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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

After 6 kicks off June 23

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — After 6 on Kercheval, the monthly summertime block party, is gearing up for its sixth year.

Events take place 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays, June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25, on Kercheval between Maryland and Nottingham.

Director of Parks and Recreation Chad Craig said people should “be prepared to be entertained all three evenings. We will have more entertainment, food and vendors than ever.”

All three evenings feature a beer and wine tent, food trucks and carts, 40 to 50 street ven-

dors, live music, the Grosse Pointe Sail Club dunk tank and various other activities and performances.

On June 23, Nick Kuhl and the Gang perform. There also will be cultural dance performances 6 to 9:30 p.m.

July 28 features Atomic Radio live and the Modern Skate & Surf and Albe’s BMX Bike shop halfpipe show.

The event closes out Aug. 25 with The Relics and two shows by the Stand Strength Team. Stand Strength travels nationwide demonstrating feats of strength and promoting anti-bullying, respecting others, the dangers of drugs and

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Game changer



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Monday, June 4, Ryan Huizdos, playing in his final Little League season using the newly approved optic-yellow baseball, threw 76 pitches, striking out five. He scored the Reds’ first run after walking in the first inning. The Reds beat the Pirates 5-2.

Little League rules changes accommodate visually impaired players — nationwide

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

Ryan Huizdos went to bat for the rights of people with disabilities and hit a home run.

An accommodation he sought for his vision impairment is now available to others in need throughout the country.

It all started with a genetic condition, a yellow ball and a young boy’s love for baseball.

Huizdos has an inherited condition called oculocutaneous albinism that causes a lack of pigment and an uncorrectable vision impairment. His

visual acuity of approximately 20/200 classifies him as legally blind, entitling him to services and benefits accordingly.

With the help of visual aids, the 16-year-old, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, has played baseball since he was 5.

“It’s my favorite sport,” he said. “I love pretty much everything about it.”

Early in his career with the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, one of his coaches suggested he play with an optic-yellow baseball, a fluorescent yellow introduced in

1972 for tennis balls because research showed they were more visible on television.

“It was so much easier to see — the contrast; it’s bright, easy to see,” Huizdos said. “I’ve used it ever since and it’s so much better. It worked fine for many years.”

Huizdos used the yellow ball only when at bat, switching to the white ball when pitching. When he played infield, the white ball contrast against the dirt or grass was sufficient, but the yellow of the ball was easier for him to spot in the air when batting. His

use of this ball was never an issue with umpires, players, parents or managers from opposing teams, he said. Until one day it was.

In 2015, Huizdos was selected for the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods tournament baseball team. The team competed in the Little League District 6 tournament sanctioned by Little League Baseball of Williamsport, Pa. His father, John Huizdos, was a team coach.

“When it was time to register (the team), I had

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Bashara denied leave to appeal

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — The Michigan Supreme Court denied Bob Bashara’s leave to appeal the Michigan Court of Appeals September 2017 decision denying Bashara’s request for a new trial in the 2012 murder of his wife.

Bashara is serving two life terms without parole after being convicted in 2014 for murdering Jane Bashara.

In the Tuesday, May 29, denial, Michigan’s high court was “not persuaded

that the questions presented should be reviewed by this court.”

Bashara requested a new trial late 2016 in the case because he felt he received inadequate counsel. The request was denied by Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans, who presided over the original case.

Bashara appealed Evans’ decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals September 2017.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the Wayne County Circuit Court decision stating Bashara’s court-appointed attorneys “vigorously advocated to demonstrate reasonable doubt or error by emphasizing inconsistencies in witness testimony and isolated facts that obscure the clear trajectory of the events giving rise to Jane Bashara’s murder. Belying the voluminous lower court record and the multitude of protestations by defendant to the contrary, this case is straightforward.

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Paw patrol

Christine Kaczmarek gives a treat to her rescue dog, Roxie, during the 30th annual Mutt March at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House June 3. Kaczmarek adopted Roxie two weeks before the march at the Michigan Humane Society’s Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo event. For more photos, see page 3A.

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this yellow ball and one of the officials there said, absolutely not," said John Huizdos. "And it kind of went from there."

While the Little League district administrator said the optic-yellow baseball violated Little League rules — the only sanctioned balls were white — he petitioned the Central Region of Little League Baseball for a waiver. The Little League Charter Committee denied the request under the reasoning "at this time there are no optic yellow baseballs approved and licensed by Little League. Therefore, the optic yellow baseball that the league used during the regular season cannot be approved for use in tournament play."

The administrator defied this ruling and allowed Ryan Huizdos to bat with the yellow ball in the tournament, according to John Huizdos. He "did this out of the kindness of his heart, not wanting to deny Ryan the opportunity to play baseball and compete, despite his disability," he wrote in a letter to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan after the waiver was denied.

Ryan Huizdos said the tournament administrator let him use the ball. "He said I'll take the blame from Little League, but he wanted me to be able to play and so he let me use it, going against what the Little League said."

According to John Huizdos's letter, this decision cost the administrator his position at Little



Newly approved yellow balls mixed with traditional white balls used in Little League.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

League District 6.

Ryan Huizdos continued to play locally, but had to get a waiver to use the yellow ball to bat.

"It was an issue again every year since, where they had to make me get a waiver," he said. "One time a couple years ago they said the waiver wasn't valid so I had to sit out an entire game at the beginning of the season. ... It was a year-by-year basis where I'd get a waiver, then another waiver the next year and the next year until finally this year, they granted a national waiver across the entire country for anybody who needs it."

"Ryan doesn't like attention," said his father. "He didn't want to focus on him and this yellow ball. He just wanted to play. He didn't want to draw attention to his teammates and he didn't want to make it into this big deal where it was overwhelming."

At that point, the waiver was for batting only — until "somebody didn't like the fact that he wasn't using a yellow ball to pitch as well as to hit," John Huizdos said. "It was kind of ugly that day."

John Huizdos contacted the U.S. Attorney's

Office again. "I said, I can't go into every baseball season wondering is this kid going to be able to use this ball or not? It got to the point where every game, you go into a game and it's like is the umpire good with it, is the opposing manager good with it?"

What he didn't know was the office was prepared to take the issue to court. A Jan. 30, 2018 letter to Little League Baseball Inc. from the U.S. Attorney's Office, copied to the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, sent a message loud and clear: The league violated title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 "by failing to modify its policies, practices or procedures where necessary to afford goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations to individuals with disabilities."

On Feb. 1, chief legal counsel for Little League International signed the letter agreeing to allow Ryan Huizdos to finish out the 2018 season using the yellow baseball while at bat and in the field. Moreover, the league agreed to publish the ADA policy on its website

and rulebook, providing copies to all Little League Charter committee members, "who will be considering all waiver requests received under the ADA Policy."

"The issue is over. Anybody with my circumstance can use (the yellow ball) now," said Ryan Huizdos. "That's what I'm most proud of." "We never imagined it going this direction," said John Huizdos. "We were just thinking in our own little circle here and then, all of a sudden, back in February, (I got a call that) Little League is going to change its rules and allow this yellow ball for people that need it across the country."

Nor had he and his wife, Kelly, imagined, when their infant son was misdiagnosed with optic nerve hypoplasia, a condition present at birth that can be accompanied by brain abnormalities, they would watch him head to the mound as starting pitcher in front of national news cameras 16 years later for a segment on NBC Nightly News. Fortunately, pediatric ophthalmologist Edward R. O'Malley correctly diagnosed him several days later with albinism, which affects approxi-

mately one in 18,000 to 20,000 people in the United States. Vision impairment is the only health issue involved with the condition. Otherwise the healthy teenager, who takes advanced placement classes at North and is a member of the National Honor Society, said he finds "a way to do what everybody else can do. I can pretty much do everything."

"When Ryan was born, we didn't know anything about albinism," said Kelly Huizdos. "He was three months old before we even had a diagnosis. We just thought he was really blonde because his uncle was really blonde too. And when we found out we were so scared because we had no idea what to expect. And here we are now. It's amazing."

Their daughter, Lauren, a seventh-grader at Parcels Middle School, also has albinism. Youngest daughter, Megan, a second-grader at Mason Elementary School, does not. The family has attended a National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation conference each year since Ryan was born. At home, the Grosse Pointe Woods residents hope to raise awareness among their children's friends and teachers.

Kelly Huizdos said she and John have encouraged their children to "try whatever you want to try as long as it's not dangerous. Never hold them back and they have always been able to tell us, yes, I can do that, no, I can't do that. Anything they want to try, just go for it."

They've also taught them they're "just like any other kid," she added. "Everybody has problems. This is a challenge you have. We've really tried to make them as comfortable as we can with albinism by going to the conferences and making lots of friends — and talking very openly. We joke about it. ... It's just everybody else. It's nothing that we've ever taught them to be ashamed of or nervous about. Just be yourselves."

For Ryan Huizdos, part of that is playing baseball with his friends. He was able to do this Monday evening at Ghesquiere Park Babe Ruth Field during his final Little League season before he ages out. It was the fourth game of the season — and the fourth time the team used the optic-yellow ball the entire game. Huizdos threw 76 pitches in three full innings for the win — Reds 5, Pirates 2.

In spite of the cameras and the attention he received for a victory impacting people with disabilities around the country, his focus was on the game, his father said.

"He said, 'Dad, NBC does know we have a game to play today, right? Because that's the most important thing.' And I said, 'Yes, son, they know you're playing. They know where you're coming from.'"

The segment on Ryan Huizdos is set to air on NBC Nightly News 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 11. To learn more about Ryan's condition, visit the National Organization of Albinism and Hypopigmentation at albinism.org.

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Underground bridge work closes intersection

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

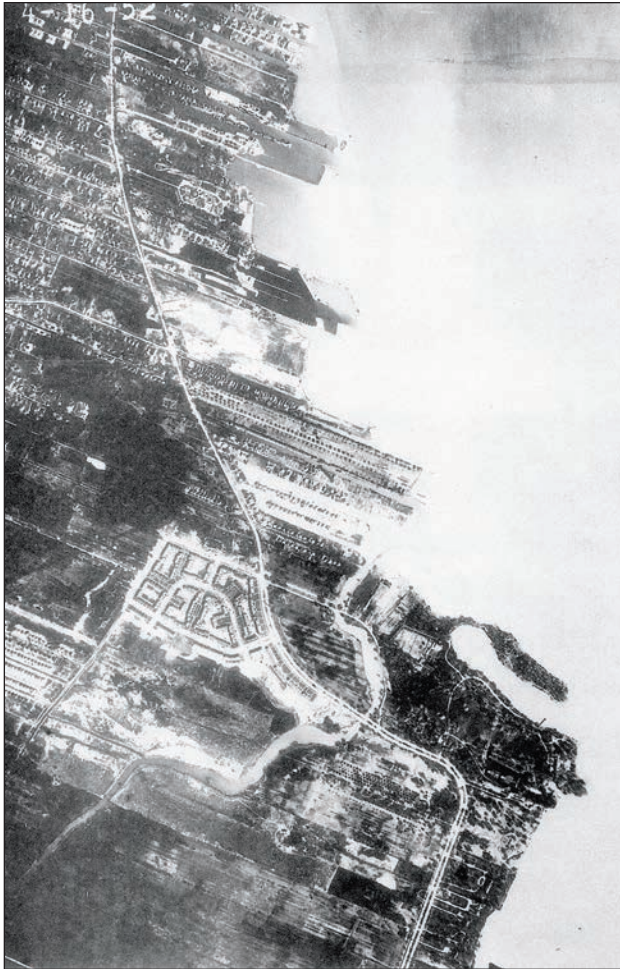
GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents received a notice Wednesday, May 16, from the Woods Department of Public Works alerting them to temporary closure of the intersection at South Renaud and North Renaud between Holiday and Fairway “to continue with excavation of the old bridge located underground.”

The road was closed to traffic in both directions until Tuesday, May 22.

Department of Public Works Director Frank Schulte said the city “was not aware a portion of the bridge structure remained beneath the street.”

“The old bridge was from a crossing over the Milk River before it was enclosed in the 1950s,” he explained. “The Milk River is now the main interceptor sewer for the city of Grosse Pointe Woods that ends at the Wayne County Pump Station retention basin located on Parkway Drive.”

First mentioned in deeds in 1796, early French settlers named this waterway the Milk River, reflecting the light color of the muddy, slow-moving river “thick as milk.”



Aerial view of the Milk River April 1952 before the storm water pumping station was built.

According to the article “The Mysterious Milk River Once Drained the Black Marsh” by Robert Selwa published in the Macomb Daily July 18, 1985, the Milk River flowed from a swampy area — the Black Marsh — in what today is southern St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods. The

Milk River flowed into Lake St. Clair, Fox Creek and the Detroit River. The marsh was thriving with muskrat, catfish and turtle, all of which found their way into the cuisine of early settlers. “This marsh was thick with trees, underbrush and mosquitoes. Even in the middle of the sunny day it was dark and mys-

terious,” Selwa wrote. Indians and French explorers used the Milk River as an inland shortcut to Detroit, traveling by canoe through the river to Fox Creek. To clear land for their ribbon farms, French settlers dug ditches to drain the Black Marsh.

When Edsel Ford built his estate at Gaukler Point in 1931, he requested the Macomb County Road Commission move the river road to make room for the estate’s meadows and paid for the construction of a bridge over the Milk River. In 1948, Eleanor Ford sold 44 acres of wetland near the Milk River to Grosse Pointe Woods for a park.

In the mid-1960s, the Wayne County Drain Commission covered the Milk River as a storm drain for Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and south St. Clair Shores. A system was built to pump the water down the river to prevent stagnant water. Control gates were installed to allow water from Lake St. Clair to flow back up the river.

