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Public safety, works facilities move forward

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The new public works and safety facilities are moving forward.

Partners in Architecture presented preliminary plans to council Monday, June 18, which voted to move forward with both projects.

Public works is set to remain on Maumee after initial plans to move the facility to Canyon Road in Detroit fell through earlier this year. As presented to council, the facility will be approximately 30,000 square feet — about 3,000 square feet less than Canyon — and fully enclosed.

Partners in Architecture Principal David Gassen said the planned facility addresses all the needs for the department but is still subject to change, if only slightly.

“We want to give them (DPW) everything they See FORWARD, page 3A

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Bus to nowhere

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Regional transit has been the center of many discussions the last few years and with efficient and reliable transit being one of Amazon’s sticking points for not choosing Detroit for its new headquarters, the discussion has only increased in fervor.

The Regional Transit Authority, an authority set up in 2012 by Michigan’s Congress, first proposed a transit plan in 2016, which was defeated at the ballot box. Since then, it has been working out the wrinkles and hopes to present a plan that satisfies all of Southeast Michigan’s needs.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans presented his plan, called Connect Southeast Michigan, to the RTA board in March. It calls for a 1.5-mill levy to improve service and update infrastructure in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

It would raise approximately \$170 million per year and \$5.4 billion over 20 years. The RTA would act as a coordinating entity, with the current

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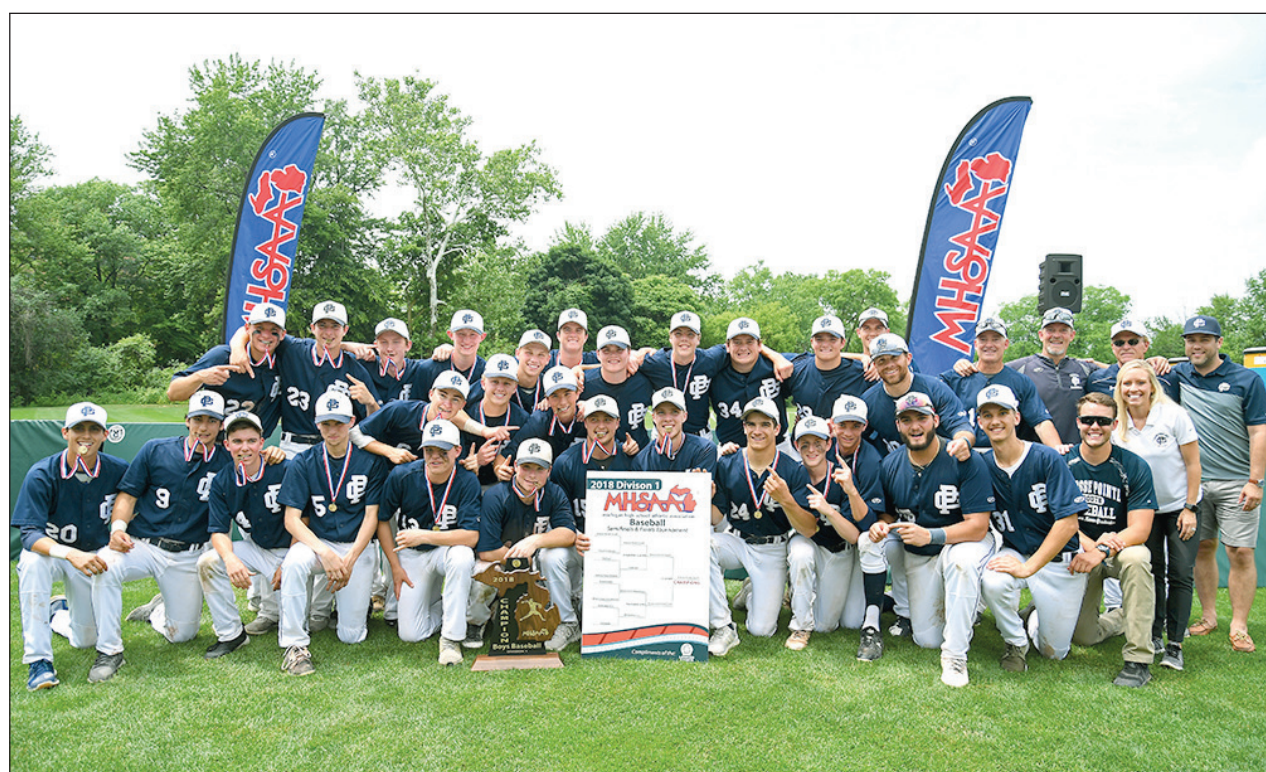


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State champs!

Grosse Pointe South High School players and coaches enjoy the celebration after winning a Division 1 baseball state championship game last weekend, beating Brownstown Woodhaven 8-1 at Michigan State University. The Blue Devils played in their eighth Final Four at the state’s highest level. For the complete story, see page 1C.

Seawall examined

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Recent photos along Lakeshore Road show evidence of a dropped and crumbling seawall.

The state of the seawall along Lakeshore was addressed by councilmen Robert Barrette Jr. during the May 20 Shores city council meeting and Matthew Seely during the April 17 meeting.

Barrette presented analysis of how far the seawall has dropped, including images of the area when it was built in 1932 and the seawall was level with the road.

Barrette said Director of Public Works Brett Smith contacted Wayne County several times about deterioration of

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McCourt reappointed to planning commission

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Mark McCourt was approved for another three years on the planning commission Monday, June 11, but not before Councilwoman Lauri Read questioned the city’s transparency.

Originally, five of the six sitting planning commissioners were set to be reappointed; however, Read is concerned the city didn’t do enough to inform residents those seats would be up for appointment, especially those who would be interested in serving.

“I think there’s some lack of transparency on our part because our residents don’t even know when these come up,” Read said.

She noted the website

did not indicate when the terms would expire for planning commissioners and those who would like an opportunity to serve are left in the dark. She also said if the appointment dates on the website are correct, four of the five reappointments are not up until September.

Councilwoman Barbara Detwiler agreed with Read, saying the city was suffering from a lack of transparency.

“I do think it wasn’t clear that these terms were up or these gentlemen were about to be reappointed,” Detwiler said. “I have to agree with Lauri (Read) on this one. It wasn’t clear to the community, at least to those people who were interested in applying for

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Judge denies Deeplands’ appeal

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In an opinion released June 13, Wayne County Circuit Judge

Craig Strong denied an appeal filed by Deeplands Development Co. for a deviation to a Shores’ zoning ordinance prescribing residential cul-de-sac length as no longer than

600 feet. In early 2017, DDC applied for approval from the village to develop the nearly 8-acre 55 S.

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Dogs Unleashed

It’s official. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s 2018 street art project, “Dogs Unleashed,” hits the streets Thursday, June 21. Passersby can spot up to 37 4-foot dogs and 25 18-inch dogs throughout the community while they’re temporarily displayed this summer. Dog Walk maps, which list the dogs’ locations, are available at each sponsor’s place of business, as well as the chamber office, 63 Kercheval, Ste. 16, Grosse Pointe Farms. Maps also should be available online at grossepointechamber.com.



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the seawall and estimated there are “30 to 40 breaches along the seawall where the water comes right in.”

“It’s in Wayne County’s hands,” Barrette said.

Because Lakeshore is a county road, upgrades to the seawall fall under the county’s jurisdiction.

“We’re going to keep an eye on (Wayne County), put pressure on them,” Barrette said.

During the April 17 meeting, Seely provided information on the

potential cost of \$3 million to 4 million to rebuild the Lakeshore seawall with raised steel and a back-filled retainer, from Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

He recommended investigating grants to support a design with a natural aesthetic encouraging a healthy habitat for the lake’s wildlife.

In the meantime, issues of lake water entering the Shores’ sewer system are being addressed and documented by Shores’ management and council.

—Melissa Walsh



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Lakeshore between Clairview and Deeplands.

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Deeplands into 18 residential lots, including an 852-foot cul-de-sac.

Essential to the village’s case for enforcement of the ordinance was expert analysis, including that of Shores Public Safety Director John Schulte, who rec-

ommended the 600-foot cul-de-sac as “necessary in order to provide safe and efficient movement of fire apparatus and fire suppression services within the Deeplands Lane subdivision.”

