quarter, the



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Brendan Bergeron, center, has possession with South's Sullivan Costa, left, defending, during the Norsemen's close win over the Blue Devils.

Blue Devils scored six of the next eight goals to grab the momentum.

Senior John Schulte, as well as juniors Miles Dingeman, James Rauh and John Kyle, scored the first-half tallies for the Blue Devils.

The Norsemen won the

third quarter 4-1 as junior Turner Sine scored for the visitors.

For the home team, seniors Brendan Bergeron, Max Payton and McMann, and junior Chris Lorelli, scored to give the Norsemen an 8-7 lead.

The one-goal difference set up an intense fourth quarter which had three lead changes and three ties.

Schulte scored two straight goals at the 8:55 and 7:44 mark to give the Blue Devils a 9-8 advantage.

Payton tied it at 9 at the 4:52 mark and Bergeron tallied to give the Norsemen a 10-9 lead.

With only 2:18 left, the Blue Devils tied it when sophomore Stuart Standish scored.

The Norsemen were able to get possession

and McMann buried his shot with 93 seconds left.

Macksoud's squad had a couple of quality shots on net in the final 10 seconds, but both missed the net, and the Norsemen celebrated the slim victory over their rivals.

Payton led the Norsemen with four goals, with Bergeron and McMann netting two goals apiece. Lorelli, junior Ben Hartley and senior goalkeeper Brendan Hull had one goal apiece.

For Hull, he scored a rare goal for goalkeepers who join the offensive rush. He scored in the second quarter.

For the Blue Devils, Schulte had a game-high five goals, followed by Sine, Standish, Kyle, Rauh and Dingeman with one apiece.

Both goalies, Hull and junior John Coyle for South, played well.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 6-0 overall.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 0-1 in the division and 2-3 overall after beating host Novi 10-8 last weekend.

## Baseball

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Record setters

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Griesbaum couldn't have scripted a better start to the season for the Grosse Pointe South boys baseball team.

Not only did the Blue Devils remain unbeaten last week, but won their first two Macomb Area Conference Red Division games over Chippewa Valley.

Snow, rain and cold temperatures forced a schedule change, but in the end the Blue Devils were able to beat the Big Reds 6-0 and 8-6.

Cam Shook earned the win in the first game, tossing 6 2/3 innings, striking out nine and yielding only one hit. Anthony DerManulian got the final out on the mound and at the plate was 1-for-3 with two RBIs and a walk.

Davis Graham was 2-for-3 with one RBI and a walk, and Conor McKenna was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Other key contributors were Giovanni Lufty and Drew Maccagnone.

In the 8-6 victory, the Blue Devils trailed 4-0 after the first inning, but battled back. They won the game by scoring two runs in the top of the seventh inning.

At the plate, DerManulian was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, one RBI, one walk and a

home run, and Jacob Hinkle was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, two RBIs and two doubles.

Shook also had two hits with two RBIs, and Lufty had a hit, drove in two and walked once.

On the mound, John Lynch earned the win, going all seven innings. He gave up 11 hits, five earned runs, walked two and struck out three. However, he settled down after the first inning.

Last weekend, South hosted Wyandotte Roosevelt and won 16-1 and 6-5 to improve to 10-0 overall. The 10-0 is a school record.

At the moment, the Blue Devils' team batting average is .325, led by Graham's .536, and the team earned run average is 1.18, led by Budziak's 0.00.

"We're getting comfortable with our hitting," Griesbaum said. "Our pitching has been great, and they are going to have to stay focused because our schedule gets very tough with good division opponents coming up."

The Blue Devils scored 12 runs in the fourth inning in the opener to put the game away. DerManulian had a hit, scored two runs and drove in four, while McKenna had two doubles, one run scored and five RBIs.

Maccagnone also had two hits, scoring once and driving in two.

Ben Lemanski earned the pitching win, going four innings with three hits, one walk and four strikeouts.

In the game two victory, the Blue Devils trailed 5-3 before scoring one in the sixth and two in the seventh as Lufty's sacrifice fly drove in the winning run.

Cam Mallegg had two hits, scored a run and walked, while DerManulian continued his hot hitting with a solo homer.