“The Black Marsh is gone, but thick groves of old trees remain,” Selwa wrote. “The origins of the river are lost underground, but the legends remain, and the Milk River still flows.”



In remembrance

“World War I — 100 years ago” was the theme of the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission’s annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 28, at the Circle of Honor on Vernier at Mack.



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Pictured with Grosse Pointe North High School’s Pointe Choir, the Rev. Matthew Swiatek gives a Memorial Day message.



The Michigan Humane Society hosted its 30th annual Mutt March at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Sunday, June 3. Above, Judy Murray and this year’s Mutt March grand marshal, Archer. Below, Ryan Barr of Grosse Pointe Park puts a Mutt March bandana on his 13-year-old rescue dog, Kiki.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Milo, a therapy dog whose humans are Jack and Sandra Evans, cools off in a kiddie pool. Four pools were located near the pool house on Ford House grounds.



March for MHS

Hundreds of two- and four-legged walkers helped raise money for the Michigan Humane Society during Mutt March. The march included food trucks, photos with the 313 Ghostbusters team and a demonstration by Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 team, Officer Tim Harris and Duke.



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alcohol, academic excellence and making the right choices.

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In considering the chronology of the events giving rise to Jane’s death, it is clear that the jury reached the correct result.”

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor and Director of

Communications Maria Miller wrote in a statement, “The Michigan Supreme Court correctly denied Bashara’s leave to appeal. He will have the rest of his life in prison to reflect upon murdering his wife and the devastating consequences for his children, family members and the many friends of Jane Bashara.”

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Pride March, 9:30 a.m. on Kercheval, starting at Grosse Pointe South High School and concluding at Maire Elementary School.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

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

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

◆ Music on the Plaza, 7 p.m. corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

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Pointer tasked with connecting Michigan, Israel

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Early on, Sandy Selinger knew he wanted to go into business in one form or another. Being named the Michigan Business Accelerator's first CEO, however, wasn't anticipated.

The Israeli-born 48-year-old moved to Grosse Pointe Park from New York City about a year and a half ago after his wife, Sandy Fershee, accepted a position at Ford Motor Co.

"She started working for Ford as a contractor and commuting here," he said. "At some point the position grew to such an extent that if we wanted to see her face it was necessary for us to relocate."

Selinger said he and

Fershee, a native Michigander, were thinking about relocating to Michigan for a long time, so everything seemed to come together.

He said he didn't really know what he was going to do when they landed.

"But I figured, I'm a capable person," he said. "There's a burgeoning market here; we'll come up with something interesting."

In New York, he worked with startup companies, many of them Israeli, looking to open operations in the United States. Notably, he managed the Israeli wix.com's New York office, helping expand the brand to a nationally known web development company.

With 20 years of experience working with Israeli companies opening up

shop in the U.S., joining the MIBA seemed like a perfect fit.

"Getting involved with the MIBA was really unexpected and a fantastic surprise," Selinger said. "I was really excited for the possibility of joining and I think it was a good match."

The MIBA is a Michigan Economic Development Corp.- and Gov. Rick Snyder-backed organization that looks to bring the economic knowledge of Michigan and Israel together.

Israel has a vibrant startup ecosystem — it currently has the third most companies listed on the NASDAQ. Michigan has the infrastructure for manufacturing and a strong foundation for higher education and engineering.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sandy Selinger recently was named CEO of the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator.

Together, Selinger said there is opportunity for both and his task is to make it happen.

He looks to affect change by helping Michigan CEOs solve problems using Israeli innovations and ideas, selling Michigan and

Detroit as an attractive place for Israeli startups and "taking the lessons learned from the Israeli space and implementing them here so we have a more vibrant startup environment, a more vibrant (venture capital) environment," he said. "We cur-

rently have, in Michigan, 134 venture-backed companies. It's a good start, but it's not where we need to be."

Selinger received a master's degree from the London School of Economics in 1998 and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder with a double major in economics and international affairs in 1997.

It was Boulder where he met his wife through mutual friends. He said they would constantly miss each other, always hearing about the "other Sandy." But then they met.

"Then we went on a skiing trip together, then we started dating," he said, "then 20 years later we have two kids and a house in Grosse Pointe."

Car thieves hit the Grosse Pointes

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Grosse Pointe's public safety departments are investigating a rash of car thefts and larceny from autos last weekend.

Six cars were stolen in the Pointes between Monday, May 28, and Saturday, June 2, and just as many cars were broken into or rummaged through in the same amount of time.

Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen reminds residents most of these incidences are crimes of opportunity. Many of the vehicles were unlocked and a number of the stolen vehicles' keys were inside the vehicle. Jensen asks Pointers to make sure to lock their vehicles, remove any valuable items and not leave

keys in cars. Jensen also requested any resident with video surveillance to review it and inform public safety of any suspicious activity.

The Farms saw two vehicles stolen from a garage in the 200 block of Cloverly and a third from a garage in the 400 block of Lexington overnight between Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2. The vehicles all were unlocked, in unsecured garages and with keys left in the car.

There also were five reports of larceny from autos in the Farms the same night — two in the 30 block of Fair Acres, two in the 200 block of Stephens and one in the 90 block of Cloverly. All five vehicles were left unlocked and rummaged through. However, nothing appeared to be taken from any of them.

In the 200 block of

Lakeview, a vehicle stolen from the Shores Saturday, June 2, was recovered approximately 8 p.m. the same day. A homeowner on Lakeview noticed an unknown vehicle parked on the street that morning and saw it go untouched throughout the day. He went to check on the vehicle and found it unlocked with items strewn across the inside. He contacted police, who discovered the vehicle reported stolen that morning.

Just down the street in the 100 block of

Lakeview, a resident caught suspects on surveillance camera casing his vehicle. Approximately 4 a.m. Saturday morning, a Jeep Cherokee pulled in front of his house. Two men wearing baseball hats and hoods exited the vehicle and approached the homeowner's vehicle parked in the driveway. They shined flashlights into the vehicle, but finding the car was locked, left the scene without gaining entry.

In the Park, two vehicles were stolen and a larceny from auto

reported between Monday, May 28, and Thursday, May 31.

One vehicle, stolen from the 1000 block of Bedford Monday, May 28, was recovered five houses down. The owner left the vehicle unlocked with keys inside. The suspects in that incident, described as two 18-year-old black males, are the same in an auto larceny in the 1000 block of Whittier the same night. They stole \$10 in change from an unlocked Jeep Cherokee.

In the 1300 block of Harvard, a 2012 Jeep

Cherokee was stolen in front of the owner's house Thursday, May 31.

A City resident reported malicious destruction of property 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2, in the 17000 block of Maumee. The resident parked her car on the street 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, and returned 10 a.m. the next morning after a neighbor informed her a window was smashed out. The glove box was open, but the resident said she did not think anything was taken.

Anybody with information concerning these crimes are asked to contact their local public safety department.

Hawthorne house ruling June 11

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — In the nuisance abatement trial be-

tween the city and owners of a house in the 1200 block of Hawthorne, Wayne County Circuit Judge David A. Groner announced he will make

a ruling June 11.

Following a string of complaints heard in municipal court, the city filed a complaint in Wayne County Circuit Court September 2017 asking the court to compel the defendants to fix property violations immediately or demolish the house.

The matter went to trial March 26 and adjourned April 16 to allow the defendants more time to retain an attorney and consult a structural engineer.

One of the two individuals on title — Amanda Wheatley — followed the judge's direction, retaining Peter Torrice for

counsel and commissioning an evaluation of the building by an engineer.

Leslie "Jesse" Hughes — also on the deed — did not retain an attorney. Representing himself when the trial resumed Thursday, May 31, he said he would not accept resolution offered by Woods City Attorney Chip Berschback and requested Torrice also represent him.

"(Hughes) didn't retain me. He didn't pay me," Torrice said. "He can't demand that I represent him."

Torrice added there's a

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Outside, that is. Go for a bike ride, a walk, or try a new sport. Dust off the old baseball mitts, soccer balls and Frisbees and have fun.

Stay In
A rainy day during your staycation is a terrific opportunity to visit a local museum or see a movie.

Get Festive
Summertime is usually ripe with festivals in one form or another. Your Chamber of Commerce keeps you up to date with the local free music nights and activities.

Learn Something New
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Unknown slasher

The rear tires of a vehicle were slashed in the 800 block of Loraine sometime overnight between Wednesday, May 30, and Thursday, May 31. The owner does not know who could have done it.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Didn't go far

A 28-year-old Southfield man was arrested for fleeing and eluding police Thursday, May 31. Police spotted the man, driving a white Dodge Challenger Hellcat, approximately 10 a.m. Thursday and pulled him over for expired tags on Mack at Ashley.

However, as the officer approached the vehicle, the man sped off at a high rate of speed and fled through side streets. Because of dangerous speeds, officers called off pursuit, but were able to locate the residence at which the vehicle was registered.

Officers went to the residence on Moross in Detroit and interviewed the mother of the suspect. She admitted her son owns a vehicle matching the description, but said he no longer lives there and she is unable to contact him.

Police were then able to track the vehicle to a local car dealership where the suspect had dropped it off for an oil change.

Police staked out the location and waited for the suspect to retrieve his vehicle, at which time he was arrested.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No insurance

Officers arrested a 25-year-old River Rouge man shortly before noon Wednesday, May 30, after running his license plate while traveling southbound on Lakeshore.

No license

Police arrested a 34-year-old Detroit woman 3:48 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, for driving with a suspended license. She was pulled over for an illegal turn on a red signal onto Lakeshore from Vernier.

Wrong way

After a mail carrier reported seeing a small black SUV driving on the wrong side of Vernier and nearly striking another vehicle head on 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2, an officer spotted the vehicle making an illegal turn on a red signal from Vernier to Lakeshore.

During the traffic stop, the officer detected the smell of alcohol and the driver's bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

After the 79-year-old

PUBLIC SAFETY

Detroit man underwent field sobriety tests and a preliminary blood test resulting in .137 percent blood alcohol content, he was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Burglary

Officers investigated a burglary at a house in the 2000 block of Hampton reported 12:38 p.m. Tuesday, May 29.

The homeowner arrived home to find an upper bedroom ransacked.

She and her husband reported several items stolen, including three guns locked in a safe, a laptop computer and jewelry.

Messy break up

A man in the 2000 block of Roslyn reported his house broken into and items taken, suspecting his ex-girlfriend.

The 35-year-old man arrived home approxi-

mately 9 p.m. Thursday, May 31, to find soda poured over his kitchen countertop and cognac poured over his bed.

Items reported missing from his closet included five jackets, 20 to 25 ball caps and three pairs of shoes.

Shut the door

A woman in the 500 block of Robert John reported a bike stolen from her garage.

She made the report 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31, when she noticed the bike missing. She told the officer she last saw the bike Sunday, May 27, and admitted the garage was left open overnight.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Keen for new shoes

A package containing two pairs of Keen hiking shoes and a suitcase were stolen from a porch in the 900 block of

Westchester between 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, and 6 a.m. Thursday, May 10.

Home invasion

An unknown person entered a house in the 1300 block of Maryland and stole a \$200 floor jack from just inside the back door between 10 and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2.

— Anthony Viola

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

RULING:

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potential conflict of interest in that Wheatley and Hughes will not agree on resolution.

"This case has gone on way too long," Groner said.

The judge told Wheatley and Hughes they must work out a resolution with the city or continue the trial, after which, if the city request is approved, they'll lose the house.

"We won't sell our house," Hughes said.

One way to resolve the case would be for Wheatley and Hughes to sell the property.

Torrice requested adjournment to read the March 26 transcript,

which he said he requested from the court reporter, but had not received.

Groner initially denied the request for adjournment but said he would reopen the proofs presented by Berschback March 26. He would proceed with closing arguments immediately, then make a judgment.

Following additional arguments raised by Torrice, and objected to by Berschback, Groner decided to allow the defense 10 days to examine the March 26 transcript and assess potential resolution.

The trial continues 10 a.m. Monday, June 11.

"The purpose of that day will be closing arguments and a decision," Groner said.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on the future use of \$322,218.61 in Program Income. The following are the proposed uses of these Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds:

1. Project Administration (10%)	\$32,221.86
2. Planning for the Repurposing of Eastland Mall (10%)	\$32,221.86
3. Housing Rehabilitation Loans	\$127,000.00
4. New street lights & other priority improvements	\$130,774.00
Total	\$322,218.61

Residents who are unable to attend this Hearing may submit their comments regarding this matter to the Harper Woods City Clerk's Office prior to the Hearing date.

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OUR VIEW

College bound

This being the high school graduation season, Grosse Pointe school board trustee Ahmed Ismail posted a timely link to an MLIVE.com post. The May 29 post by Julie Mack reports on the number of Michigan high school graduates from 2017 who enrolled in colleges and where.

The data was collected by the Michigan Center for Educational Performance and Information. The data was then cross-matched with Michigan's official list of public high school students against enrollment data from the National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker. Since the student's name or date of birth must be an exact match, there is a real chance of under reporting. Also, not every college participates in the National Student Clearinghouse program. Among the non-participants are, for example, Hillsdale College, Notre Dame and the U.S. military academies.

The data found that out of Michigan's Class of 2017, 61 percent enrolled in college within six months of graduation.

By comparison, 87 percent of Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high school graduates went on to college. (North's percentage was 87.1 and South's was 87.4)

Grosse Pointe high schools' matriculation rate compares favorably with similar high schools in Oakland County. Seventy-five percent of Farmington and Farmington Harrison high schools' graduates last year went on to college, compared with 83 percent at their sister high school North Farmington. In Birmingham, 81 percent of Groves High School graduates matriculated, down slightly from Seaholm High School's 85 percent.