Judge Strong concluded his opinion with summarizing the village’s concerns. “This court cannot rule out the village council’s concerns

regarding the effect of longer cul-de-sacs on access, particularly with respect to emergency vehicles, as well as the effect of increased traffic, noise and headlight interference on the surrounding properties.”

Strong acknowledged there are older developments in the Shores grandfathered with cul-de-sacs longer than 600 feet, built before the current ordinance was in force.

“When a community exercises discretion, it must pass a constitutional test. It must be reasonable, not arbitrary, and serve the health and safety of the community,” DDC attorney William Gilbride said following oral arguments before Strong April 27.

DDC’s request for deviation was denied by city council and the zoning board of appeals, which are made up of the same members.

Sticking with its development plan requiring a cul-de-sac, DDC did not request a variance proposed by a city planner for a U-shaped road, which would require a non-90-degree turn and two intersections instead of one and would decrease the number of lots developed for homes.

“The ordinance in question,” wrote Strong in the opinion, “appears to represent a determination by local authorities

that shorter cul-de-sacs were preferable in the area — a conclusion that does not run afoul of the principles behind the constitutional guarantees of equal protection.”

A DDC representative said he would address city council on the matter during Tuesday’s meeting, which took place after press time. Neither DDC representatives nor the village wanted to release comment before the meeting.

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Democratic club hosts campaign office fundraiser

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club hosts a fundraising event to raise money to open a local campaign office just ahead of the 2018 midterm elections. The event takes place 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the home of Douglass Diggs and Dr. Shauna Ryder-Diggs, 465 Washington, City of Grosse Pointe. The event will be headlined by former U.S. District Attorney and political commentator Barbara McQuade.

Ticket prices range from \$25 for students to \$1,000 for hosts and may be purchased at secure.actblue.com/donate/gpdems2018office.

This year’s prospective office will be the sixth of its kind the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club has opened. As in years past, the office will be available for all state and local general election democratic candidates to use and will be operated in cooperation with official Michigan Democratic Party efforts.

Additional information about the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and this event may be found at gpdems.com and on Facebook. To RSVP, contact Colton Dale at communications@gpdems.com or (313) 920-4698.



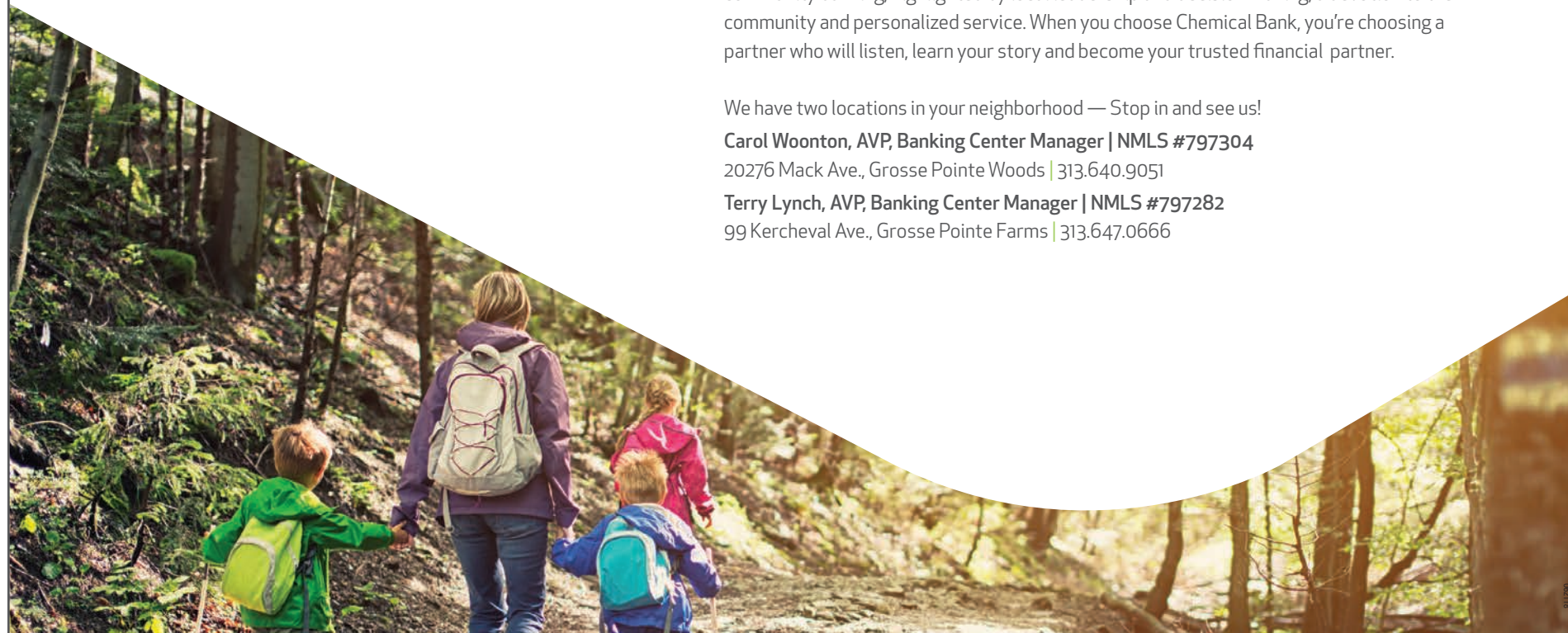
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Osius Park construction on track

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Director of Public Works Brett Smith confirmed Monday the tennis court and parking lot projects at Osius Park are on target for completion July 1 with construction of the new park entrance to follow.

In a 5-1 vote during its March 20 meeting, council approved adopting a plan for a new park entrance, gatehouse and driveway.

On May 15, council approved APCOR Construction and Development to build the gatehouse, not to exceed \$60,000 per the submitted bid, and approved a design revision, illustrated in a

drawing included with the meeting agenda.

Plans for the gatehouse followed a petition signed by 195 residents concerned about park security.

—Melissa Walsh

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ask for, but we are going to give them everything they need and we are going to meet the budget," Gassen said. "That footprint represents a good idea, but it's going to get smaller than that."

At least one resident in the area, Rosalind Geitzen — who lives on Neff abutting the public works facility — is upset the City has decided to keep the facility on Maumee.

"This is a huge, huge impairment to our property values," Geitzen said.

She said she believes the City reneged on how it sold the bond and should invest its money in renovating the current facilities instead of putting up a new building.

"I guess I still don't understand why all this is happening," she said. "No. 1, the bond proposal said you were going to do three things. First, purchase Algiers (Deli and Liquor), move public safety; improve and rehab our (current) public safety building for court; and three, move public works to Canyon. So far only one thing in that proposal is being

done."

While the initial plans were to move public works to Detroit, which was discussed during the bond campaign last year, the language in the bond proposal does not specify a particular location, only that the bond money would be used for "acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, furnishing and equipping" new public safety and works buildings.

Councilmembers sympathized with Geitzen, but said they simply don't have another choice. The current facilities are in violation of workplace health standards, said Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak.

"I am so heartbroken that Canyon went away," Tomkowiak said. "I can't tell you on so many levels ... But, our backs are against the wall."

She said she went back to initial plans for facility upgrades from seven years ago and any renovations or upgrades to the current footprint would still be inadequate for department functions.

Court facilities and city hall are expected to stay on the grounds as well. During a workshop last month, City Manager Peter Dame said there was a possibility of rent-

ing or buying space at 389 St. Clair — Grosse Pointe Public School System's administration building. That now appears to be off the table. For the City, according to Dame, it didn't make fiscal sense.

"The main reason we would contemplate that is to build an even bigger public works building that would meet all the same objectives as the Canyon site," Dame said. "So, when we thought about it, it was more expensive to build a bigger building here for public works and it was also more expensive to buy part of the school district building. And, it was somewhat speculative to assume we could sell the city hall and pay for the cost of moving over there."

According to the preliminary plans, the current public safety building will be razed and a new court and council chambers building erected in its footprint.

The public safety facility has not received as much criticism.

"On the public safety building," Mayor Christopher Boettcher said, "they've achieved everything they wanted to achieve on a project

that is going to benefit the community for the next, don't hold me to it, but 50 to 80 years. ... Overall, this is a great project."