Shook won in relief, tossing the final three innings, giving up three hits, three walks and zero runs.

Coming up for South is a 7 p.m. game Saturday, April 28, against Brighton at Comerica Park.

### Alumni game

It's time to sign up for the 13th annual Alumni game Sunday, May 20. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. and warm-ups begin at noon at the South baseball field.

"Whether you still play, or haven't picked up a bat in years, your participation will help make this game a fun experience for all," said event coordinator Don DeLaura. "Please help us spread the word through an old fashioned call, text, email, Twitter, Facebook, etc."



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## Softball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils drop Blue opener

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls softball team opened its division slate last week, losing 9-6 at home to Fraser.

The Blue Devils fell behind 7-0 after two innings, but battled back to make a game of it.

Head coach Bill Fleming watched the Ramblers bat around in the top of the first inning, and all of a sudden it was 6-0.

He never panicked and continued to encourage his team.

In the bottom of the second inning, Adriana Agosta walked and scored on a two-out throwing error, and in

the third inning the Blue Devils added two more runs to make it a 7-3 game.

Lauren Sancya singled, and Agosta drew another walk. Both came around to score on Chloe Lobert's single.

Julia O'Halla hit a solo home run in the fourth inning and Sancya scored another run after she singled, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on a Colleen Morris single.

The Ramblers scored in the top of the fifth and sixth innings to lead 9-5, but the Blue Devils cut into the deficit again when a throwing error allowed O'Halla to score.

Offensively, the Blue Devils finished with 10

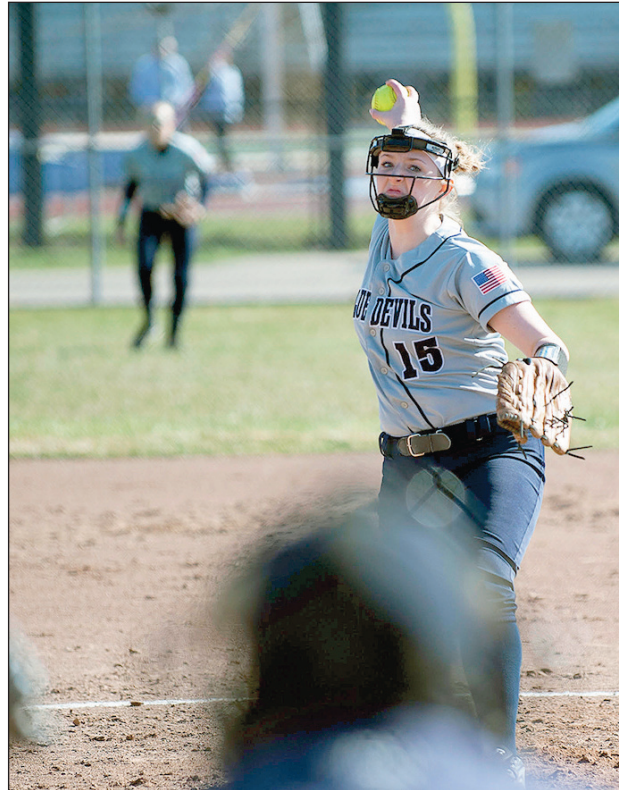


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**South's Caroline Gallagher pitched better than her numbers reflected against Fraser.**

hits, including three by Sancya and two by O'Halla and Lobert.

Caroline Gallagher took the loss, but settled down and pitched better after the first inning. The defense behind her didn't help as only four runs were earned.

Grosse Pointe South dipped to 0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 3-5 overall after dropping two games last weekend.

The Blue Devils lost to Gibraltar Carlson and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

## Baseball

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen finish 2-3

By Anna Post  
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe North boys baseball team split a home doubleheader with Utica Eisenhower, losing 10-8 and winning 10-9, last weekend.

After beating Romeo 3-1 the day before, the Norsemen were expected to come out strong. Instead, they struggled early against the Eagles.

In game one, the Norsemen's defensive and offensive errors contributed to losing a 6-1 lead.

"Our pitching has been decent, but we didn't seem to hit the strike zone that strong," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "We really had a couple mistakes that really contributed to them (Eisenhower) coming back in the first game. We walked eight guys in that game, and that's not good."