The No. 1 choice for Wolverine State grads was not University of Michigan. Rather, rival Michigan State University was the top destination for Michigan graduates — 5,000 of MSU's student body last year were in-state. In fact, 20 percent of Northville High School's Class of 2017 enrolled at MSU.

Grosse Pointe graduates last year followed suit with 40 from North and 73 from South donning green and white their freshman year. U-M was the No. 2 college of choice at South, with 73 graduates opting for the maize and blue.

U-M was the No. 3 choice for the Norsemen with 29. Macomb Community College ranked second at North with 33 of its graduates choosing to begin their college career there. Thirty-two students from South enrolled at MCC as well.

Five North grads and three from South enrolled in Wayne County Community College District.

All in all, we think we have a lot to be proud of among our graduating seniors. Not only do we way surpass the state average for students going to college, we also topped the likes of our socioeconomically compatible high schools on the west side.

We have no doubt the Class of 2018 will do the same. Congratulations, graduates, and good luck!



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Thistle, a Scottish terrier, is 12 years old and can't walk as far as she once could, so her human companion, Gary Graham, got a small wagon for her and attached it to a remote-controlled car to transport Thistle. On it is a sign that reads, "Please Pet Me, It's Free." Jacob Reinhard thought Thistle and her car were cool and did as the sign said.

OUR VIEW

'Richest Town' in Michigan

Grosse Pointe Shores holds the distinction of being the "Richest Town" in Michigan, according to the Delaware-based online newsletter 24/7 Wall St. (247wallst.com).

To determine the wealthiest town in each state, 24/7 Wall St. reviewed median household incomes in every town, city, village, borough or census designated place with a population between 1,000 and 25,000 from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

According to the report: "Grosse Pointe Shores, a Detroit suburb located on the western shore of Lake St. Clair, is the wealthiest town in Michigan. Franklin, the second wealthiest town in the state with a median income of \$150,250, is located just 30 miles west of Grosse Pointe Shores. Across Michigan as a whole, the typical household earns \$50,803, about a third of the median income in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"The town with the highest median income in each state is also often an expensive place," 24/7 Wall St. reports. "Not only can higher income individuals afford more expensive real estate, but high real estate costs also drive up median incomes as they attract higher income residents and are often prohibitively expensive for most Americans."

"Nationwide, the typical home is worth \$184,700 and all but three towns on this list have higher median home values. In all of the towns on this list, the median home value exceeds the median home value across the state as a whole.

"Across the United States, wealthy towns are often situated in close proximity to large cities. Major

urban areas are more likely to offer a wide range of high-paying jobs as well as a high concentration of cultural amenities like museums, theaters, concert venues and professional sports teams.

"The majority of towns on this list are well within commuting distance of a major urban center, which is often either the state capital, the largest city or both."

Of course, 24/7 Wall St. is not telling us anything we don't already know! The Shores may be the "Richest Town" in Michigan, but all the Pointes are rich, not necessarily in income, but in quality of life.

What's interesting, is the reason 24/7 Wall St. gives for wealthy communities' success: EDUCATION!

"Many high-paying jobs require a four-year college degree," the report's authors note. "Partially as a result, most of the wealthiest towns in each state are home to relatively large college-educated populations. In 46 of the 50 towns on this list, the share of adults with at least a bachelor's degree is greater than the corresponding statewide share, as well as the nationwide share of 30.3 percent."

Concerning Grosse Pointe Shores, the 24/7 Wall St. report concluded, "A well-educated town, every adult in Grosse Pointe Shores has a high school diploma and over 70 percent have a bachelor's degree."

If there were any doubt, the 24/7 Wall St. "Richest Town in Every State" report makes it clear that education is a leading factor in earnings, wealth, success and community.

Again, congratulations college-bound seniors; you're heading in the right direction!

Richest Town by State

Michigan: Village of Grosse Pointe Shores
◆ Median household income: \$151,440 (state: \$50,803)
◆ Households earning \$200,000 or more: 33.7% (state: 3.8%)
◆ Adults with at least a bachelor's degree: 70.5% (state: 27.4%)
◆ Median home value: \$431,200 (state: \$127,800)
◆ Population: 2,933
Source: 24/7 Wall St. (247wallst.com)

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Fiber optic response

Editor's note: The following is a response to letter writer Kelly Boll, Grosse Pointe Park, who wrote a Letter to the Editor, "Fiber Optic Questions," printed in last week's Grosse Pointe News. She also sent a similar letter to the Grosse Pointe Board of Education. The board president's response follows.

Dear Ms. Boll:

Thank you for your email to the board.

The Rocket Fiber Plan has been discussed at various board meetings over the past year. Dr. Niehaus included it in his report to the board at several meetings; there was a presentation at a regular meeting on Nov. 13, 2017; the board approved a conditional agreement at a regular meeting on March 12; it was discussed in connec-

tion with the 2018-19 budget, and it was discussed with other technology presentations, including those related to the district's current capabilities.

I believe most of the information at these meetings is available at the district's website under Board Meeting Agenda and Archive. As the plan continues to go forward, it will be discussed at future meetings as well.

I would also note that it is appropriate for Dr. Niehaus to lead this project. Policy 1210 states: "The superintendent, as the chief administrative officer of the school district, is the primary professional adviser to the board. S/He is responsible for the development, supervision, and operation of the school program and facilities."

Of course, the board will continue to exercise

oversight during the process, and it will ultimately have to review and approve any final proposals and spending. The board welcomes community input during the process.

Finally, the budget process is always difficult because the district seeks to maintain its exceptional educational opportunities while addressing relatively flat state funding levels, declining enrollment and aging infrastructure.

Nonetheless, the board and administration have been able to manage the district's financial affairs with available resources, increasing fund equity from \$2 million in 2013 to \$8.4 million at the end of this fiscal year. Fund equity is expected to be \$9 million or more by the end of next fiscal year.

BRIAN C.
SUMMERFIELD
Board President

I SAY By Jody McVeigh

Happy to be here at the G.P. News



About a month ago, the newspaper with which I got my professional start, where I spent 18 years before joining the Grosse Pointe News, forever stopped delivering news to its readers.

When I started my journalism journey, I was bright-eyed and ready to write with all the energy and enthusiasm a 22-year-old could muster. Back then, the weekly Macomb County newspaper where I worked was producing six editions every Sunday, delivering localized community news to thousands of readers across the county.

With a healthy staff and plenty of support, I swiftly moved from editorial assistant to health and religion writer, then

went on to cover schools before being named associate editor, then editor.

As I climbed the proverbial ladder, our once-healthy staff grew smaller. As I took on more responsibility, the economy took a plunge and our little Macomb County newspaper took a hit.

When I left that newspaper in 2015, we — there were only five of us left, including me — were down to publishing three weekly papers.

As I began familiarizing myself with the Grosse Pointe community, my old newspaper cut back to one weekly edition and the staff became even more bare bones. I was glad to be gone.

Last week, I had the opportunity to reconnect with several former coworkers, for the second time since I left. As much as I enjoy the camaraderie of my current coworkers, I was struck with such nostalgia for so many of the people with whom I spent my early career.

There was the goofy, terminally cheerful sports writer who was obsessed with Michigan State — and spent an exhausting amount of hours covering high school sports.

Then there was the dynamic duo of beat writers I will forever find endearing. The three of us at one time formed a movie club, which diminished over time with the advent of spouses and children and moving away. They're two of my favorite people and I know I will never have as much fun with coworkers as I had with them.

A beat writer I hadn't worked with since 1999 also showed up, and although we'd have lunch together occasionally before she jumped ship, I didn't get to know her well until we reconnected on Facebook. We've kept in touch and have plans for another lunch in the near future.

Two former publishers attended the reunion as well, both well-loved and respected. The one who hired me in 1997 was

such an incredible leader, mentor and role model for me. The other, who was publisher when I was named editor, always had my back and I will forever be grateful for both of them.

There was the sales staff, with whom I worked closely but didn't closely know while at that paper, but who all are so happy to be moving on with their lives post-newspaper.

None of us was too surprised when my former editor — who also served as Grosse Pointe News editor several years — wasn't able to join us for the reunion. After three

delayed flights out of Texas, he landed in Detroit a day late. It would have been nice to say hi, hear the latest update — though from what I've already heard, things are going well for my oldest friend in this business.

During the drive home, I reflected on the people with whom I was able to reconnect. The changes so many of them have experienced — death and divorce, retirement and unemployment, kids and grandkids. Change is inevitable, right?

Yet here I am. Apart from my predecessor, who is finding success

down South, I am the only one of my former coworkers still in newspapers. Do I consider myself lucky or left behind?

I count my blessings G.P. News is still beloved by many in the Pointes. I am forever grateful for the people who brought me here three years ago — perhaps even more so knowing my old paper is no more. I love this job and meeting Pointers and finding out what makes you tick.

So even though I'm saddened at the closing of a newspaper with such meaning to me ... I'm going with lucky.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING 200 STUDENTS:** With final examinations successfully passed, Grosse Pointe High School's June graduating class of more than 200 students is ready for the semi-annual commencement exercises at 8:15 tonight.

Weather permitting, the ceremony will be held on the front lawn of the high school building.

◆ **MORAL THREAT NIPPED IN BUD:** A serious threat of moral delinquency aimed at the children of the Pointe was scotched this week when Park detectives discovered packs of playing cards bearing pornographic photographs had been distributed among 12- and 14-year-old boys in the area.

The detectives brought in six of the boys, all of Grosse Pointe, who told detectives they bought the cards from a 16-year-old Detroit resident.

Grosse Pointe detec-

tives quickly got in touch with a sergeant in charge of the obscene literature division of the Detroit police department, who with the name of the boy, quickly arrested two adults.

The Park detectives

state that if this wretched traffic had not been discovered when it was, another week would have found the whole Pointe area saturated with this filth in the possession of the school children.

— Karen Fontanive

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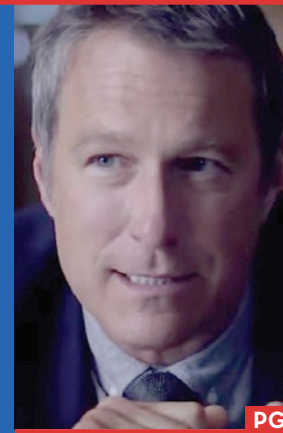
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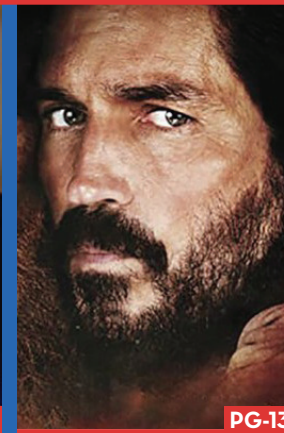
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Parting words from departing teachers

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Add up the years of service of the teachers and administrators retiring from the Grosse Pointe Public School System at the end of the 2017-18 school year, and the total represents nearly 700 years of combined experience. Before the last bell rings and they depart for their final summer vacation, many of these soon-to-be retirees shared highlights from their years, including what they'll miss, what they won't miss and advice for younger colleagues based on their accumulated experience.

Hits and misses

Top on the list of what they'll miss? The students. "The students themselves are the highlight of teaching, of course," said Kit Aro, an art teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School with 20 years of service in the district. "These teenagers are wonderful young people who inspire me to always do my best for them. The annual highlight now that I teach art is our ArtFest student art show. It is where the whole community can see that creativity and intelligence is alive and well in our kids." Aro added she will miss "the energy of being in a room full of learning, thinking, creating and striving to be better."



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Brownell retirees, from left, Sandy Shellnut, Marie Fachini-Kurily and Susan Dempsey, were among district employees recognized at a retirement tea at Grosse Pointe South's Cleminson Hall May 31. In his remarks, Principal Rodger Hunwick, right, said the three, along with Margaret Cooper, represented combined service of 100 years in Grosse Pointe and 120 overall. "We came up with a low ball number of 22,800 students who have been touched by these four incredible people over these 120 years," Hunwick said, adding, "We did figure small class sizes."

What she won't miss are "the overgrowth of demands that push my students and their learning aside. It is time to value teachers' experience and ask them what they need (and don't need) to carry on and continue to serve this community. As a home-grown educator who has been in district schools since kindergarten, I am very concerned for our schools."

Jan Brengman, too, noted she will miss her students. In her 32 years, the Pierce Middle School English teacher has

taught in the district long enough to enjoy what she calls "second generations" — students whose parents, aunts or uncles have been in her classes.

"It is such fun to run into the former students who remember Pierce fondly," she said, adding she will also miss her "wonderful colleagues. GPPSS has the best staff, assistants, administration, office personnel and custodial staff. Everyone takes such pride in their work."

What won't she miss? The meetings and "senseless busy work."

Susan Dempsey, Brownell Middle School English teacher, noted 27 years of directing productions — mostly Broadway musicals — as one of her personal career highlights. These productions were "all inclusive to any member of Brownell who chose to be in the show," she added, with an average cast of more than 100.

Other highlights include working as English department chairwoman with "a group of dedicated colleagues always open to new ideas, methods, professional growth and sharing" and 27 years of

planning, implementing and chaperoning field trips and events such as the annual Greek Day, water quality testing, cooperative camp experience, country picnic revivals, Washington D.C. trip and Chicago choir trip, tours of Ford Field, theatrical productions and tin can auction.

She will miss "those moments of teaching when you realize your students are impacted by the beauty of language, a well-crafted story or a life lesson."