That facility, planned to go on Mack at St. Clair where Algiers Deli and Liquor was located, will be a two-story building with apparatus bay, training tower and covered parking for department vehicles.

Besides a few cost-savings adjustments, the preliminary plans are similar to what was shown at public workshops the last few months.

The projected cost for the new public safety building is between \$5.75 million and \$6 million. The proposed public works building is expected to cost approximately \$6.2 million and \$500,000 is set aside for the new 2,200 square-foot court and council chambers building.

Council also approved the issuance of one bond for all projects instead of taking out two, which would cost approximately \$40,000 more.

Partners in Architecture is expected to develop a guaranteed maximum price for all the projects by the next council meeting in July.



Department donation

Bryan Ede, a former Detroit police officer, knows how necessary a tourniquet can be in an emergency situation. Knowing this, he donated 25 tourniquets to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department — one for each officer. "Any time we can provide officers with tools to help save lives, we appreciate it," said Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni. Pictured from left are PSO Robert Saleski; Sgt. Joe Adams; Ede; Poloni; Lt. Alan Gwyn; PSO Joseph Srebernak.



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Above and below, PSO Robert Saleski demonstrates how to use the tourniquet.



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service providers — SMART, Detroit Department of Transportation and Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority — continuing to run their own services.

The RTA would help facilitate more efficient routes, increasing "one-seat" rides and frequency of high-traffic buses, the plan says. It also would invest a significant amount of money in infrastructure upgrades, including \$135 million in a new commuter rail service between Ann Arbor

and Detroit.

Grosse Pointe taxpayers would contribute approximately \$4 million per year to the plan, if the 1.5-mill levy passes.

Under the plan, Grosse Pointe's only affected route would be SMART's 610 route, which would increase its frequency to 15 minutes during peak rush hour. The route runs mostly down Jefferson to downtown Detroit, cutting down Moross to Harper and up to 15 Mile Road.

Park resident Clinton Andrews, a regular rider of both SMART and DDOT, said it's a bus from "nowhere to

nowhere."

"It doesn't go to any malls, it doesn't go to Walmart, it doesn't go to Meijer, it doesn't go to all the places that would be important," Andrews said. "It goes past two Krogers and that's about the sum and substance of it."

He said his biggest issue, however, is the RTA is made up of appointed, not elected, officials. "If this proposal passes, it will be the last time in 20 years the voters and taxpayers will be able to hold anyone accountable for how their tax dollars are spent," Andrews said.

The 10-person RTA board is appointed by county officials — two per participating county — Detroit and one non-voting member appointed by the governor, who acts as

the chairman.

"Southeastern Michigan sure does need regional transit, but we sure don't need this plan," Andrews said. "We need a better plan and I think we can do it."

Park Councilman Daniel Clark agreed Southeast Michigan is in need of an efficient regional transit system.

"We have a regional problem," he said, "and I think that we have to look at our role in resolving the region's lack of transportation."

The RTA currently is reviewing public comment on the plan and is expected to hear feedback Thursday, June 21, at the next board of directors meeting.

For more information on the plan and the RTA, visit rtamichigan.org.

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

- ◆ All Pointes Outdoor Movie, 4 to 10 p.m. at Patterson Park, 16006 Essex, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Music on the Plaza, 7 p.m. in The Village, City of Grosse Pointe.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

- ◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m. at 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

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the positions."

Mayor Bob Denner said the city continually accepts applications for all commissions and when there is a vacancy, they are reviewed.

Councilman Dan Grano pushed to continue with reappointing all five members and said it's not in the council's purview to select members; it is entirely up to the mayor who he would like to appoint.

"How the mayor wants to collect applications is up to the mayor," Grano said. "We don't have to have any applications. You (the mayor) can pick whoever you want. It's the council's job to make sure we don't put criminals or nefarious people on there. But, how you go about selecting who you want, as mayor and chief executive of this community, is totally up to you. The fact that we

have dedicated volunteers who have served on the planning commission, want to continue to serve on the planning commission, who are all qualified to serve on the planning commission, seems like we can move forward."

Councilman Dan Clark, who has served on council since 1991 and is the current mayor pro tem, saw it as balancing two issues. He believes the city should make it easier for residents to participate, but also understands it is the mayor's prerogative to appoint who he wishes to various commissions.

Ultimately, Denner decided to defer action on reappointing the four planning commissioners whose terms expire in September and only reappoint McCourt, whose term was up in April.

For information on the planning commission and how to apply, visit grossepointepark.org.

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Cross-cultural experiences shape Grosse Pointer's career

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Mary Alice Mecke expected to experience culture shock when she and her husband moved to Japan in 1991 for an assignment through Ford Motor Co. What she didn't anticipate was how difficult repatriation would be. Nor did she know, after she quit her job as producer at an NBC-owned and operated TV station in Cleveland, planned a wedding, got married, went on her honeymoon and moved overseas in a span of four months, she would one day turn her international experiences into a challenging career.

Mecke was born Mary Alice O'Brien in Detroit and grew up in Indian Village. She and her older sister, Catherine, attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe.

"My mother's vision was her daughters were going to be educated by the Sacred Heart nuns," Mecke said. That vision hit a road block when she was in third grade and her parents received a letter the school was closing. Mecke remem-



COURTESY PHOTO

The Mecke family, from left, Hart, Mary Alice, Courtney and McCalla, at Courtney's eighth-grade graduation from The Grosse Pointe Academy in 2017.

bered seeing juniors and seniors in the high school crying in the hallways.

"Looking back, I think my parents were very much risk takers because the doors closed in June and the following September we were all enrolled in the Grosse Pointe Academy," she said. She attended the coeducational independent school through eighth grade.

Fulfilling her mother's vision, Mecke went across town to the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills for high school. She went on to attend John Carroll University in Cleveland, earning a Bachelor of

Arts degree in communications with minors in French and business. Graduating in 1982, she was the first woman to give the Millor Orator address.

Internships her junior and senior years working with a special investigative team at the TV station led to "a job offer the minute I completed my exams," she said. She rented a basement apartment and worked the graveyard shift.

"My job was to listen to the police scanners," she said. "Back then we had ticker tape. I would collect all the information in the middle of the night, organize it for the morning news at 7 a.m. One time I heard over the police scanner my car was stolen."

She worked her way up from morning news to producer for a morning talk show. In her years in the television broadcasting industry, Mecke produced evening news programs, live talk shows, documentaries, commercials and marketing videos. In addition

to creating a consumer investigation unit and editing news programs and documentaries, she received three Emmy Awards. One of her documentaries received awards from the International TV and Film Festival of New York and Women in Communications.

While she was dedicated to her career, she made time to go on a date with a young man from Grosse Pointe named Hart Mecke, introduced to her by mutual friends and relatives. This led to a seven-year long-distance relationship.

When the couple got engaged, Mecke planned to look for a producer job in Detroit, but then her fiancé was assigned to Hiroshima, where Ford had a partnership with Mazda.

With few opportunities to continue her television work in Hiroshima, Mecke focused on learning Japanese and enrolled in a language immersion program.

Toward the end of the three-year assignment, she got an offer from the programming department to join WXYZ-TV Channel 7 in Detroit as a producer.

"It was always my dream to work in the Detroit media," she said. She was hired from Japan based on a single recommendation and her reputation in the industry.

Mecke's return to the U.S. in 1994 was the first time she encountered reverse culture shock.

"Once you've lived overseas and you move home, the reentry process is more difficult than you might expect," she said.

The couple purchased a house in Grosse Pointe Park and Mecke worked as an investigative reporter until a second overseas assignment sent

them back to Hiroshima.

In addition to resuming her language and culture studies, Mecke acted as a consultant between the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce developing business opportunities for Michigan-based companies. She also worked to establish an agreement of cooperation between WXYZ-TV and Hiroshima Home TV and facilitated an alliance to share exhibitions and explore future joint cultural endeavors between the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art.

"I really flourished that second time," Mecke said. She also adjusted to motherhood when her son, McCalla, was born in 1997, learning "how to create my own style of parenting with a strong cultural bent."

Little did Mecke know her extensive travel with her husband in the Asia-Pacific region and Europe would help prepare her for future cross-cultural and intercultural work with multinational companies. After returning to Grosse Pointe, she resumed work at Channel 7 as a public relations director until a new opportunity opened up, leading to her career as a cultural trainer and consultant.