In the second game, North began to pick up the intensity.

While remaining tied 9-9 for the majority of the matchup, the Norsemen

battled behind the plate and managed to pull off a tight 10-9 victory in the bottom of the seventh, thanks to junior Ryan Downey's walk-off RBI single.

As Sumbera reflects on his team's performance, he stresses that once his team begins to eliminate avoidable errors they will be successful for the rest of the season.

"We really have to work on defense," Sumbera said. "We made a couple of errors that hurt the team, but that's a part of high school baseball. We're bound to have a couple of physical errors, and we just have to keep battling and playing hard with solid pitching and stronger defense, and we will have that."

Earlier in the week, North lost its first two Macomb Area Conference White Division games to Romeo 6-4 and 6-5 before the 3-1 win to sit 1-2 in the division.

Grosse Pointe North is 5-4 overall and plays a 1 p.m. game Saturday, April 28, against Anchor Bay at Comerica Park.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Knights earn two victories

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School girls softball team broke a four-game losing streak last week, beating Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 16-5 in five innings and 9-3 in a doubleheader.

In game one, Emily Switchulis was the winning pitcher, striking out seven.

Offensively, Jenna Hummel was 1-for-1 and reached base five times, while Kia Borum was 2-for-3 with two stolen bases.

Maddie Hamilton was

2-for-3 with a triple, five RBIs and a game-ending grand slam.

Game two was tight for five innings before the Knights scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth, all with two outs, to get the win.

Switchulis was the winning pitcher, striking

out nine, and drove in three runs at the plate.

Hummel was 1-for-1 with two stolen bases. Annette Meraw was 2-for-2 and reached base four times.

Liggett improved to 2-4 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division and 3-4 overall.

## College signing

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEANN LIZZA

# Heading west

Grosse Pointe North senior John Lizza, seated center, signed a National Letter of Intent April 19 to play football at Hope College under head coach Peter Stuursma. In 2017, Hope finished 8-2 and 5-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Lizza is a multisport student-athlete at North and a member of the National Honor Society. Joining Lizza at his signing were parents Tom and Leann Lizza, seated, and North football head coach Frank Sumbera, standing.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen struggling

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls softball team returned to the field after a two-week hiatus last week, battling St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

It started well for the visiting Norsemen as they jumped out to a 2-0 lead just four batters into the game.

Evelyn Zacharias singled and Rebecca Alway singled. After a strike-

out, Dylan Cardinale doubled home two runs to give the Norsemen a quick 2-0 lead.

It didn't last as the Huskies tied it in the bottom of the first and added a single run in the second, two runs in the third, one in the fifth and put the game away with a seven-run sixth.

Final score: Lakeview 13, Grosse Pointe North 3.

"We have work to do and didn't play as I would

have expected us to play," head coach Ron Smith said. "I expected a close, well-played game, and it didn't turn out that way on our end."

Always suffered the loss on the mound and at the plate was 1-for-3. Sydney Brumme pitched the second half of the game.

Zacharias was 2-for-3 with a run scored and a double, while Cardinale was 2-for-2 with two doubles, one walk and

two RBIs.

North returned to the field the following day, hosting Port Huron Northern to start its Macomb Area Conference Blue Division slate.

The Norsemen didn't get the result they were looking for in a 9-7 loss.

Grosse Pointe North fell to 0-1 in the division and 0-5 overall after dropping a doubleheader to host Armada last weekend.

## Golf

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Sign up for golf outing

It's time to register for the fifth annual Grosse Pointe South Football Legends Golf Outing, Saturday, June 2, at Gowanie Golf Club.

It is \$125 per player. Players can sign up an entire foursome or join others to make a foursome. It is a scramble format.

People can sign up at gpsouthfootball.com and email questions to gps-footballalumni@gmail.com or call Bob Panizzi at (313) 410-7363.