Finally, she'll miss the students themselves — "the quirky, the kind, the studious, the athletic, the



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Carol Cross with fifth-grade students, from left, Lindsey Kodanko, Bella Peruski and Bridgette Wilson, at Defer's Field Day in May.

withdrawn, the outspoken, the variety. I will miss them all."

She will not miss the lengthy testing days and the "limited 5- to 7-minute parent conference" involving as many as 86 visits in a two-day period.

David Cleveland was succinct in summarizing 24 years in the district teaching instrumental music to students at Grosse Pointe North High and Parcels Middle schools.

His individual highlights were "the many trips and great performances that I have had the pleasure to experience with my students over the years."

He'll miss "the energy and sincerity of the students. They are all family to me." He won't miss

"the long hours of being on my feet."

Dan White has taught instrumental music in the district nearly as long as Cleveland — 23 years. His highlights were serving as South's director of bands from 1998 to 2010.

"Foremost would be directing the symphony band at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England in 2008 and directing the jazz band at the Detroit Jazz Festival three times," he said.

"I will miss interacting with the kids," he added. "We've had a lot of fun over the years."

He won't miss "traveling to six different schools every day."

Defer Elementary School teacher Carol Cross said being hired to teach in Grosse Pointe "was a dream come true." In her 34 years, she has taught mostly fifth-grade social studies, reading and writing.

"It has always been a personal goal to make learning interesting and fun for my students," she said. "The biggest highlights of my career are the times I've been invited to South's graduation as a guest of a former student who remembers me as a teacher who has influenced their life. That is a true honor."

Other highlights are volunteering more than 25 years to help with the fifth-grade overnight camp and school yearbook.

"I will definitely miss my students and the pure joy of seeing their smiles and hearing their stories everyday," she said. "I will also miss the wonderful, dedicated, hard-working teachers at Defer. Some have become like family after so many years. Supportive colleagues are a must in this profession."

Marie Fachini-Kurily, who in her last year has split her time as a counselor at Brownell and Pierce, said she will "miss helping and working with students, staff and parents to navigate the middle school years. I will also miss field trips with the students, especially the eighth-grade Washington D.C. trip."

After 32 years at the middle school level, Fachini-Kurily added she "won't miss dealing with text and social media issues involving students saying things they would never say face-to-face. When I first started my career it was a chalkboard, pencil and paper world."

Field trips to Washington D.C., Cedar Point, Chicago and the Rouge Plant were highlights from Brownell

Principal retires

Maire Elementary School Principal Sonja Franchett is retiring after 38 years in education, 32 in GPPSS.

"There have been many great moments over the years," she said. These include "the excitement of being hired to teach first grade at Monteith, starting up the magnet program at Defer, teaching at Trombly with some wonderful teaching partners and, of course, being the principal at Maire. Working with the Maire teachers, students and parents to win the Blue Ribbon Schools 2017 award was a career highlight.

"Throughout my career I have continued seeking new aspects of the teaching and learning process," she continued. "Watching students grow — and working hard to

ignite that motivational spark to keep the learning going — has been a joy. As a principal, I have loved supporting and learning with my teachers at Maire to build a school culture that is caring, energized, rigorous — and fun. I will dearly miss all of the amazing people I work with (both students and adults), but will be a part of the community in a new way."

High on Franchett's list of what she won't miss? "Completing lengthy reports."

Her advice to younger colleagues is to "enjoy your students and each day of your teaching life by reaching out to all of the exceptional people who work in the Grosse Pointe schools and community and tapping into their expertise and support."

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Historic

The Grosse Pointe North High School jazz band set a new personal best. Participating students attended the Music-in-the-Parks Festival in Ohio this past weekend, receiving not only a “superior” rating, but the highest overall score of all bands performing — and the highest any North band has received in its history of participating in this festival, according to David Cleveland, North’s director of instrumental music.

“The kids were absolutely amazing and I can’t believe how well they played,” Cleveland said.

In addition, freshman saxophone player, Stephen Barstys, received the most outstanding soloist award.

Said Cleveland, “Although we have had numerous seniors win this award in the past, we have never had a freshman receive that honor.”

New principals on board

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Two newcomers to the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration will step into their new roles August 1.

Maire Elementary School’s new principal, Ryan Francis, replaces Sonja Franchett, who retires at the end of the school year after 38 years in education and 32 in the district. Franchett has been principal at Maire since August 2011.

Francis is a familiar face in Grosse Pointe. In his 11 years teaching fourth- and fifth-grade at Mason Elementary School, he was elementary chairman of the GPPSS math committee, a member of the Blue Ribbon Facilities and Strategic Planning committees and leader of the Mason PLC technology committee.

As a member of the Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy, Francis attended training on formative assessment, project-based learning, growth mindset, social justice and restorative practices. He led Grosse Pointe staff development on technology integration, communication tools with parents and techniques for staff to share lesson plans and best practices. According to a letter from Superintendent Gary Niehaus to the Maire community, Francis also is the lead problem-solver for technology problems in his building. In 2016, he was named a GPPSS Distinguished Employee for his efforts going above



Ryan Francis



Sara Dirkse

and beyond to help students and staff reach their potential.

Francis said he is excited to join the Maire community and “get into the building ... to meet the kids.” He thanked his current principal, Roy Bishop, and Franchett for their support.

“Sonja was one of the first people to reach out to welcome me,” he said. “I’ll take really good care of the building, I promise.”

Sara Dirkse, the next principal of Pierce Middle School, is new to the district, but not Grosse Pointe. A resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, she served as principal of Woodworth Middle School in Dearborn three years and was an assistant principal at Dearborn

High School and in Gull Lake Community Schools prior to that. She also taught, coached and served as Athletic Director and Title IX coordinator. Dirkse will replace Interim Principal Karen Sullivan, who came out of retirement to serve as Pierce’s interim principal after former Principal Christopher Clark retired in January.

According to Niehaus’s letter to the Pierce community, Dirkse “respects the district’s tradition of excellence and is committed to working with the school community to continue to improve. Throughout the selection process she impressed interview teams with her strong interpersonal skills, commitment to

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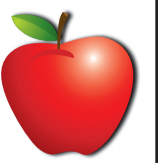
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Teacher of THE WEEK



Michael Heenan



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Schools: Maire and Trombly Elementary schools

Years at Maire: 16 (also taught at Barnes, Mason, Monteith and Poupard)

Grade/Subject: K-5 art
Nominated by: Sonja Franchett, Maire principal
Principal’s quote:

“Mr. Heenan loves to learn about teaching art, creating art and supporting art in all its aspects. He loves to help students find their passion and to use their creativity. His room is an encouraging place where students get time to explore all kinds of materials and crafts. He is currently mentoring two fifth-graders who are decorating the “Watchdog” sculptures being issued by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. He is a team player at Maire and he supports all of us to be our best.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I enjoy the energy the kids bring to the classroom and I enjoy passing on techniques that are completely new to them and watching them create these amazing pieces

of work. Making prints really embodies that: creating a groove in a piece of styrofoam or cutting a line into a piece of linoleum, inking it and pressing paper to it, watching their faces as they pull it away, and they literally “ooh” and “ahh” as they watch it. And then add another color to it. ... Forget about it. It’s like watching a magic show.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you’re proud of or a “teachable moment” you experienced.

I’m overseeing the work of two fifth-grade girls on the Grosse Pointe Chamber’s Dogs Unleashed Event. They are painting their winning designs on two fiberglass dog sculptures. What started out as a painting project has become a life lesson. These two young ladies have experienced a lot of life already and to listen to them share their stories with each other and bond over their artwork has been a joy to watch.

I know not only the love of their families,

which is immeasurable in this community, but the nurturing community of Maire and the family this amazing staff creates, is also at work.

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

I have my stepmom and dad to thank for their unending support; I have my father to thank for the art side; and a dear aunt who taught in Detroit Public Schools for 30-plus years.

Favorite quote:

I think Conan O’Brien gets credit for saying it, and it hangs in our art room: “Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.”

relationships and instructional leadership.”

“One of the things that drew us to the community is just the strong sense of community and the schools and I’m really looking forward to being a part of that as one of the leaders in a building,”

said Dirkse, who moved to the Woods five years ago. “I’m really looking forward to being in this role and joining the Grosse Pointe community schools and also being a member of the Pierce family.”

Francis and Dirkse’s

appointments were approved 6-0 by the Board of Education at the regular meeting May 21. Secretary Cindy Pangborn was absent.

Also approved in permanent positions were

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social studies teacher Margaret Cooper's 28 years in the district.

"Traveling with students is a great way to build positive relationships and really learn about what's happening in their lives," she said, adding she will miss "the students' enthusiasm and the laughter in my classroom. It's amazing how kids can brighten even the most difficult days. I will also miss spending time with my colleagues, who work so hard to be sure students achieve and also have fun at school."

What Cooper won't miss is "the current national focus on test scores instead of what really matters in schools — helping students become kind, hard-working people who care about others and their community."

White, too, expressed concern for the future of public education locally, regionally and nationally.

"It has in many ways become a political football and, sadly, the voices of teachers — profession-



PHOTO COURTESY OF SALLY DEAN

David Cleveland said a few words to the community during his final appearance at the North/South band and orchestra outdoor concert June 1.

als who are doing the real work and know best how to successfully educate our children — are being largely disregarded," he said.

Words of wisdom

These veteran teachers have plenty of advice to offer future generations of educators.

"No one understands and values your students' learning of your subject matter like you do," said Aro. "Fight to keep the main thing the main thing — student learning."

"Do the best you can

and remember, we're here for the kids," said Bregman. "Try not to worry about things that are not under our control. Start the year strong (and strict). One can always lighten up, but it is difficult to regain control after the precedent is set. Give the taxpayers their money's worth. People buy homes in Grosse Pointe for the schools. The parks and scenic beauty are secondary."

"Be involved," said Dempsey. "Treat this as a career, not a job. Open

your doors to colleagues. You will receive and learn so much."

"Learn how to become a better person from everyone you meet, whether that be your students, parents, fellow teachers, administrators or any other people you work with," said Cleveland.

"Put the phones down," said Cross, acknowledging this advice won't be popular. "Technology is a wonderful tool and it's in our lives to stay, but it's important to have a balance, especially when youngsters are watching and getting their cues from you."

Added Fachini-Kurily, "Remember to treat each student the way you would want your own children and grandchildren to be treated."

"Find a balance between your professional life and your personal life," said Cooper. "Take care of yourself so you can bring lots of energy and enthusiasm to your classroom and be proud of what you do every day because it is more important than people realize."



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With Scott Cooper are race winners, from left, Dani Lubienski, Stephanie Westrick, Noah Dean and Ben Sheffield.

Determined

Parcells Middle School students ran the extra mile in memory of Brian Aulph, a teacher and coach in the district who died in 2013 at age 36. The Brian Aulph Determination Mile was shortened to a half-mile course due to heat, according to organizer Scott Cooper. The run is named in honor of the popular teacher's spirit of determination.

Among the 54 runners were five staff members, who "came in dead last" behind the students, according to Cooper. The top male runners were Noah Dean, Ben Sheffield, Matthew Greene, Jason Michalski and Gabe Loper. The top female runners were Stephanie Westrick, Dani Lubienski, Maddie Loporto, Sarah Westrick and Kate Bartolotta.

Advice to younger colleagues from a veteran teacher

◆ Find a mentor. Thirty-two years later and I still remember my wonderful mentors that helped me navigate the first few years understanding all that goes into being a teacher physically, emotionally and academically. Their wise, insightful words and thoughtful actions helped me develop into being the teacher I am today.

◆ Connect with other new teachers throughout

the district as you will all be going through many of the same struggles and success and can support one another.

◆ Remind yourself that you are in a noble profession. When I was hired in Grosse Pointe 31 years ago, the interviewing principal asked me why I wanted to become a teacher. I said something like, "It is the next most important job in the world after being a par-

ent." Never forget that you are truly touching the future. Make it count.

◆ Be reflective and don't be too hard on yourself. Find something you felt went really well during the day. This could be an interaction with a student or parent or colleague or the "lightbulb" moment for a child during a lesson. Applaud your successes. When you feel something didn't go well in a lesson, or

with a parent or a colleague, go to your mentors and colleagues and figure out how to make it better in the future.

◆ Remember that tomorrow is another day to start fresh with lessons and students, parents and colleagues.

◆ Take time to refresh and renew on breaks.

— Donna Bednarczyk, fifth-grade teacher, Maire Elementary School

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Geoffrey Young as assistant principal at Grosse Pointe North and Christopher Booth as athletic director and assistant principal at Grosse Pointe South. Young and Booth served in interim roles following the mid-year retirement of Tom Beach and resignation of Jeremy Hawkins, respectively.

"I really have grown up professionally at Grosse Pointe North and I'm

looking forward to helping the students and teachers and staff there to continue to grow and learn like we do at Grosse Pointe North High School," said Young.

"This is my dream job at my dream school at my dream profession — education," said Booth. "I look forward to working with all the stakeholders in this district, the community at South, to ensure that we do what's in the best interest of the kids and aspire towards excellence."