"There wasn't any research at that point outside of missionaries on how people acclimated to new cultures," she said. "What were the characteristics that contributed to success? How do you take this person and prepare (them) for an international assignment?"

American companies sending employees overseas wanted "to be more mindful about how they are doing this," she

added. A relocation company opening an office in Detroit contacted her to do a mock presentation. She discovered her skills as a producer translated well into this endeavor.

Ultimately her decision to leave Channel 7 led to 19 years of work designing and facilitating programs on multicultural diversity, cultural adjustment and cross-cultural effectiveness in the global workplace for corporations worldwide, including General Motors, Ford Motor, Dow, Bosch, Daimler, Chrysler, Delphi Automotive, Toyota and Nissan.

Mecke helps clients whether they are preparing for a journey abroad or transitioning back home after living overseas, aiding them in understanding cultural perspectives and teaching them the skills they need to thrive. Her practical daily life coaching includes help with building relationships, communication styles, etiquette and both historical and current events that affect and shape the culture.

To ease the transition into the workplace, Mecke helps clients identify the differences in key business functions, such as decision making, negotiation, motivation and meeting styles.

Perhaps most important in bridging cultural differences is understanding key core values, she said, such as Japanese collectivism versus American individualism. She often draws on the analogy of an iceberg "because there is so much that is hidden."

Whether preparing an American executive for life in Japan or a Japanese manager for life in the U.S., Mecke said, "It's such a privilege to give (clients) the tools, give them the information and give them the resources. And it's so neat to see the anxiety level dissipate and I see this newfound energy and anticipation about going to a new country."

Preparation for reentry into one's own culture helps as well, she discovered. What she learned from her own two experiences in Japan is captured by a favorite quote: "While culture shock is caused by loss of the familiar, reentry shock is when we have changed and the familiar no longer works for us."

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Something for the commissary

A resident reported fraud Sunday, June 17. The resident said he noticed two fraudulent charges made to his Western Union account. When he called, Western Union informed him an unknown person used the resident's login to make two transfers to the Bureau of Prisons.

Identity thefts

◆ An unknown person used a resident's identity to open a DTE account at a residence in Petersburg. The City resident reported receiving a bill for \$375 from DTE for an installation at a house they have no connection to.

◆ A resident reported an identity theft Monday, June 11. He said he received notice from an identity protection company Thursday, May 31, stating someone used his identity to open an account at a jewelry store in Virginia. Friday, June 8, the resident said he received a call from the jewelry store stating the person maxed out the account for a total of \$10,222.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

B&Es

Two reports of breaking and entering were made the last week.

◆ Tuesday, June 12, an unknown man was caught on home surveillance entering an attached garage 1:50 a.m. in the 100 block of Kercheval. The man rummaged through a vehicle and stole a bike. The bike was recovered a few houses down, where it was left by the suspect on the front lawn.

◆ An unlocked attached garage was entered and a bicycle stolen sometime overnight Sunday, June 17, to Monday, June 18, in the 100 block of Cloverly. No other item was missing.

Disorderly wedding guest

A 37-year-old Dearborn woman was arrested for disorderly conduct at The War Memorial 10:40 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

When police responded to a call from the manager, they observed the suspect in the middle of the driveway yelling at employees.

It was gleaned the woman was a guest of a wedding and cut off from alcohol, at which time she became irate and began yelling, knocking over chairs and pulling out potted plants.

The suspect's father

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attempted to calm her down, but was unsuccessful and told management to call police.

She was arrested after failing to comply with officers' multiple requests to leave the premises.

Change bandit

An unknown person stole \$30 in change from an unlocked vehicle in the 70 block of Cloverly overnight between Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Serial scratcher

Two vehicles were heavily scratched between Monday, June 11, and Tuesday, June 12, in the 700 blocks of Lakepointe and Trombley. There is no suspect in the Lakepointe scratching, but the resident on Trombley believes their neighbor scratched their vehicle over a dispute.

Change grabber nabbed

A 17-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing change from three unlocked vehicles in the 1000 blocks of Devonshire, Buckingham and Berkshire 3:30 a.m. Monday, June 11. Officers arrested the man in the act.

Resident assist

A resident reported two men looking in cars the night of Tuesday, June 12, in the 700 and 800 blocks of Bedford and Lakepointe. Responding officers arrested a 16-year-old Detroit man and 17-year-old Eastpointe man in the area for larcenies from auto, clearing multiple crimes. The subjects were suspects in multiple

crimes in Detroit prior to entering the Park.

Neighbor dispute

A resident in the 800 block of Lakepointe suspects a neighbor of slashing their tires sometime between 1 and 3 p.m. Friday, June 15.

Lock your cars

An unknown person rummaged through a vehicle in the 1300 block of Kensington Sunday, June 17. Nothing was taken.

Bike stolen

An unknown person stole a \$500 mountain bike from a rear yard overnight between Saturday, June 16, and Sunday, June 17, in the 1300 block of Kensington.

Nevermind

An unknown person cut the lockbox off the front door of a vacant home in the 800 block of Berkshire between Saturday, June 2, and Saturday, June 16. A copper pipe leading to the hot water tank was cut. No other damage or theft was reported.

iPhone thief caught

A 53-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing an iPhone from a front porch in the 1200 block of Nottingham 9 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drinking problem?

A patrolling officer stopped a 25-year-old VanBuren woman in the 700 block of Vernier approximately 3 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, based on advisement from

another officer.

During the stop the officer detected the odor of intoxicants and noticed the woman's glossy eyes and slurred speech.

Asked if she had been drinking, the woman responded she did not consume a single drink.

A LEIN check revealed an active warrant for the woman from Bloomfield Hills.

As the officer administered field sobriety tests, the woman removed her pants to urinate despite direction from the officer not to do so.

The woman refused a preliminary breath test at the scene, but was ordered a blood test following her arrest.

Missing iPhone

A 12-year-old Parcels student reported a missing iPhone 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 12. He said he last used his phone while riding the bus back to school from a field trip earlier that day.

His phone was tracked to a house in the 100 block of Grixdale in Detroit.

More ransacked vehicles

The streak of a subject, or subjects, entering and rifling through items in vehicles continued last week:

◆ Two residents in the 2000 block of Lancaster reported the morning of Friday, June 15, their vehicles were entered and items removed from

the center console. One of the residents reported missing a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses worth \$120.

◆ A patrolling officer observed a subject attempting to enter a vehicle in the 1600 block of Prestwick 4:24 a.m. Sunday, June 17. The subject fled on foot, but was not apprehended.

Officers checked the area and discovered another vehicle in the block rifled through, but nothing reported missing by the vehicle's owner.

The subject is described as a young-adult black male with a thin build, wearing red basketball shorts and a white T-shirt.

Traffic enforcement with a punch

A 45-year-old Royal Oak man called dispatch reporting being followed by three vehicles 7:51 p.m. Friday, June 15.

As he pulled into the station to make a report, the three vehicles followed.

The 21-year-old driver of one of the trailing vehicles told officers, as

she was driving on Yorktown on the way to her boyfriend's house, the Royal Oak man waved at her, signaling she slow down. As she passed the man on the side of the road, he punched the rear left side of her car, denting it.

When the woman arrived at her boyfriend's, he and friends got into their cars to find and confront the man, who got into his car and left the scene.

While the matter is being investigated, officers advised all parties to stay away from each other.

Home invasion

A resident in the 2000 block of Vernier reported a home invasion and burglary after returning home 7:20 p.m. Friday, June 15, and discovering the side door open and a kitchen window open with the screen cut out.

Valuables reported stolen include the title for a vintage car, jewelry and watches, a television and Playstation with games, a laptop computer, tablet and smart watch.

— Melissa Walsh
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OUR VIEW

South boys
are champs!

Grosse Pointe South head coach Dan Griesbaum didn't know what to make of his boys baseball squad heading into the 2018 season.

In a roller coaster of a season, South was unranked in the preseason poll, moved up to ninth on April 18, but fell out of the rankings the following week. South was 19th on May 23, but again fell out the next two weeks. It was unranked in the final regular season poll, May 31. Yet, Grosse Pointe South finished second in the MAC Red with a 9-6 record, one game behind Dakota (10-5).