It is a 1 p.m. lunch, a 2 p.m. shotgun start and followed by 2018 Football Hall of Fame

induction dinner. Chris Malafourls and Inductees are Jon Rice, John DeBoer.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

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Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work involved for this project includes removal and replacement of existing asphalt shingles and membrane roofing at the City Hall, Police Garage, Bath House, and DPW Administration building. Improvements to and replacement of HVAC systems at City Hall and the Bath House. Plans and specifications may be obtained beginning Tuesday April 3, 2018 through Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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## Golf

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Champs

The Grosse Pointe South boys golf team won the Detroit Golf Club High School Invitational Monday, April 23, with a score of 305. Tommy Sullivan was the medalist with 74, and he was followed by Patrick Sullivan and Evan Theros with 76, tied for second place, and Coalter Smith with 79. Pictured above are, from left, Evan Theros, Tommy Sullivan, Patrick Sullivan, Coalter Smith and Charlie Schuetze.

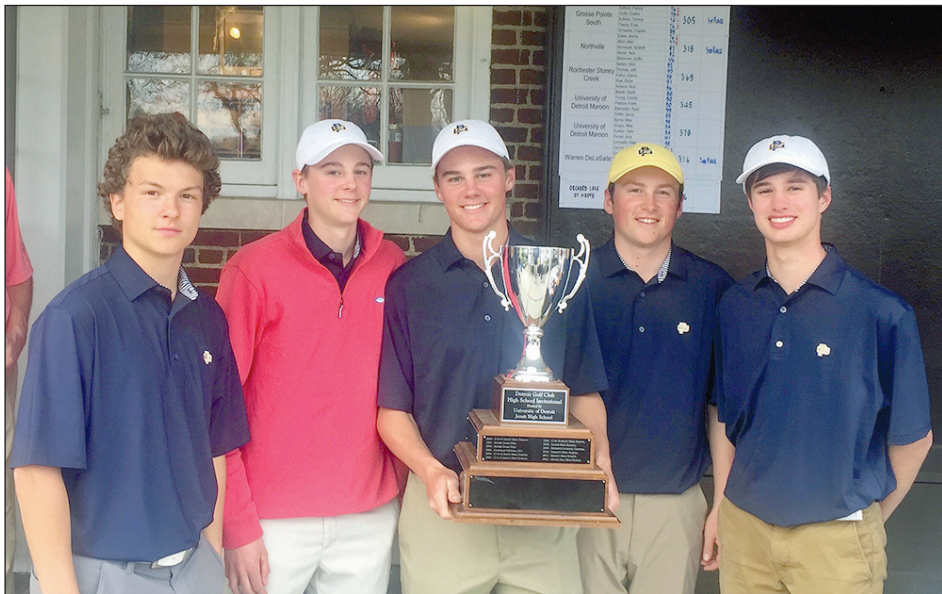


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## Track and field

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Solid show

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls track and field team earned medals in eight events in last weekend's 23-squad Dexter Invitational.

"This was a meet designed to display team depth, as well as all events were in the form of relays, including field events," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "We wanted top level competition and it was time in the season to open things up."

Also competing were defending state champ Ann Arbor Pioneer, along with top-five ranked Saline and

defending Macomb Area Conference Red Division champ Macomb Dakota.

The Blue Devils hurdlers shined, taking home medals in both events. The 400-yard hurdle relay team of Emma Burke, Kate Duncan, Natalia Szura and Zoe Wagstaff placed fifth, with Wagstaff, Szura and Burke returning later to place in the 900-yard hurdle relay.

Sprinters placed in three events as Elizabeth Calcaterra, Wagstaff, Helen Dodge, Lizzy Bellovich, Sydni Hall and Jetwyn Wilson combined to play in the spring medley, 800- and 400-yard relays.

In the field events,



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South's Elizabeth Calcaterra had a banner day, placing in four events.

Mary Hoffmann, Jacqui Knapp and Calcaterra placed in the long jump, with Cameron Lundh, Duncan and Hoffman earning a medal in the

high jump. South also placed in the pole vault relay with Sarah Rabaut, Duncan and Szura, who vaulted a season-high 9 feet.

## Girls basketball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Hoops future looks bright

The Grosse Pointe South girls freshman basketball team finished this season 17-3, winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and MAC post-season

tournament.

Head coach Bob Zaranek and coach Dave Charvat helped the girls improve throughout the season and play well when it counted the

most.