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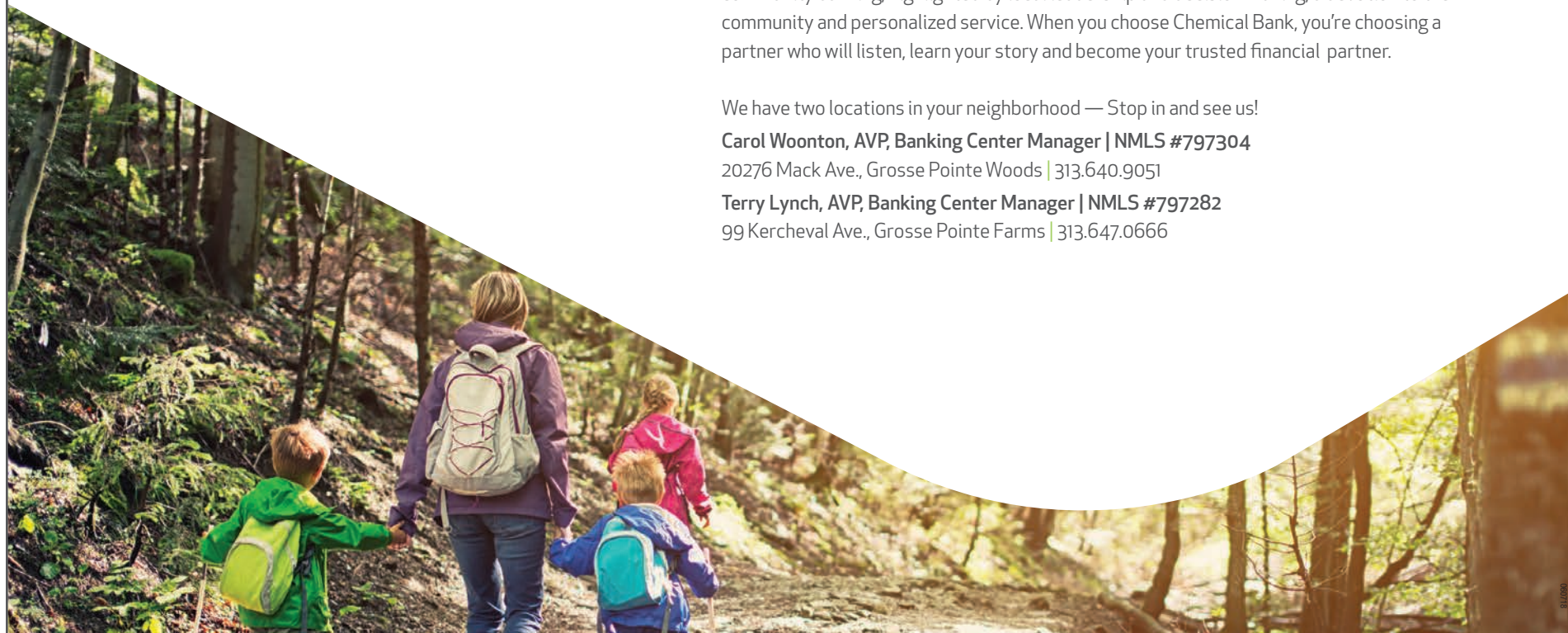
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Inspiration & influences



A 1958 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

31st annual EyesOn Design celebrates vehicle design

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The No. 1 car show in Michigan returns to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Father's Day, June 17, welcoming the public to explore nearly 300 vehicles displayed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EyesOn Design has a slightly different footprint this year, due to construction at the Ford House, but organizers still anticipate 5,000 guests for the show, which was voted among the top five car shows in the country by USA Today readers.

This year's grand marshal is Joe Ricci of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Several categories of vehicles are displayed following the show's theme of "Design Inspiration and Influences." Categories include Art Deco and Streamlining Inspiration; Military Influence; Cross Country Travel Influence; World War II Aircraft Influence; Animal Inspiration; Contemporary Abstract Sculpture and Muscular Forms; The Wedge Design Revolution and Stealth Fighter Inspiration.

"Everything in the show is taking inspiration from something else," 2018 EyesOn Design Chairwoman Kathy Lightbody said. "It shows the universality of



A 1948 Nash Ambassador.

design — that inspiration can come from anything."

Interactive displays include a video game on the field, "so you can observe the actual car inspired by it and play the video game," Lightbody said. Another augmented reality display allows users to see the influence of World War II aircraft on car design.

Cars are judged by senior designers, as well as EyesOn Design Visionaries, a team of visually impaired volunteers who judge and select the winner by touch, Lightbody said. A group of junior judges also participates.

"With the junior judging, not only were the junior designers thrilled to meet the big names, but the senior designers were so energized by having the young, enthusiastic juniors,"

Lightbody said. "We have 12 kids in two groups, one judge to each team. These kids are from College for Creative Studies, Cleveland Institute of Arts, Lawrence Technological University. Plus we have the three winners of Fiat Chrysler Automobile's Drive for Design competition. What a way to freshen it up. It's good for the kids, good for the show, good for the community."

Car show awards are announced 1:15 p.m.

"If you want, you can walk the field or you can sit under the bleachers and watch the awards ceremony," Lightbody said. "You'll see 50 of nearly 300 vehicles as part of the awards parade. You'll hear about every car and why it was selected for the award."

The event also includes a Private Eyes Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored

by Nissan. Tickets are \$85 per person, \$25 for children younger than 12, and includes admission to the car show.

Two events are planned leading up to EyesOn Design, including Vision Honored at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, at College for Creative

Studies, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit. Edward T. Welburn Jr., retired vice president of design for GM, will receive the Lifetime Design Achievement Award. The black-tie event features a silent auction and jazz music. Tickets are \$195.

"Spend the evening with people who make cars, collect cars, love cars," Lightbody said. "Get a table of 10 and bring friends. It's not industry only. It's for those who want to be there. And it's a donation for such a good cause."

The following day, Saturday, June 16, the public is invited to tour the Lingenfelter Collection, 7819 Lochlin, Brighton, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The collection features more than 150 cars, making it one of the larg-

est personal collections in the United States. It features exotics from Bugatti to Ferrari to Lamborghini and more. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds benefit the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

"Ken Lingenfelter is a huge Corvette fan," Lightbody said. "He's a car lover first. His perspective will be interesting."

One of Lingenfelter's cars will be showcased at EyesOn Design — the first-ever all-electric Corvette — Genovation GXE Corvette. One of 75 made, the Genovation GXE carries a price tag of \$700,000.

"It's a great car people would never see anywhere else," Lightbody

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF EYESON DESIGN

Ken Lingenfelter's Genovation GXE Corvette, the first-ever all-electric car, will be displayed at the event.

EyesOn Design launches lecture series

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The 31st annual EyesOn Design car show is right around the corner and coming with it this year is a new series of lectures to benefit the Detroit Institute of

Ophthalmology.

The series kicked off May 11 at the newly renovated Detroit Club, where nearly 200 photographs by Robert "Puff" Puffer were displayed.

The photos are from a lifetime of car shows and 45 years at Ford Motor

Co.

Puffer was a Ford staff photographer in the 1950s, when expertise in photography was an art form much less accessible to the masses. Dozens of his original works — many viewed in public the first time — were dis-

played.

Remarks were made by his son, Christopher Puffer, and by Darrell Behmer, chief designer of Ford Performance, who recalled the inspiration Puffer's photographs provided as they graced the walls of Ford's design

center.

"It seems like his spirit is what really resonated with people," said Kathy Lightbody, EyesOn Design chairwoman. "He was able to capture from people their natural expression. He does the same with cars."

The second lecture, "Women in Design," takes place 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 8, in the

Peacock Room of the Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Blvd. A panel features author Constance Smith, author of "Damsels in Design: Women Pioneers in the Automotive Industry, 1939-1959," and Mary Ellen Green, former GM designer. It's moderated by current GM designer

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GPA A

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents its 80th annual Members' Show through Sunday, July 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 881-3454 or visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

The entry deadline for the GPA A's "Flower Power" exhibition is Monday, June 18. Artists are invited to capture the visual delights of gardens, as well as the background stories of those who plant and tend them. The exhibition is open to all two- and three-dimensional media, except installations. Robert Fionda serves as juror. Awards include best of show, \$300; second place, \$150; third place, \$75;

and two honorable mentions.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres hosts its next meeting noon Thursday, June 7, at the home of Karen Kolp, with Phyllis Kerslake as co-hostess. A "Happy Summer" party with a meeting and election of officers follows the lunch.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, June 8, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers behind-the-scenes tours 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9 and June 16, and 1 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Tickets are available online only.

The Ford House offers grounds tours 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 and June 26. Tickets are available online only.

GPAAS

A Bark-B-Q fundraiser takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at PetPeople, 19391 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event includes hot dogs, training tips and Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society dog adoptions. Cash donations benefit GPAAS. The same day, the third annual Home Sweet Home GPAAS Adoption & Fundraiser takes place noon to 3 p.m. at Charvat the Florist, Salon Danielle and Village Locksmith, on the 18000

block of Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event includes a bake sale, hot dogs, ice cream, raffles and training advice. All proceeds benefit GPAAS.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. The group also hosts an open house for prospective members to learn about Toastmasters 7 p.m. Monday, June 25, at the same location. The event follows a patriotic theme and dinner is provided. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikeleak at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at The War Memorial, 32

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director Dan Jensen speaks. Jackets are suggested. All men 55 and older, retired or working, are welcome. For future activities, visit seniorclubofgrossepointe.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.
◆ 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 18, Grosse Pointe Sail Club at the Tompkins Community Center, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

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◆ 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, June 14, 21 and 28, Drop-in Summer Story Time.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 15, Summer Reading kickoff party.

◆ 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, June 18, Cupcake-asaurus, for ages 6 and older. Registration is required by Monday, May 28.

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

◆ 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, Paper Crafting Fun with Beth, adult craft. Cost is \$15 for materials. Registration is required.

◆ 11 a.m. Friday, June 22, Cameron Zvara, magician, balloon artist and entertainer.

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said. This year's EyesOn Design poster was designed by David Chapple, a wood scul-

tor. Chapple was inspired to create a sculpture based on one of Welburn's favorite cars — the Cadillac Cyclone, a concept car built in 1959. Never mass produced, the Cyclone was one of

the last cars designed by legendary designer Harley Earl. Chapple's sculpture was made into this year's poster, available for purchase at the show.

"I love having Ed's car represented," Lightbody

said. "It was the inspiration for him to get into the industry in the 1950s."

This year's show also pays tribute to the late Merrie Lynn Ruzzin, an early volunteer with Friends of Vision, a non-profit organization that supports the DIO.

"She came home one day and said, 'The DIO needs to find a way to raise money,'" Lightbody said. "Her husband, Dick Ruzzin, suggested a car show. The three heads of design at Ford, GM and Chrysler all agreed to support this car show, so we are recognizing her at the event."

As was Ruzzin's hope, all proceeds from EyesOn

Design benefit the DIO, the research education arm of the Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology.

"Every September the DIO brings experts, researchers, medical people and educators from around the world to become familiar with each other and each other's work," Lightbody said. "Collegiality inspires collaboration, which increases the rate of progress."

This year's congress is The Eye, The Brain and The Auto, which also includes automotive and future mobility people.

"People are doing similar work around the world," Lightbody said.

"This fosters a relationship where they become familiar with other players on the field. It's a valuable number of days spent together. It's all in the name of the process of restoring some level of sight."

Lightbody said anyone who loves cars is invited to be a part of EyesOn Design and preceding events.

"They are not priced out of range. It's attainable," she said.

Cost for EyesOn Design is \$25 and parking is free in the field across Lakeshore from the Ford House. For more information, visit eyesondesigncarshow.com or call (313) 824-4710.

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LECTURE:

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Liz Wetzel. "Mary Ellen Green was one of the first women in the GM design studio," Lightbody said. "She was hired in 1950 and is featured in the book."

The event is produced in conjunction with the Society of Automotive Historians Leland

Chapter. "It's meant to educate, mentor, empower," Lightbody said. "It's supporting the role of women in the industry."

"Imagine what it was like just a short time ago," she continued. "It was not long ago women would walk through world headquarters unnoticed because it was assumed women were nothing more than sup-

port staff."

A minimum contribution of \$25 is accepted at the door; proceeds benefit EyesOn Design and the DIO.

Registration is not required, but seating is limited to 50. Additional standing room space is available. For information, call (313) 824-4710.

Details are still coming together for a third lecture in October, Lightbody said. EyesOn Design is partnering with the Junior League of Detroit for an event at the JLD Designers' Show House, the Charles T. Fisher Mansion.

"It's the first time they've done a house in the city," Lightbody said. "We'll spend an evening in the home and Alan Cobb from Albert Kahn (Associates) will speak."

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Nick Smith

Keeping skills sharp during summer months

Q: My child has worked so hard during the school year to become a stronger reader. How do I keep his reading skills sharp during the summer months, especially when he does not enjoy reading?



A: A common concern among parents, especially those who have children who struggle with reading, is what to do during summer months so the skills attained during the school year do not regress. According to a report released by RAND Corp., the average summer learning loss in reading for American students amounts to

one month per year. Eventually, year-round schools will be the norm and there will be no need for concern. Indeed there are already year-round choices in many districts. Slowly but surely, the realization children are no longer needed to tend to crops during summer months is resulting in reform. Until that

time, reading routines that were established during the school year should continue without interruption during summer months.

Summer should not be viewed as a vacation from learning. For example, if your child was required by the teacher to read 15 minutes per day during the school year, the same requirement should be continued during summer. If reading a book a month was the requirement, then it should be a book a month during summer as well. Of course, accommodations that had been established during the school year could be

part of the summer routine, if applicable.

Also consider enrolling your child in an academic program immediately following the end of the school year. Be it through the school, library or tutoring center, summer enrichment or remediation programs provide the necessary consistency to not only keep skills from regressing, but in some instances, help skills progress, making for a successful start to the new school year and beyond. Enjoy summer in Michigan.