During regular-season play the Blue Devils suffered setbacks, losing two of three games to division powerhouse Dakota High School in early May. However, when South faced 12th-ranked Dakota in the quarter finals at Wayne State University, a more experienced and confident Blue Devils team showed up, soundly vanquishing their nemesis 9-1. As our sports editor Bob St. John noted, they won when it mattered the most.

In the semifinal, South shut out Midland, 10-0, before facing Brownstown Woodhaven in the final matchup last weekend at Michigan State University. Again, behind excellent pitching, the Blue Devils limited their opponents to a single run with a final score of 8-1. Throughout the playoffs, South outscored their rival 27-2 — an amazing combination of good pitching and hot hitting.

"It was unreal," said veteran coach Griesbaum.

2018 was the second time in school history the Blue Devils won the state baseball championship. In 2001, South beat Grand Ledge to earn the title. Both state championships were under coach Griesbaum.

Assisting Mr. Griesbaum this year were assistant coaches Matt Reno, Matt Leverenz, John Hackett, Dan Griesbaum Jr., Dennis Clow, Stephen Walworth, Jack Doyle, Tony Braun and Doug Jenzen.

Mr. Griesbaum gives credit to his coaches and he notes that his players were "unselfish" and "did the little and big things" and "doing anything at all to help."

All true. However, it is Mr. Griesbaum who is the common denominator and bridge between the 2001 and 2018 state championship teams.

The South boys baseball team's is not the only state championship trophy brought home this season. The Blue Devils golf team also earned the state title under head coach Rob McIntyre at The Meadows course at Grand Valley State University.

The Blue Devils finished second the two previous seasons to Novi Catholic Central. They were determined to not let that happen this year. They tallied 598 shots over the two-day championship, beating second-place Rockford by 19 strokes and third-place Birmingham Seaholm by 21 strokes.

Head coach McIntyre was assisted by coaches Drew Gaines and Dave Wittwer.

Congratulations Blue Devils golfers and coaches, you've done us all proud, as have our boys and coaches on the diamond. Good playing, boys!

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The playhouse on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was a gift to Josephine Ford, from her grandmother, Clara Ford, in 1930. When the playhouse was built, a vegetable garden was planted next to it. The Ford House grounds crew recreated the garden last year — slightly smaller, but to scale — in the same location.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

OUR VIEW

Good for Detroit, good for G.P.

We followed with interest former Grosse Pointer Bill Ford Jr.'s announcement of Ford Motor Co.'s purchase of the grand old Michigan Central Station on Michigan Avenue in Corktown.

According to the Wikipedia entry, the Michigan Avenue building began operating as Detroit's main passenger depot in 1913 after the older Michigan Central Station downtown burned Dec. 26, 1913. It was owned and operated by Michigan Central Railroad and was planned as part of a large project that included the Michigan Central Railway Tunnel below the Detroit River for freight and passengers.

At the beginning of World War I, the peak of rail travel in the United States, more than 200 trains left the station each day and lines would stretch from the boarding gates to the main entrance. In the 1940s, more than 4,000 passengers a day used the station and more than 3,000 people worked in its office tower. Among notable passengers arriving at Michigan Central were Presidents Herbert Hoover,

Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt, actor Charlie Chaplin and inventor Thomas Edison.

Interestingly, in the 1920s Henry Ford reportedly began to buy land near the station and made construction plans, but the Great Depression and other circumstances squelched this and many other development efforts.

Like many Detroiters, William Clay Ford Jr. reminisced with the Detroit Free Press about going to the station as a boy and marveling at a grand court patterned after Grand Central Station in New York City. Like many of us, he mused, What if? What if the majestic old train station could be salvaged?

The four-year, \$100 million renovation of the 18-story depot is a major and financially risky endeavor, but the payoffs for Detroit and southeast Michigan will be grand.

Already, the news has captured the attention — and imagination — of national and international media. Detroit is back on the map.

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LETTERS

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Shame on
Eastside FC

To the Editor:

As pediatricians, my wife and I have always emphasized team sports as an important component of healthy child development.

My wife, despite her busy professional life, got a D License certification as a youth soccer coach, as well as a referee license with the Macomb-area referee association.

She and other leaders in the Grosse Pointe community coached several teams for the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association and Grosse Pointe North and South High Schools, during the off-season, starting in 1980 and onwards. They were volunteer coaches for the GPSA.

Youth of all ages enjoyed the sport and team activities. As a matter of fact, my wife has recently coached many children whose fathers she coached in the '80s and '90s!

It is with this background that we see the sad demise of GPSA (now called Eastside FC) which has chosen to make the soccer experience available to young children based only on their skill level and not on the interest or love of the game.

On Father's Day, we witnessed "tryouts" for kids aged 8-12 where children were selected for the team based only on their soccer skills. The rest were left out, feeling crushed and not able to enjoy the game with their

friends. They are left to fend for themselves if they wanted to play soccer at their age level.

This is wrong and it defeats the spirit of soccer — or any other team sport for that matter — at this tender age.

We all understand that in the end only the most skilled players will be selected for competitive teams in any sport. But the joy of playing a game with their friends should not be taken away from 8- to 12-year-olds.

I must add that in the '80s and '90s the GPSA — without the current faux competitive environment — still populated the rosters of Gross Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett high schools, which competed with the likes of De La Salle and Country Day.

Many of these children earned D1/D2/D3 scholarships. All those kids who participated in GPSA organized soccer at a young age are still enjoying the game in their 40s.

Shame on the current Eastside FC administration for essentially killing the fun of playing soccer for many young Grosse Pointe children who may lack a bit of athleticism but who love the game of soccer.

ASHOK P. SARNAIK, M.D.
Professor and former chairman of pediatrics,
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I SAY By Melissa Walsh

Permeable behavior — bad & good



tude and policy like yeast in dough or like a cold virus in a workplace.

Good behavior also spreads, despite and countering unethical laws and rules. The civil rights movement is an example of good behavior spread by brave, committed people who gave up safety and comfort for collective honor. During the centuries of slavery, Quakers and other courageous aboli-

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tionists illegally, but morally, aided fugitive slaves.

A good person is more concerned about right relationships with others than legal prohibitions countering compassion.

“Whole people see and create wholeness wherever they go; split people see and create splits in everything and everybody,” wrote Franciscan friar Richard Rohr in his book “Falling Upward.” “Whole” people lost to

“split” people in Nazi Germany. So did those in Sarajevo during the early 1990s, where I attended university in the late 1980s. I was eye-witness to the early infection of the virus of hate contaminating former Yugoslavia.

I’m witnessing the same strain of virus here in the United States, as citizens and political leaders feel encouraged to blame the weakest

among us shamelessly, detached from personal moral accountability and collective honor.

Political players applying a moral compass, such as former first lady Laura Bush, are speaking out. But if other good citizens are silent, there will be more harsh treatment of the most vulnerable among us.

A vainglorious leader in history said it this way, “Arbeit macht frei.”

MICHIGAN CENTRAL:

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In fact, Ford Motor Co. already has a presence in Corktown. Some 200 employees report to work at “The Factory,” a former hosiery plant at Michigan and Rosa Parks Boulevard.

Mr. Ford Jr. will not be the first of his namesake to undergo a major building project in Detroit. His uncle, Henry Ford II, was the impetus of the Renaissance Center. Financed primarily by the Ford Motor Co., the RenCen became the world’s largest private development with an anticipated 1971 cost of \$500 million. The project was intended to revitalize the economy of Detroit. In its first year of operation it generated more than \$1 billion in economic growth for the downtown.

The Dan Gilbert of his time, “Henry the Deuce” teamed up with other business leaders in 1970 to form Detroit Renaissance, a private nonprofit development organization, which he headed in order to stimulate building activity in the city.

No doubt the nephew’s renovation of Michigan Central Station will do for Corktown what Henry II did for downtown. We can’t wait to see how it all develops.

So much is going on in Detroit, it is difficult to keep up with it all. Already we see new apartment buildings near the RenCen and Lafayette Park. Plans are underway to develop the entire East Jefferson corridor from downtown to Grosse Pointe Park.