Leading the team in scoring was Sarah Rogers and in rebounding was Keelin Dailey. Zaranek and Charvat said mental and physical

toughness were the teams keys to winning.

In the 10 games decided by 10 points or less, South won all 10, and they came back and won eight games in which they trailed in the fourth quarter.

Team members were Diane Dollison, Cailee Corsentino, Emma Riley, Rogers, Kennedy Mason, Elizabeth Leonard, Gracie Zimmer, Dailey, Sophia Bachert and Margaret Kramer.

The coaching duo of Zaranek and Charvat at the freshman level pays big dividends for the junior varsity and varsity teams.

The coaches know team chemistry and building solid fundamentals will help the players transition to the next level of their overall development.

## Tennis

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils blank SC

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Despite the colder than normal temperatures last week, Grosse Pointe South girls tennis players played their division opener against St. Clair.

The Blue Devils cruised to an 8-0 victory, moving to 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 3-0 overall.

Winning singles matches were Laurel Sullivan, Gigi Bonnell, Maddie Hurley and Kate Beardslee.

The best match of the day came at No. 1 doubles where Mairin Heimbuch and Kaitlin Ifkovits pulled off a three-set win, 6-0, 1-6, 7-6. Lauren Sommerville was sick and did not make the match.

At No. 2 doubles, Claire

Beardslee and Jade Shepherd won, as did the No. 3 doubles duo of Kate Gavagan and Rachel Harris. Anna Dietz and Alex Walz also won at No. 4 doubles.

Last weekend, South finished second with 15 points in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

Northville won with 22 points, while Pioneer was third with six and Grand Blanc fourth with five.

Kate Beardslee won her flight at No. 4 singles. The No. 4 doubles team of Dietz and Walz also won their flight. Both finished 3-0.

One negative were injuries suffered by Sommerville and Bonnell. Both defaulted their final two matches and both injuries were minor.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Tough losses

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls tennis team was able to squeeze in three matches the past couple of weeks due to the poor weather conditions.

The Norsemen lost 7-1 to Berkley as Meghan Irving and Claire Williams won their match at No. 1 doubles, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Sara Schaden and Rachel Stone played at No. 2 doubles, while competing at No. 3 and No. 4 doubles were Julia Riley and Marcella Starrico and Emma Zontini and Evelyn Riley.

In singles, Mia Eugenio, Ruth McCuen, Keelin McCarthy and Maegan Daher competed

in the four flights.

The Norsemen lost 6-1 to Allen Park with Williams and Irving winning again. This time it was 7-5, 5-7, 10-7.

Head coach John VanAlst's line up was the same, and taking their match to the limit was Schaden and Stone, falling 7-5, 2-6, 10-5 at No. 2 doubles.

The Norsemen also fell 6-1 to Grosse Ile with Evelyn Riley and Julia Riley winning 1-6, 7-6, 10-7 at No. 3 doubles.

Daher and Zontini lost a tough match at No. 4 doubles, 7-6, 7-5, and the duo of Irving and Williams played another three-set match, falling 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-3 overall with division matches up next.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Improvement

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School girls tennis team was able to play two matches last week, losing 5-3 to Frankel Jewish Academy and 6-2 to Dearborn Divine Child.

Head coach Mark Miller watched his Knights earn three victories against Jewish Academy.

Melanie Zampardo won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 sin-

gles, while Lizzie Lukas won 7-5 in the only set played before inclement weather arrived.

Meena Pandrangi and Kaitlin Fox played well in tough losses at No. 2 and No. 3 singles.

At No. 1 doubles, Isabella Tomlinson and Darshana Subramanian won 7-6, 6-1 to give the Knights their third point.

Also playing doubles were Imani Williams and Autumn Williams, and DeJour Johnson and Keris Wallace.

Against Divine Child, Zampardo won 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1 singles, while Tomlinson and Subramanian won 6-1, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles.

Pandrangi, Lukas and Kaitlin Fox played singles matches, while Autumn Williams and Imani Williams, as well as Keris Wallace and Johnson played doubles.

Liggett dropped to 0-3 overall.

The Knights host a quad Saturday, April 28, in upcoming action.

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

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## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 2018 Road Program AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0407.

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Lisa K. Hathaway  
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