Smith is the director of tutoring at Brainspring Learning Centers. Brainspring has 11 locations throughout southeastern Michigan.

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Pewabic House & Garden Show is June 7-10

Kick off Michigan's long-awaited summer at the 28th annual Pewabic House & Garden Show, beginning with a ticketed fundraiser Thursday, June 7, and opening to the public Friday through Sunday, June 8 to 10.

Patrons can savor summertime all year long with Pewabic's newest work — a Sleeping Bear Dunes tile and sunflower trivet — plus a complement of reintroduced shore and sea life tiles, ceramic scarab and bee necklaces, and a few favorites available in additional glaze options.

This year's House & Garden Show also is an opportunity to witness Pewabic's courtyard mural take shape and get a sneak peek of the soon-to-be-completed new tile studio workspace, the first major physical expansion of the National Historic Landmark building since 1912.

The latest addition to Pewabic's Postcards tile series commemorates a beloved Michigan summertime destination, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

"Sleeping Bear Dunes was a natural choice because so many people equate summertime with visits along Great Lakes' shorelines and Sleeping Bear is one of Michigan's most well-loved and iconic destinations," Pewabic Executive Director Steve McBride said.

The tile joins Pewabic's 5-by-7-inch Postcards series, which includes the Guardian Building, Belle Isle and Eastern Market.



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Pewabic House & Garden Party opens to the public Friday, June 8.

To complement the shore theme, Pewabic reintroduces several historic 3-by-3-inch sea life tiles and its Shedd Aquarium-inspired 6-by-6-inch wave tile.

Pewabic celebrates its 115th year of handcrafting in Detroit with the addition of a courtyard mural designed by Mike Burdick and painted throughout the weekend by Burdick and sign artist Kelly Golden. The roughly two-and-a-half story mural will reference Pewabic's century-plus history as the pottery moves forward with the new studio space and Detroit installations.

"Our courtyard is becoming more and more of an active gathering space at Pewabic, so we're thrilled to have Mike and Kelly help visually transform it," McBride said. "The dynamic design celebrates the craftsmanship that happens inside the walls of our historic building, following in the

footsteps of the Detroit industry murals and more recently the Carhartt mural in honoring the longstanding contribution of makers in Detroit."

Visitors also may be able to get a first glimpse of the pottery's expansion, which increases the tile studio workspace from 700 to 3,000 square feet. Work is expected to be completed in July.

Additional features of this year's House & Garden Show:

- ◆ A ticketed preview party fundraiser Thursday, June 7, to benefit Pewabic, a 501(c)3 — in support of its

educational outreach programs and to help maintain the historic building — with music by Marcus Elliot Quartet, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Tickets are \$125. Call (313) 626-2003 or visit pewabic.org/gardenparty.

- ◆ A new 6-inch round sunflower trivet, available in Pewabic Blue, Mustard and Iridescent glazes.

- ◆ Necklaces featuring Pewabic's ceramic bees and scarabs, and antiqued silver-plated designs based on its Detroit map, lotus and eternity knot tiles.

- ◆ Artwork by more than 80 ceramic artists from across the country, including sculptural ceramic forms by artists Susanne Stephenson, Kaiser Suidan and Mark Chatterley.

- ◆ The opening of Maker/Mentor, a juried exhibition highlighting and celebrating the recent work of Pewabic's staff and students.

- ◆ Saturday and Sunday, Eastern Market Brewing Co. transforms

the courtyard into a biergarten with live music from Behind the Times and the Whiskey Charmers.

The event also features free docent-led tours and live demonstrations from Pewabic artisans and educators.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 10.

For the full event schedule, visit pewabic.org/gardenparty/.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – 2018 Water Main Capital Improvement AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0399.

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, June 26, 2018, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Work consists of approximately 0.21 miles of concrete road reconstruction and 4,500 feet of 8 inch PVC installed using both pipe bursting and open cut methods. Plans and specifications must be obtained through Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info. Plans will be available beginning Tuesday, June 5, 2018. A public viewing copy is available at the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. 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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4B | SENIOR LIVING

Many resources help seniors age in place

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Few older adults wish to move out of the homes they've lived in for years. With advances in technology, innovative services and some physical modifications, it's easier for senior citizens to stay in their homes longer and longer.

Kristin Whitney, with K&K Eldercare Concierge, is an aging life care specialist who goes into a senior's home and assesses what could be done to keep the resident independent as long as possible. Whitney and partner Kris Scarfone are based in Grosse Pointe.

"I think we're coming

up with new solutions to keep older adults safely in their homes," Whitney said. "Ninety percent of seniors want to live in their homes and it's their preferred place to stay."

Making modifications to the home is one way to help a senior age in place. That can mean home improvements most handymen should be able to handle, such as raising toilet seats, installing grab bars or ramps, fixing stairs, adding stair lifts or replacing patches of floor.

The top cause of falls for seniors isn't ice and snow, but obstacles in the home. Minimize the risk of falling by avoiding slippery area rugs, using rubber bath mats and

reducing clutter. Make sure the home is well lit and keep high-traffic areas clear. A professional such as Whitney goes into homes to search for areas of concern.

"You can really equip a home to live there safely your whole life," Whitney said. "I create a long-term care plan to keep (the senior) safely in their home. I work with people I trust and I will send them to the home to get the house equipped with grab bars and other devices."

Advances in technology allow seniors to age in place while still connected to the outside world. Personal emergency devices can detect a fall and send an emer-

gency crew. Usually this service requires a monthly fee, Whitney said.

Devices such as the Ring video doorbell and even Amazon's Alexa can assist seniors as well.

"Ring is a great way to see who's coming and going and Alexa is just one way to communicate with family and feel less isolated," Whitney said. "We have a lot of older adults who are starting to use technology and I think it's a big part of the future."

The ability to cook and bathe are areas that can extend time seniors are able to age in place. Occupational therapists can help seniors with basic movements to

maintain mobility or build strength. They also identify household risks. Physical therapy can help seniors navigate stairs. Medicare often covers in-home therapy.

"An occupational therapist can come into your home and say you need a grab bar or work with you putting your socks on. They will keep you cooking and dressing yourself — all skills of daily living," Whitney said.

Companion caregivers are available for seniors who need additional care. They can help with cooking, cleaning, bathing, grocery shopping, transportation and more.

"If an older adult needs help, a caregiver is one

of the best ways to stay in the home," Whitney said.

Family members might want to consider getting help for an aging relative if they've noticed the house is a mess, personal hygiene is lacking, the mail is piling up or the relative is starting to hoard. Weight loss and unpaid bills are other red flags, Whitney said.

If a relative thinks an aging adult may need help, visit aginglifecare.org for information and recommendations to local resources.

For additional information, visit kandkeldercare.org, call Whitney at (313) 820-3188 or email kandkeldercare@gmail.com.

SOC hosts Wellness Screening Day June 13

Services for Older Citizens wants to make sure the community has "The Keys to Good Health," so it's offering a free Wellness Screening Day 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13.

The event includes health screenings, a healthy box lunch for

those who register by Monday, June 11, and a tin-can raffle.

As people age, their need for regular medical testing usually increases. SOC urges the community to be proactive about health and monitor changes in one's body. Screenings can catch

health problems not yet causing symptoms noticeable to the patient. Screenings also involve checking for common problems that do cause symptoms, but are easily overlooked in routine clinical care.

The following screenings are available

through St. John, Beaumont and Henry Ford health systems:

◆ Henry Ford — Fall risk assessment; knee pain/osteoarthritis; visual field screening; general vision screening.

◆ Beaumont — Nutrition screening; body mass index, blood

pressure, stroke screening; Ask the Doctor.

◆ St. John — Pharmacy medication review; cognitive screening; caregiver stress screening.

Additionally, Somerville Audiology and Hearing Aid Center offers hearing screenings.

Wellness Screening Day attendees also learn about the services and activities offered at SOC that support healthy aging by:

◆ Promoting brain health and emotional well being;

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Volunteer opportunities in Grosse Pointe, surrounding communities

There are dozens of organizations looking for volunteer help in the Grosse Pointes and beyond.

Following is a partial

list of such organizations, along with contact information and the services they're looking for.

◆ Beaumont Hospital, (313) 473-1089; beau-

mont.org/volunteer. Various departments throughout the hospital, including many patient care opportunities.

◆ Belle Isle

Conservancy, (313) 331-7760; belleisleconservancy.org. Island-wide beautification projects, Belle Isle Aquarium greeters, Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory greeters and docents, special events volunteers and Saturday Stewardship removal of invasive species.

◆ Detroit Dog Rescue, (313) 458-8014; detroitdogrescue.com. Feed, clean and work with adoptable dogs.

◆ Detroit Historical Society, (313) 833-1805; detroithistorical.org. Docents, gallery guides, at events and programs on and off site, clerical and administrative, archival and research.

◆ Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, (313) 824-4710; henryford.com/DIO. Volunteers are used with our support group meetings and fundraising events.

◆ Empty Bowls Detroit, emptybowlsdetroit.com. Create and paint bowls, set up, clean up and other roles for annual event in March.

◆ Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, (313) 343-2074, Ext. 204. Work at the used book sale and move heavy boxes of books.

◆ Full Circle Foundation, (313) 469-6660; fullcirclefdn.org. Work at the Upscale Resale Store, summer garden program and as support job coaches for young people with disabilities.

◆ Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, (866) 453-2637; gcfb.org. Sorting and packing nonperishable food and fresh produce, folding plastic food drive bags, picking partner orders and more.

◆ Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, (313) 884-1551; gpaas.org. Assist with caring for pets, walking dogs and laundry at the shel-

ter. Volunteers at adoption showings welcome guests, sit with and transport pets and host bake sales.

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, (313) 881-4722; grossepointechamber.com. Help distribute marketing materials for events/programs, work at events, act as street marshals for the Santa Claus Parade, carry banners in the parade and offer administrative assistance.

◆ Grosse Pointe Historical Society, (313) 884-7010; gphistorical.org. Assist with filing in the resource center and with children's crafts events at the Provencal-Weir House.

◆ Grosse Pointe Lions Club, (313) 473-7399; facebook.com/GPLions. Assist in fundraising activities such as directing cars to Edsel & Eleanor Ford House summer events and guarding street closures during the club's November walk/run event and during the Santa Claus Parade.

◆ Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority, (313) 886-7474; thevillagegp.com. Distribute promotional materials about upcoming events and interview local stores to gather information for the monthly newsletter.

◆ HART (Haiti African Relief Team), (313) 418-0913; h-a-r-t.org. Fundraising, going on mission trips to Haiti.

◆ International Brown Bag Lunches of Love, (586) 747-9906. Write notes, make sandwiches, set up and assemble lunches, deliver lunches, assist with social media and website development.

◆ Kids on the Go, (313) 332-1026; kidsonthego.com. Assist therapists and instructors.

◆ League of Women

Voters of Grosse Pointe, (313) 881-6343; grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org. Assist at candidate forums; Vote 411, an electronic voters guide; voter registration; observer corps; production of videos for informational meetings; publicity and marketing.

◆ Racing For Kids, (313) 882-3403; racingforkids.org. Help in the days prior to Racing for Kids to the Hill, on the day of the event and the day after for set up, helping with decorations, running errands and other needs.

◆ Services for Older Citizens, (313) 882-9600; socservices.org. Help with mailings, serving lunch, delivering Meals on Wheels, clerical work, yard work, chore program and special events.

◆ Society of St. Vincent DePaul — Detroit, (313) 393-2942; svdpdet.org. Assist in thrift store/donation centers, dental clinic in downtown Detroit, the Matchan Soup Kitchen in Pontiac or any special events.

◆ St. John Hospital & Medical Center, (313) 343-3680; stjohnprovidence.org. Many differing opportunities are available throughout the hospital as needed by various departments.

◆ The Arc Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods, (586) 457-8588; thearcgp-hw.org. Provide individual support to children, teens and adults who participate in its summer program, after-school program and other activities.

◆ The Lake House, (586) 777-7761; milakehouse.org. Assist with in-house activities, as well as outreach events.

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Encore Years: John Prost

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Anyone who's tuned in to WMTV the last 30-plus years probably knows John Prost.

The host and producer of "Coffee Break with John Prost" has been active on the cable channel almost as long as it's been at The War Memorial.

He started his own show in 1983 and considers himself blessed he's still introducing audiences to people and places in Detroit and the surrounding community.

"My perception as to why it's worked ... is I treated everybody exactly alike," Prost said. "There was not any attempt to make anyone better than anyone else."

The Grosse Pointe Park resident — and former councilman and mayor pro tem — is quick with a joke and loves to laugh, but he said he took "The John Prost Show" seriously in its early days.

"I loved doing it," he said. "I didn't get paid or anything, but I wanted it to continue. ... Anything to do with Grosse Pointe could come on — I don't think I turned anybody down."

Prost credits former War Memorial President Mark Weber and current CEO and President Charles Burke for allowing him to continue the show, which has taken on different formats over 35 years.

"The only time I stopped ... was in 1985, when I reluctantly ran for mayor against Palmer Heenan," he said. "He beat me by 30 votes. During that time, I decided to stop the show because it was too self-serving."

Currently, "Coffee Break with John Prost" is produced by Live Inspired Productions, led by The War Memorial's manager of media and television production, Ryan Nichols.

"He's very innovative," Prost said of Nichols. "Now we're doing half-hour programs in the community. It features all things Detroit."

The show focuses on



John Prost

fun and energetic storytelling, which comes easy for Prost, "because I really enjoy the people," Prost said. "Everybody is so different."

The show is just one facet of Prost's life, albeit one he is quite passionate about. Business also takes priority.