Last month, Detroit began the first phase of a project to increase safety, mobility and connectivity along a 5.4-mile stretch of East Jefferson, converting the road from seven driving lanes to five — two driving lanes in each direction and a dedicated left-turn lane. This will create shorter crossing distances for pedestrians. Protected bike lanes are planned for both sides of East Jefferson.

The bike paths are already in place in the business district at Chalmers, just below Grosse Pointe Park. According to Jefferson East Inc., three new restaurants and three rehabilitated apartment buildings are planned for the area.

All of this bodes well for the Pointes. As we have always said, “What is good for Detroit is good for Grosse Pointe.” As the closest “suburb” with the quickest non-freeway route to downtown, we are in the perfect place at the right time.

We live in exciting times!

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

◆ **CITY SAFETY COMMISSIONER OUT:** Hugh J. Ferry, the man who as police and fire commissioner of the City of Grosse Pointe the last 12 years, built those organizations up to a peak of efficiency unsurpassed in any city of its size in the country, has resigned because of the lack of cooperation he has received from the city council.

The council has failed to act on his resignation. In fact, neither the council nor mayor have acknowledged receipt of it.

◆ **DOG OWNERS WARNED:** The state conservation commissioner urges municipalities to pay particular attention to the control of the dog problem and that licensing regulations be strictly enforced.

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◆ **HOSPITAL ASKS CITY TO ASSIST WITH EXPANSION:** Bon Secours Hospital requested the Grosse Pointe City Council amend its zoning ordinance to permit the hospital to expand. The hospital asks the zoning of its land bounded by Cadieux, Maumee, Notre Dame and Caroline be rezoned to change its use for hospital purposes.

The hospital also requested it be permitted to use the strip of land it owns between Caroline and Jefferson for parking purposes.

◆ **POLICE CHASE 16-YEAR-OLD AT 100 MPH:** Farms police have filed multiple charges with juvenile court authorities against two 16-year-old boys arrested following a 100-mile-an-hour chase through city streets. The teenagers drew the attention of police officers routinely checking store doors along Kercheval.

The driver sped through the red signal lights at Moross and Kerby roads and by the time it reached the Moran intersection, had reached 100 miles an hour. The driver,

avoiding a Park police car blocking Kercheval at Harvard road, lost control turning left onto Cadieux and hit a tree.

1993

25 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL BOARD VOTES TO SELL 389 ST. CLAIR:** Following the Grosse Pointe school board’s vote to sell the district’s administrative offices at 389 St. Clair, a citizens’ group has pledged to keep its fight going to save the pair of historic buildings.

◆ **ST. JOHN, NEIGHBORS PLEDGE COOPERATION:** Officials

from St. John Hospital agreed to halt the construction of a parking access point on Linville Avenue and to work with neighborhood residents in finding an alternative solution.

2008

10 years ago this week

◆ **100-YEAR-OLD LAKESHORE HOME BURNS:** Firefighters from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods saved a turn-of-the-century wood frame house in the 900 block of Lakeshore from burning down.

The cause of the fire appeared to be electrical.

— Karen Fontanive

LETTERS:

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Great jazz, snazzy kids!

To the Editor:

I really enjoyed our

opening (Music on the Plaza) jazz concert. Not just that the band was on fire with exhilarating music, but I was knocked out seeing our amazing kids dressed up in jackets and ties.

MARIANNE E. RUFFINI
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Above, national gold medal winner Margaret Nicholson with her art teacher from Parcells, Amber Mades. Above right, national gold medal winners Jerry Xia and Juliana Tague with Pierce English teacher Susan Quinn.

Off to Carnegie Hall

Parcells Middle School student Margaret Nicholson and Pierce Middle School students Juliana Tague and Jerry Xia won national awards in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Contest, earning them the opportunity to attend the National Ceremony and Exhibition at Carnegie Hall in New York City June 6 to 8.

Nicholson's national gold medal was for photography. Tague's was for writing and Xia's was for architecture and design. Students from across the country and abroad submitted nearly 350,000 works of art and writing to the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Almost 19,600 works earned regional Gold Keys and advanced to national adju-

dication in NYC. Of those Gold Key works, just 3,259 — or 1 percent of the original work submitted — received national gold medals.

Parcells art teacher Amber Mades and Pierce English teacher Susan Quinn accompanied the students and their families to the awards ceremony June 7. Speakers included actor Ansel Elgort, "Goosebumps" author R.L. Stine and Marc Brown, author of the "Arthur" children's book series.

Mades said Nicholson's work was professionally framed and on display at Pratt Institute, adding it will be on display around the United States for two years.

"National scholastic art awards are like the Olympics for sports," she said.

— Mary Anne Brush

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Teacher of THE WEEK



Lyndsey Briggs



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School: Kerby Elementary School
Years at Kerby: 23
Grade/Subject: Grade 1
Nominated by: Sara Delgado, principal
Principal's quote:

"Mrs. Briggs is a dedicated, poised and professional educator. I am blessed to have spent the past four years working with her at Kerby. She is beloved by her students, parents and the community. We wish her well in her retirement. She will be missed greatly!"

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I enjoy teaching young children because of their loving spirits, empathy and enthusiasm for life. They watch the world carefully and learn from every experience.

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

About 15 years ago, a parent took the time to

write a letter to my administrator at the end of the school year. She was a frequent volunteer in my classroom and was able to observe my interactions with students. The parent described a time when I was able to help a little boy find a book that he was looking for, even though he couldn't remember the author or title. She said that it was because I knew so much about each of my students. I appreciated her kind words and resolved to continue to learn as much as possible about my students by listening carefully when they talk to me, demonstrating that I'm interested in their lives, and developing relationships with them and their families.

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

One of my favorite picture books is "Martin's Big Words," by Doreen Rappaport. The book is

about Martin Luther King Jr. and includes several of his quotes. Reading the book aloud leads to meaningful conversations about fairness and inclusion. We often refer to Dr. King's words when problems or arguments arise in the classroom or on the playground. Children feel empowered when they are able to resolve a situation on their own.

Favorite quote:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

— Aesop

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following area students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2018 semester at Lawrence Technological University: City of Grosse Pointe resident **Carina Taylor**, Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Kevin Conklin** and Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Danae DiCicco**.

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Kristina Kamm gradu-

ated magna cum laude May 2018 from Heidelberg University with a Bachelor of Music degree. The 2013 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the daughter of John and Lorie Kamm of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Michigan

Technological University: **Allyson Hartz** and **Joseph Rabaut**, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; Grosse Pointe Park resident **Aaron Dene** and **Benjamin Sosnowski** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Philip Gusmano of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Robert Lightbody** of

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Art extravaganza

Defer Elementary School held its sixth annual all-school art show May 24, combining it for the third year with its spring social for families. There were food and inflatables, games and a photo booth and Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety conducted bike inspections. The art show included approximately 1,000 pieces of art, with artwork from each child represented.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Second-grader Andrew Holloway, pictured with art teacher Stefani Makowski, shows off his batik pillow.



Henry Gotfredson, a Young 5's student, displays a self-portrait of himself as an artist painting a painting.



Fourth-grader Isabelle Groebel drew a super hero, Super Puppy Girl, who is off to save the puppies.



Third-grader Julia Boyd's ceramic creation, Dancer Frog, holds a pair of ballet shoes.



Fifth-grader Amy Ezop helps pin drawings to art boards for the show.



First-grader Norah Brumbaugh is as happy as her ceramic fish.

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Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List — 3.5 grade point average — for the spring 2018 semester at Cedarville University.

The following area students were named to the Dean's Honor List — 3.75 GPA — for the spring 2018 semester at Cedarville University: Nathan Lloyd of Grosse Pointe Farms, Corinne Chadwell of Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods residents Alex Batts and Lia Decoste.

Brian Wenz was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Michigan State University and has been accepted into the Eli Broad College of Business beginning fall 2018. The 2017 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the son of Laura and Chris Wenz of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Frank Sherry has been named to the Dean's List — 3.5 GPA — for the winter 2018 semester at Davenport University.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Christopher Morris was named to the President's List — 3.8 GPA — for the winter 2018 semester at Davenport University.

Hannah Adams of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at DePauw University.

Anne Crowley graduated May 2018 from John Carroll University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. The 2014 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of John and Kathy Crowley of Grosse Pointe Farms.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Caroline Smith graduated May 2018 from John Carroll University with a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminology.