Prost, a graduate of Michigan State University, spent his career in the life insurance business. He's earned many accolades for his work, but decided long ago to keep it separate from other pursuits.

"I determined I would do two things with the show," Prost said. "The first was not let anybody know what I did for a living. If I in any way connected business with the show, it would die, so people had no idea what I did. And the second thing is I never take any gratuities."

Though the show and his business are impor-

tant, No. 1 in his life is family, he said.

He and Lucy have been married 59 years and are parents to two daughters. They also have four grandchildren.

"Family first, then business," Prost said. "I retired from Pacific Life in 2001, but I still have an office; I still do some work. Then community — that's my passion. It's so much fun."

Prost still is active in the community he loves. He's been a member of the Grunyons 55 years and Detroit Athletic Club 53 years, serving as DAC president in 1996. He also emceed the club's Father Daughter Party 50 years.

A past Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Pointer of Distinction, Prost also was named to the Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame. He sits on several DAC committees, and is a member of Detroit Rotary and Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, among others.

"It's all about energy," he said. "Don't stop doing what you do. You don't have to do a lot, but you've got to keep going."

"I can sum up my life in one word: relationships," he continued. "Everything I've ever done had to do with relationships — personal, business, everything."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT BROWN

Scott Brown and his three big dogs.

Pickleball-playing Pointer passionate about painting

Fresh off his Best in Show win at the Grosse Pointe Artist Association's "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" exhibition and subsequent solo shows at The War Memorial and Services for Older Citizens last summer, local artist Scott Brown placed first at the Naples Artist Association's "Animals: Fact and Fable" juried show at the Von Liebig Art Center in Naples, Fla.

While in Naples, Brown competed and medaled in various pickleball tournaments. He also played in the vener-

ated U.S. Open Pickleball Championships, but fell short of the medal round.

When not playing pickleball at Assumption Cultural Center or the Neighborhood Club, Brown can be found in his backyard studio, painting his three big dogs for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's "Dogs Unleashed" street art project. His dogs are sponsored by The War Memorial, Eastside Dermatology and Kercheval Financial Group.

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The event is free of charge, but reservations are required for the box lunch. Call (313) 882-9600.

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.

Alex Joseph Domin D.D.S.

Alex Joseph Domin D.D.S., 93, passed away Monday, May 28, 2018.

Born Nov. 25, 1924, in Hamtramck, to Jacob and Suzanna Domin, Alex married Shirley and together they raised three sons, Mark (Dianna), Paul and David.

Alex graduated from the University of Detroit School of Dentistry and practiced in East Detroit (now Eastpointe) until his retirement in 1998. He served his country during World War II as a navigator aboard a B-29.

Dr. Domin is survived by his sons, Mark (Dianna) and Paul and granddaughters, Sarah and Hannah. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Shirley; son, David, and parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 2 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment is in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins at thecapuchins.org or the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at dso.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Peter Roman Gilezan

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Peter Roman Gilezan, 90, passed away peacefully Monday, May 14, 2018, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 11, 1927, in Detroit, to Peter and Mary (nee Ciolac) Gilezan. Peter is survived by Star Gilezan, his beloved wife of more than 67 years; daughter, Gay Tosch (Paul); son, Grant Gilezan (Krisztina); granddaughters, Lauren, Charlotte and Holly, and many other family members and friends.

Peter served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War aboard the Destroyer DD 596 USS Shields and the Destroyer Tender AD 17 USS Piedmont. His career at Chrysler Corp. spanned 47 years, including posts in Michigan, Holland and Switzerland. In 1990, he received the Chairman's Award for outstanding contributions to corporate quality initiatives. He retired in 1994 as Chrysler's first executive director of environmental and energy affairs.

Peter had a passion for volunteerism and supporting his church and community. He was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, where he served on its vestry and was a warden, committee chair, Sunday school teacher and lector. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, planning commission and local officers compensation commission, as well as a member of the Wayne County Council on Sustainable Development. Peter was a driving force in the development of the Milk River Retention

Treatment Basin to protect Lake St. Clair from large-scale storm water and sewer impacts. He also enjoyed coaching in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League.

Peter was a past member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Lochmoor Club. He enjoyed traveling worldwide, collecting art and taking photos. His favorite hobbies included hunting, classic cars, military history and barbecuing. Peter was a gifted illustrator and painter. He was known for his keen intellect, sharp sense of humor and sage advice. He loved family traditions, especially Sunday meals.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or any organization supporting veterans.

Elaine M. Hawes

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elaine M. Hawes, 82, passed away in Ray, Monday, May 28, 2018.

Born July 11, 1935, in Detroit, to George and Elaine Schenck, Elaine attended Detroit Country Day School and Dobbs Ferry High School from which she graduated in 1955. After graduating high school, she earned an equivalent to an associate degree in business and worked as a medical professional secretary for a private practice.

Elaine enjoyed spending summertime in Nantucket with her family. Many memories were made in Nantucket. She spent one summer working there at a well-known embroidery and stitching shop.

Elaine was an active and valiant woman. She was an expert estate sale specialist and enjoyed meeting new people and customers. She also spent her free time volunteering at Beaumont Hospital Gift Shop and the Fisher Theatre. She was an avid reader and bridge player and was involved in two card clubs.

Elaine loved her friends and family dearly. She loved spending time, being in the moment and making memories. Her infectious spirit and zest for life will be missed by those who knew her.

Elaine was predeceased by her first husband, William E. Crowther and second husband, Kingsley Hawes.

She is survived by her children, Elaine Trzasko, Stacey Goes (Michael) and George Hawes (Ann); grandchildren, Claire Trzasko, Lydia Alshakarna, Jonathan Hawes, Dylan K. Goes, Christopher Beaton and Jesse Beaton and great-grandchildren, Ibrahim Alshakarna, Hamza Alshakarna, Zane Trzasko, Allys Beaton, Christopher Beaton and

Trenton Desmyther.

She also is survived by her sisters, Georgia Young (Peter) and Sandra Kent (Michael).

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations in Elaine's memory may be made to Nantucket Atheneum, 1 India Street, P.O. Box 808, Nantucket, MA 02554; Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Reverence Home Health and Hospice at reverencehomehealth.org.

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Arthur J. Lombard

Retired Judge Arthur J. Lombard of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Friday, May 11, 2018, at the University of Michigan Hospital, following a long struggle with lymphoma. He was 76.

Judge Lombard was born Nov. 30, 1941, in New York City, where he attended Columbia University. He earned a juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School, where he subsequently taught for a year. Following law school, he clerked for Chief Judge J. Edward Lumbard of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit.

In 1966, Judge Lombard moved to Michigan to teach at Wayne State University Law School, eventually rising to the rank of tenured professor and serving as associate dean. During his first year at Wayne State, he met Frederica Koller, another member of the law faculty, whom he married and with whom he maintained a loving partnership that endured until her death in 2011. Collectively, they taught hundreds of aspiring lawyers who now practice in Michigan and beyond.

After serving as dean of the Detroit College of Law, he was appointed a Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court judge in 1994, spending the majority of his time in the family division. He had a passion for the protection of children in custody disputes. He proudly served on the bench until his retirement in 2015. He was appointed to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

He had a great love of classical chamber music and spent his summers in Manchester, Vt., where he produced professional-level recordings of local artists.

Judge Lombard was predeceased by his wife, Frederica Koller Lombard, and is survived by his brother, Lawrence Lombard, of Birmingham; daughter, Lisa Lombard, of Columbus, Ohio; son, David Lombard; daughter-in-law, Ramona Uritescu-Lombard and grandson, Alexander Lombard, all of Ann Arbor.

Per Judge Lombard's wishes, no funeral or



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Peter Roman Gilezan



Elaine M. Hawes



Arthur J. Lombard



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Wanda Mazza

public service will take place.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Taconic Music Festival at taconicmusic.org; American Cancer Society at cancer.org, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at lls.org.

Alfred Howard Schrashun Jr.

Alfred Howard Schrashun Jr. died Saturday, June 2, 2018, at Covenant Village of Northbrook, Ill.

He was born April 27, 1928, in Detroit, to Florence Foster Schrashun and Alfred Howard Schrashun Sr., a J.L. Hudson Co. executive who died in 1929 at the beginning of the Depression.

Al spent his childhood in Detroit and graduated from Detroit University School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945 and returned to graduate from Amherst College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa his junior year. He continued his education at Harvard Business School and graduated in 1949.

Al joined the J.L. Hudson Co. in 1949, where he had already worked summers. He served in several executive leadership positions and retired in 1983 as vice president in charge of store development.

In 1958, Al married Carol Evans Watkins, a widow with two children whom he adopted. They added a daughter to their family in 1960.

Al was a community volunteer serving as president of Family Services of Detroit, an early board member of Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe, a longtime board member of Adult Well Being Services in Detroit and Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan. He also was a longtime member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe where he served on the vestry.

He also served as past chairman of the Witenagemote Club and was a member of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa and lifetime member of the Grosse Pointe Club.

As a scholarship student himself, Al continued to focus energy on scholarship initiatives and served on the board of the Stephenson Foundation that provided scholarship money to colleges.

Al will be remembered for his dedication to community service, his curious mind, intellect, love of music (especially jazz), voracious reading and devotion to family.

Al is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Martha Watkins Schrashun McDonnell (James) and Chris Schrashun Gretchko (Allan); daughter-in-law, Kim McNulty; grandchildren, Katie McIntosh (Geoff), Douglas Schrashun (Dorothy Lee), Andrew Gretchko (Katelin) and Allison Gretchko and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son, John Douglas Watkins Schrashun who died in 1982.

Interment will be at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Wanda Mazza

Wanda Mazza, 92, of Gilbert, Ariz., passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Wanda was born December 1925, in Pulaski, N.Y. She married William W. Rappman in 1943. He died August 1967. Wanda is survived by their three children, Diane Straitor (George), Shelia Cunningham (Gary) and William D. Rappman (Laurie); stepchildren, Mike Mazza (Bonnie) and Lola McIntyre (Rusty); five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Wanda and William lived in Port Crane, N.Y., then Decatur, Ill., and finally settled in Grosse Pointe. After William's death, Wanda met and married Tony Mazza. They lived in Grosse Pointe 15 years before retiring to Sun Lakes, Ariz., where they enjoyed 23 years together. Tony died July 2005.

Wanda loved to sew, golf and make handmade cards along with various other crafts. She belonged to the Sun Lakes Quilters Guild and proudly displayed her beautiful handmade quilts in many of their shows.

In her later years, Wanda lived at Lotus Adult Care where she enjoyed playing games, reading and singing hymns with fellow residents. Her family is



Amelia Santavicca

indebted to the staff at Lotus for the wonderful care Wanda received while living there.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 27, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins 9:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley, Arizona, 2020 E. Woodside Ct., Gilbert, AZ 85297.

Amelia Santavicca

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Amelia Santavicca, 91, passed away Friday, June 1, 2018, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

She was the beloved wife of Gino for 70 years; loving mother of Patricia French (Michael), Andrea Jenniches (Bart) and Debi Ruggeri (Kerry); proud grandmother of Michael, Bryan, Marissa, Bartley IV, Lindsey, Ashlee and Dino and great-grandmother of nine.

Known as Mickey to family and friends, she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Family was paramount in her life. A longtime educator in the Van Dyke Public Schools, Mickey also was a member of the Bariscianotti Club of Detroit.

The funeral was June 6 at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Sterling Heights, followed by entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Donations may be made to the Van Dyke Public Schools Foundation for Excellence at vdps.net/district-info/foundation-of-excellence/.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

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John F. Markey

John F. Markey, 46, passed away suddenly Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Garden City Hospital.

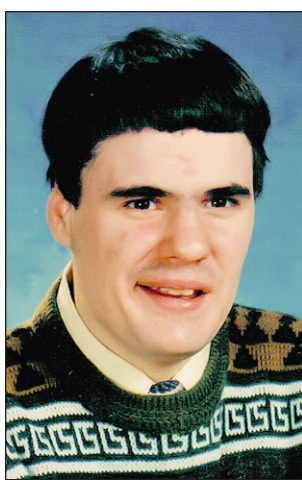
He was the beloved son of Marilyn (nee McQuillan) and the late Francis J. Markey. John is survived by his brother, Francis (Chantal) and sister, Ann. He was pre-

deceased by an infant sister, Ann Marie.

John attended the Wayne County Autistic Program at Burger School in Garden City. A longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident, John and his father often were seen riding a tandem bicycle together.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church May 2.

Donations may be made to Community Programs and Services, 32510 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184.



John F. Markey

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

A word to the graduates

It is graduation time again. This is a wonderful time as we celebrate a chapter that has been accomplished and look forward to the next grand adventure. It is a special time filled with "pomp and circumstance," caps, gowns, open houses and moments to treasure. Such a time begs for words of significance, hence the traditional commencement address.

The commencement address is a wonderful opportunity to offer wisdom and encouragement to those starting a new chapter of life. If I were tabbed to make such an address, I imagine I would say:

"Graduates I want to start by what I will not tell you. I will not tell you that you can be anything that you want. You can't. You weren't created to. By God's design you are each uniquely created. You are a unique combination of gifts, talents and passions. For this reason alone, you can't all become astronauts. Great frustration arises when we are oblivious to the reality that we truly are good at some things and bad at others.