Harrison Krasner of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated May 2018 from St. Lawrence University. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in global studies.

Victor Flynn graduated May 2018 from Trine University with a bachelor's degree in sports management. He was a member of the Trine men's tennis team all four years. The 2014 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the son of Chris and Kathy Flynn of Grosse Pointe Park.

Grosse Pointe Park resident William K. Gathbonton was named to the Honor Roll for the spring 2018 semester at Rhodes College.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Brooke Quinn graduated May 2018 from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in entrepreneurship. She also was named to the Dean's List for the winter 2018 semester.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Rachel Quinn graduated May 2018 from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry.

Ericia Johnson of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated May 2018 from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Mary Mulier and Grosse Pointe Woods residents Eve Feldman and Carmen Weinkauff were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2018 semester at Northern Michigan University.

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Reaching new heights

Mount Hood climb benefits G.P. native's Red Sweater Project

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Passersby may have wondered why a handful of Grosse Pointers have been shouldering heavy backpacks through town in recent weeks.

The answer is simple: Practice.

This weekend, June 23 and 24, more than a dozen Grosse Pointers will climb Mount Hood in support of Red Sweater Project, which in turn supports children seeking education in rural East Africa.

Origins

Red Sweater Project was founded in 2011 by Grosse Pointe native Ashley Holmer, who recognized a need during time spent in Tanzania.

"Only 10 percent of Tanzanian children finish high school," she said. "Families don't have the money to pay for it. Education beyond sixth grade is not funded by the government. Through Red Sweater Project, we're constructing



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Mungere School graduates toss their caps in celebration.

schools and providing resources."

Following her sister's wish to find opportunities to coach soccer abroad—the two became certified coaches after graduating college—an opportunity to coach opened in 2005 at a community school in rural Tanzania, Holmer said. She taught English and

her sister taught science.

Living among the Maasai people for a year, with no running water or electricity, Holmer became fluent in Swahili.

"Toward the end of our time there, the government said, we'll give you land if you build a school. I said yes. I was 25 and I just said OK. Since then, we've built two schools."

The first school, Orkeeswa, was the first secondary school in Lashaine Village. It was built in 2008 and the challenge was so successful, Red Sweater Project was formed in 2011. A short time later, the village of Mungere donated 15 acres for a secondary school.

Mungere School

opened in 2012.

"We have sustainable campuses," Holmer said, noting the schools use composting toilets, solar-powered classrooms and pocket-sized solar-powered lanterns so students can study at night. "We grow our own food on campus. We have a 21,000-square-foot farm and the kids work in the



Ashley Holmer recently met with John and Alicia Nicholson and several other Mt. Hood climbers before making their trip to the Pacific Northwest.

garden. We also have a basketball court and football pitch."

According to redsweaterproject.org, every year more than 200 families apply for one of the 30 to 40 available spots in the incoming class. When it's completed, Mungere School will serve more than 300 students each year.

"Part of the efforts of this climb will support the current student body and expand it," Holmer said.

The climb

Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Nicholson remembers Holmer from their days at Kerby Elementary School and "playing competitive Neighborhood Club soccer," he said.

A twist of fate reconnected the two.

"My father ran into her

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◆ Provide off-campus vocational training for 25 students.

◆ Send a class on an adventure outside of the village with educational field trips and hands-on learning.

◆ Throw a graduation celebration for Mungere's next Form IV class.



Students assemble at Mungere School.



Ashley Holmer spends time with children in a Tanzanian village.

Grosse Pointe Equestrian: Less club, more community

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — No longer dub the century-old horse-lodging and riding facility on Cook Road a "club."

The facility's days of polo matches and fox hunting are left to history. The pool and tennis courts have vanished to make way for riding arenas.

Formerly known as Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe Equestrian recently underwent substantial changes, emerging from a horse-centric country club to a community of regular horse enthusiasts.

"We've been working on improvements to improve the experience for the horses and riders," said Chad Krueger, who directs operations



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Detroit Horse Power equestrian, Jaaden, riding with GPE instructor Mary Gushée.

on behalf of his family, which purchased the facility Aug. 31, 2017.

The overhaul of every part of the barn and grounds kept Krueger and General Manager Gabe Hernandez busy.

Fencing was replaced and redesigned for more paddocks, now 24 to accommodate lodgers of the 50-stall barn. This accommodates two shifts of strolling in fresh air,

allowing the horses to be outdoors six hours a day.

Conversion of the hunt club's indoor tennis court to a second indoor arena was completed in May. Construction included installation of synthetic footing to both indoor arenas. A special footing also will be installed to both outdoor arenas. The riding path along the perimeter of the property also was improved.

Lighting was replaced with LED fixtures, Krueger said, and webcams will be installed in the stalls so owners can see their horses around the clock.

In addition to functional upgrades, GPE added to its traditional hunter/jumper instruction the art of dressage by lead instructor Jesse Collins.

With seven school horses available, GPE offers riding classes and continues the location's 17-year-long partnership with Foxhead Foundation of weekly therapeutic riding for special needs children and adults.

On May 20, GPE entered into a new community with Detroit Horse Power, the city's urban youth program that teaches kids how to



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Grosse Pointe Equestrian owner Lynne Krueger with one of her two horses, Leo.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

GPA

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.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, June 22, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Libraries

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

◆ 2 p.m. Monday, June 25, The Great Dinosaur Program, for ages 6 and older. Registration is required.

◆ 2 p.m. Wednesday,

June 27, The Art of Movement: Introduction to Parkour Workshop, for ages 6 and older. Registration is required.

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Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, presents its Fairy Tale Festival 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23. This year's theme is "The Legend of Robin Hood." Cost is \$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate.

The Ford House offers behind-the-scenes tours 1 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Tickets are available online only at fordhouse.org.

The Ford House offers

grounds tours 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26. Tickets are available online only. The Ford House offers "Rose Garden Talk and Tour" 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 28. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

Toastmasters

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

SOC

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

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, Low Back Pain with physical therapists David Williams and Kelli Roskelly.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, St. John Providence Mobile Heart

and Vascular Screening Center. Cost is \$60. Appointments are required.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, "Keeping You Fit at Home — Increasing Your Walking Speed," with physical therapist Keith Finley.

Registration is required for all of these classes. Call (313) 882-9600.

Senior Men

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. All men 55 and older, retired or working, are welcome. For future activities, visit seniorclubofgrossepointe.com.

GPAAS

Canine to Five presents "Drinking With Dogs," a fundraiser to benefit the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at Red Crown, 15301 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Leashed dogs are welcome to the event, which includes giveaways, adoptable dogs and more.



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At last year's event, Eastside Republican picnickers, from left, Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Joe Ricci, Harper Woods Councilwoman Cheryl Costantino and her daughter, Catherine Costantino, also of Harper Woods.

GOP Club hosts Sunday picnic

The Eastside Republican Club hosts its 16th annual Family Fun picnic starting 1 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park. The event includes free hot dogs, chips and lemonade. Guests are invited to bring a dish to share.

All Republicans are invited to the event, which features local GOP candidates and elected officials. For more information, visit facebook.com/EastsideRepublicanClub.

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father and they caught up," Nicholson said. "My dad was going on safari and he saw Ashley's school and told me about it. I hadn't seen her in 25 years. ... She told me what's going on with this organization, what's happening."

An experienced climber — Nicholson and his brother climbed Mount Kilimanjaro — he decided he'd like to get

back into it, "but I figured I'd do it for a cause this time around," he said, adding he then climbed to fundraise for Red Sweater Project.

"After we had the first climb, Ashley said, 'That was kind, but you must do more,'" he said. "So I joined the board."

The Mount Hood climb will be Nicholson's third for Red Sweater Project. The two-year board member, along with his wife, Alicia, and several of their friends, have been collecting donations



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY HOLMER

Ashley Holmer takes a break from playing soccer with some of her students in Mungere.

to support the climb. "Mount Hood is around 11,125 feet," Holmer said. "Each climber is trying to raise 10 cents per foot, so \$1,125."

Each climber has their own fundraising page, Holmer said, and their progress during the climb will be posted on social media — the Red Sweater Project Facebook and Twitter pages.