"One of the greatest adventures in life is to discover where this one-of-a-kind combination that is you finds joyful expression toward the common good. You are not only made different, you were created to make a difference. You are 'created in Jesus Christ to do good works' (Ephesians 2:10). The Old Testament puts it this way: 'You are blessed to be a blessing' (Genesis 12:2). You are created, called and gifted to make the world a better place. You are blessed to take an active part in the realization of the prayer we most regularly offer: 'Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

"All too often as we embark on the next chapter of life filled with possibilities we get caught up in myriad options. Now is a time to be honest about who you are. Don't feel bound by what you always said you wanted to do. Don't be too concerned about what others want you to do, particularly when this is divorced from who you are. Don't be swayed by prestige of a certain profession. Consider the

reality of who God made you to be. For many of us this is a life journey of discovery, but act according to what you believe it to be.

"Now is the time to be honest about your goals. It is always tempting to aim for power, fame or fortune. While these have their place, they are at best the side blessing of aiming for something deeper. Instead I encourage you to aim for fulfillment. True fulfillment comes for living in the reality that you are made different to make a difference. True fulfillment comes in finding your place in the family of God and embracing the way you have been blessed to be a blessing.

"As you begin this new adventure may you know God loves you individually, created you uniquely and has plans for you. 'For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you, plans to give you hope and a future' (Jeremiah 29:11). May God bless you as you discover this future and fulfillment."

Rizer is the pastor at Living Hope Church, City of Grosse Pointe.



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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrates high school graduates with a unique jazz service and sending ceremony June 10.

St. Paul celebrates graduates with jazz worship, sending service

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, celebrates high school graduates with a unique jazz service and sending ceremony 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 10.

The community is welcome to the service, led by the St. Paul Jazz Band in traditional Dixieland style. Selections include "This Little Light of Mine," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "I Love to Tell the Story" and other familiar hymns. The Chancel Handbell Choir rings "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," featuring Lance Vechinski on clarinet.

A sending ceremony of St. Paul graduates features a presentation of individual hand-sewn quilts made by the church's Pieces Be with You quilting group. To further honor gradu-

ates, the band performs a new instrumental jazz arrangement based on "Pomp and Circumstance."

"I really like how we are able to sing old-time favorites in a new setting," Pastor Justin Dittrich said. "The congregation really enjoys this style of service, which we do several times a year. And the sending of our high school seniors into the next chapter of their lives is very moving."

Under the direction of Eric Miller on piano, other church members in the band include Rory Powell, Bob Mobley, Rick Grenzke and Matt Magill on trumpet; Andrew Wrobel on trombone; Dan Tripp on guitar; Paul Sikorski on drums and Brian Mark on bass.

For more information, visit stpaulgp.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

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The Christ Church Grosse Pointe choir joins the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival for its annual performance during "Music for a Silver Jubilee" 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Joined by the Callisto Quartet and led by Scott Hanoian, the church's director of music and organist, several works for choir and string quartet featuring some of Britain's greatest composers of the last two

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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.

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DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

Isn't there a pill for that?

We live in a time of seemingly miraculous medicine, with people routinely living into their 90s, treatments and procedures for almost every illness and pharmaceutical solutions galore. Why can't we treat addiction with a pill? Why do these alcoholics keep drinking and drug addicts keep drug-ing, even when their lives are falling apart? Isn't there a pill for that?

There are pills for addictive illnesses, but taken by themselves they may not be effective and may do more harm than good. Substance use disorders are real disease processes and they've been recognized as such by the American Medical Association since 1955. We now understand much more about the neurobiology of addiction, particularly how it affects the brain. Just as clinical depression compromises one's mood with seemingly no relief, so addiction compromises one's will, rendering otherwise capable people unable to guarantee their behavior.

There are medications to address craving, like Naltrexone, but it does not work for many people. For those it helps, it only decreases the phenomenon of craving — it does not eliminate it. Naltrexone is most effective as a complementary treatment, when combined with intensive therapy, education and mutual support groups, like

Alcoholics Anonymous. One of the dangers of a prescription like Naltrexone is the mistaken belief among patients they can skip the more difficult part of the treatment and just take a pill. A perfect analogy would be someone tearing a rotator cuff and just taking pain pills instead of getting intensive physical therapy, perhaps with an operation. Medication may play a role in the treatment, but it is not a solution.

For opioid addiction, many specialists favor Suboxone as a comprehensive solution. Almost everyone recognizes Suboxone as an excellent detox medication, but as a long-term maintenance drug, it is controversial. Once again, the danger is patients won't follow through with intensive therapy and mutual support groups. Also, Suboxone creates a high of its own and is much harder to detox from than heroin. It will satisfy many addicts for a while, but long-term studies of Suboxone are not as rosy as short-term studies. Proponents say Suboxone saves lives and it does in the short term in many studies. Detractors note it postpones the inevitable. Why, they ask, don't we offer treatment of sufficient duration and strength from the outset, instead of relying on a drug? The answer for many patients is simply: The drug is easier.

A major part of the battle with addiction is as old as humanity itself: We like the easier, softer way. We don't tend to stick with things that are hard, even though they may be good for us.

Fortunately, the solution is embedded in our old wisdom. If you want to accomplish something challenging, join a group of people who have had success doing the same thing. Learn from their experience, accept their coaching and support. Follow the path they lay out for you. That's why mutual-aid groups like AA keep going strong around the world, with no outside funding, no dues and no fees. They just work.

Medications play a critical role in the treatment of addiction, particularly during detox and stabilization. The danger comes when patients expect too much of medications and try to avoid the hard work of recovery. If you or a loved one are making your way into recovery, join the mutual-aid groups in your area. You'll find more understanding, support and encouragement than you ever imagined.

Jeff and Debra Jay have helped families overcome addiction more than 30 years. Their best-selling book, "Love First," is a standard in the field of recovery. The Jays live in Grosse Pointe Farms and their website is lovefirst.net.



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On-ice escapades

Lila Curtis, 6, left, and Claire Wengel, 9, both of Grosse Pointe Farms, had their photo taken with figure skater and Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan at the St. Clair Shores Ice Arena May 27. Kerrigan was in town to participate in the annual St. Clair Shores Memorial Day parade and afterward skated with the public and local figure skating clubs.

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Regionals

South and Liggett earn spots in state tournament PAGE 2C

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RIVALS

South sweeps district crowns

South wins over rivals in districts

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For one glorious day, Grosse Pointe South boys baseball team is the king of the community after stunning both city rivals to win a Division 1 district championship.

Head coach Dan Griesbaum and his Blue Devils dominated Grosse Pointe North in a semifinal, winning 6-0, and put the cherry on top of the sundae after edging host University Liggett School 6-5 in the title game.

With the wins, Grosse Pointe South improved to 27-12.

The Knights trailed 6-4 heading to the top of the seventh inning and scored a run to make it 6-5 on Noah Miller's run-scoring double.

They had runners on second and third base with no outs, but South's Cam Shook was able to get a strikeout on a called third strike, a lineout to third base and a swinging strike out to end the game and send the Blue Devils to the regionals.

Shook, on the mound for the first time in a few weeks after a knee injury, earned the win. He pitched the final four innings, giving up only three hits, one earned run, one walk and three strike outs. Joey Naporano started and



South players hoist the district championship trophy after they beat city rival University Liggett School in the finals.

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went the first three innings.

"Cam was cleared to play the day before, and we had a plan of starting Nap and bringing in Cam after a few innings," Griesbaum said. "Cam pitched well for us and was able to get out of that jam in the seventh inning. "Of the 24 district titles, this is the most satisfying. To beat two good teams in North and Liggett to win the title is great. Everyone stepped up and contributed. What a team effort."

Early on it was all Knights as the home team scored three runs in the first inning and added one in the second for a 4-0 lead.

Miller had a solo homer in the first, while Logan

King and Alec Azar had back-to-back run-scoring doubles. In the second, Kellen Banaszewski singled home Nick Post for the fourth run.

The Blue Devils chipped away, scoring single runs in the second, third and fourth innings on RBI singles by Conor McKenna, Drew Maccagnone and Davis Graham.

They took the lead for good with a three-run fifth inning. They scored on a wild pitch, a McKenna single and Jacob Hinkle single.

Shook did the rest on the mound and he escaped the Knights' rally by giving up only the lone run.

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Kramer's blast lifts South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South freshman Margaret Kramer played heroine last weekend.

The Blue Devils, trailing 7-5 in the bottom of the sixth inning of their Division 1 district championship game to city rival Grosse Pointe North, made the most of Kramer's only hit of the game.

After walking Kendall Volpe to set up a force play and pitch to the freshman, Kramer sent a 2-2 pitch over the center-field fence for a three-run homer and an 8-7 lead.

It was the biggest hit of Kramer's young high school softball career.

"What a time to come up huge for the team," South head coach Bill Fleming said. "We all believed in Margaret. She knew it, and we were confident she could come through with a hit, but hitting a home run was incredible."

The Blue Devils entered the bottom of the sixth inning trailing 7-4, but scored all four runs with two outs. Chloe Lobert plated the first run with a single. Volpe was intentionally walked to set up the force, but Kramer's home run sent the Blue Devils bench into a frenzy and stunned the Norsemen.

Fleming's squad led 4-0 after the first inning,



South softball players celebrate after beating rival North in a district title game.

PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

but head coach Ron Smith and his Norsemen stormed back to take a 5-4 lead, thanks to a five-run fourth inning. They added two more runs in the fifth to nab the 7-4 advantage.

It looked like the Norsemen were going to beat the Blue Devils for a third time this season. They built the lead on the bats of another freshman, Dylan Cardinale, who had three hits, including a double and home run.

Evelyn Zacharias had a couple of hits, as did Sydney Brumme and Rachel Liagre. Annaliese Thomas, Erin Kane, Lynlee Duquet and Rebecca Alway also had hits.

They still had one more shot to either tie the game or take the lead, but Lauren Sancya, the Blue Devils' top pitcher,

retired the Norsemen in order on a fly out to left field, a ground out to second and ground out to shortstop.

Sancya earned the win in the circle, going seven innings. She gave up 13 hits, six earned runs, one walk and struck out three.

Always took the loss, giving up nine hits, only four earned runs, two walks and struck out three in her six innings. For the Blue Devils, Julia O'Halla had three hits, while Volpe had two.

South improved to 14-18 overall, while North ended its season 9-16 overall.

In the semifinals, South cruised to a three-inning 22-1 win over Eastpointe East Detroit. Caroline Gallagher earned the win, giving up one run on

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Boys lacrosse

RIVALS

North wins

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City rivals Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School boys lacrosse teams traveled to Warren Cousino for its Division 2 regional championship game last week.

With a spot in the quarterfinals up for grabs, could the No. 2 seed Liggett Knights upset the No. 1 seed Grosse Pointe North Norsemen? In the first meeting between the teams this season, the Norsemen won 14-6.

It was a tale of two quarters in the first half with the Norsemen winning the first 4-1 and the Knights taking the second 2-0.

The Knights had the momentum and were dominating the time of possession. They also scored the first goal of the third quarter to knot things up 4-4 with 9:38



University Liggett School's Alex Johnson, left, gets possession a second before North's Anthony Oliver, right.

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left in the third stanza.

The Norsemen put their game into second gear and scored five goals to take a 9-4 lead and total command of the game.

The run helped North win the regional title with a 10-6 victory.

"We were getting good

shots in the first half, but they weren't going in the net," North head coach Mark Seppala said. "I knew if we kept the pressure on, the shots would start to go in, and they did. It was a good second half."

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

District champs

By Bob St. John
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The streak continues. The University Liggett School girls softball team won its sixth district championship in a row last weekend, beating host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 6-4.

Sophomore Anika Vreeken scored the tying run, safely sliding home in the sixth inning.

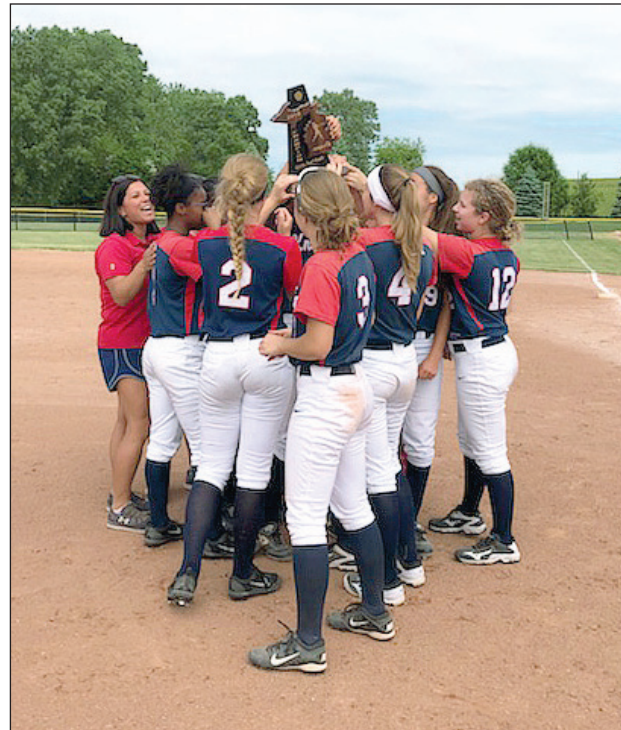
Junior Emily Switchulis earned the win, striking out six, and had a single at the plate.

Sophomore Jenna Hummel scored two of the six runs as she continues to get on base.

In the semifinals, the Knights needed only three innings to beat Academy of the Americas 15-0.

Switchulis was the winning pitcher, striking out five, and again had a single at the plate.

Hummel scored three runs, and senior Maddie Hamilton drove in five runs.



University Liggett School softball players celebrate after winning another district championship.

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Liggett improved to 11-14 overall, and hosts a Division 4 regional tournament Saturday, June 9. The Knights face Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at 10 a.m.

Westland Huron Valley plays regional favorite Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes at 11:30 a.m.

The championship game is set for 1 p.m. at Liggett.