"There's going to be communication," Holmer said. "People can follow what's happening. ... We'll also have a follow-up event at Eastern

Market at 6 p.m. Oct. 11, where climbers will be sharing their stories."

The project

Holmer, who splits her time between Tanzania and Portland, Ore., has received tremendous support from Nicholson's parents, Jim and Ann Nicholson, since she started Red Sweater Project. Through their efforts, as well as Holmer's visits to Grosse Pointe where she shares the project's mission with service organizations, that support has spread. Holmer and Nicholson

hope the climb also will help garner support.

"My goal with this climb is to fundraise for the school, get tuition paid for these kids," Nicholson said. "For \$1,000 per kid ... you can do so much with so little. There are capital projects around school that need to be completed, too. My goal is to finish the school and see the rest of the village have opportunities to go to school."

"It really helps give life perspective," Holmer said of her work. "We are the exception to the rule for most of the world — this feeling of being blessed in a place where women are given options and choices versus having others make them for you. It's often taken for granted. In the meantime, there's such a vast difference between children growing up in Grosse Pointe or the United States in general and in the African bush. I like seeing results. Every year I get to watch hundreds of kids who would not be in school progress to the next grade ... because a group of concerned people got together and decided this

shouldn't be the status quo anymore.

"We're really actively changing percentages of (school) completion rates," she continued. "It's exciting to see you can have that impact."

Added Nicholson, "This is a true challenge. Raising money for schools in Africa is not an easy thing. ... These kids don't have any options besides the path of agriculture. To help give them a chance at something else is powerful. ... And I'm just meeting them halfway. They're willing to do the work and perform."

Other ways to help

On the social side of Holmer's organization are service project opportunities that include campus visits wrapped in with safaris and other excursions. After all, Tanzania is "one of the most amazing safari destinations on the planet," Holmer said.

Red Rhino Tours is Red Sweater Project's private tour company. In addition to offering 7-, 12-, 15- and 21-day itineraries, participants may sign up for volunteer projects and meet their sponsored student at Mungere School.

"People come, spend time on campus, learn more about us and then go play on safari," Holmer said. "When you book with us, all the profits go back to the school."

Added Nicholson, "It's a great way to fundraise for the school. ... Anyone can book tours online, but this gives you a unique aspect."

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'Front Lines' documentary televised June 27

Award-winning producer/director Keith Famie's 2-hour documentary, "Those on the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia," airs 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, on Channel 56 in Detroit.

The film is produced by Famie's Visionalist Entertainment Productions. The broadcast is hosted by JoAnne Purtan, morning host at WOMC-FM radio.

Nearly two years in the making, the documentary features heartfelt stories and leading professionals from around the world sharing the work they are doing to better understand a pathway to help those diagnosed with multiple forms of dementia. The film also explores the value of how the medical community is embracing the holistic world as the nation faces the fastest and largest aging population of baby boomers.

"I am so honored to be working with Keith Famie to help shine a light on a disease that robs too many families of years together and precious memories," Purtan said. "As I learned early in my career as a health reporter and have confirmed by working on this project, from caregivers to scientists working on cutting edge research, there are so many wonderful people working to help those battling Alzheimer's. We hope that by sharing their sto-

ries, this documentary can provide hope for families facing so much heartache and uncertainty."

Famie, who lost his father to Alzheimer's in 2003, always vowed he would one day take on the daunting task of creating a film with the intention of helping society better understand and deal with the complicated emotional journey anyone goes on with dementia, caregivers included.

"We are so honored to have JoAnne as our host for this film, which we know will help so many," Famie said. "Viewers trust her to bring them stories that impact their lives and this film is designed to touch so many. We anticipate the film will tour many communities, as well as air throughout the state of Michigan and, eventually, other major PBS stations around the country."

Famie visited Grosse Pointe last November to film spots for the documentary, including a stop at the home of Denise Robison Mullen, 78, who was learning to play banjo for the first time in an attempt to stave off dementia. He also spent time with the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's choir to film a spot about socialization, another key to good health.

To learn more about the production, visit on todayfrontlines.com/alzheimers/.



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Outgoing honors

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society recently honored outgoing Board of Trustees members — Valerie Dodenhoff, Mercedes Kucyk and Vice President of Conservation James Conway — with certificates of appreciation, presented by Vice President of Development Stuart Grigg and President Patricia O'Brien. Pictured from left are Grigg, Dodenhoff, O'Brien, Kucyk and Conway. Not pictured are Ann Loshaw, who becomes VP of Conservation, and Susan Lewandowski, who joins the board for 2018-19.

Time Travelers Camp begins June 26

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society welcomes participants to its 2018 Time Travelers Camp, for ages 7 to 12.

Camps take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 26, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The 1823 house is believed to be the oldest-surviving ribbon farm in Detroit and Grosse Pointe, allowing students to travel back in time with its authenticity, which is furthered with

carefully selected old-fashioned crafts and projects. Themes and crafts differ each week.

◆ June 26 and 28 — "G.P. in the 1800s with the Fur Trade." Sew and stuff a beaver, paint a log cabin and make cornbread with homemade butter.

◆ July 10 and 12 — "G.P. in the 1700s." Build a ship as the Griffon, sew a birch canoe and make apple crisp with fresh whipped cream.

◆ July 17 and 19 — "Life on a Ribbon Farm." Dye and weave with wool

yarn, melt soaps with colorants and make pear crisp with fresh whipped cream.

◆ July 24 and 26 — "Vernier Roadhouse." Build and paint a roadhouse, sew a chicken, fish and frog, and snack on fresh Michigan cherries.

◆ Aug. 7 and 9 — "G.P.P. & The Village of Fairview." Build and paint the Windmill Pointe windmill, paint race horses and make blueberry tarts with fresh whipped cream.

◆ Aug. 14 and 16 —

"G.P. in the 1800s." Build a Windmill Pointe light-house and sailing ship and make raspberry tarts with fresh whipped cream.

Cost is \$100 per session for historical society members, \$125 per session for non-members. All materials are included.

Children must bring their own bag lunches and drinks.

Other details, including sign-up sheets, are available at gphistorical.org.

For information, call Izzy at (313) 884-7010.

Campville USA begins at The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes children and teens to its annual Campville USA, a summertime day camp sponsored by The Stonisch Foundation and The Youth Enrichment Fund.

The following camps are available:

Sewing & Cooking

◆ Fashion Summer Camp, for ages 8 to 14, 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 25, to Friday, June 29.

◆ Sewing Camp, for ages 10 to 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27.

◆ Kids' Cooking Boot Camp, for ages 7 to 12, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 9, to Thursday, July 12, or Monday, July 30 to Thursday, Aug. 2.

Science with Mad Science

◆ Digging for Dinosaurs, for ages 3 ½ to 5, 9 a.m. to noon Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20.

◆ Secret Agent Labs, for ages 5 to 12, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 16, to Friday, July 20.

◆ Mad Science NASA Camp: Academy of Future Space Explorers, for ages 5 to 12, 8 a.m. to noon Monday, July 23, to Friday, July 27.

Safety

◆ Babysitter Safety, for ages 11 and older, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 21, or Saturday, Aug. 25.

◆ Safe on Campus, for high school and college students, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

◆ Self-Defense Camp for Kids, for ages 6 to 10, 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Aug. 6, to Friday, Aug. 10.

◆ Zombie Outbreak Response Team, for ages 6 to 11, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, to Friday, Aug. 10.

Art

◆ Hand Building with Clay, for ages 8 to 15, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, to Thursday, July 12, or 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, to Thursday, Aug. 16.

Costs for each camp vary. For more information, visit warmemorial.org or call (313) 881-7511.

GPE:

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ride and care for horses.

"We're excited to build a strong relationship between horse lovers in Detroit and Grosse Pointe," said David Silver, the former Detroit elementary school teacher who founded Detroit Horse Power in 2015.

Lessons and skills horses can teach children, according to Silver, are confidence, perseverance, empathy, self-control and responsible risk-taking.

"Traditionally we have gone pretty far outside Detroit and we're really grateful to Lynne Krueger and her wonderful team," Silver said. Lynne is Chad Krueger's mom and matriarch of the GPE community.

"(The Detroit Horse Power kids) are going to do some riding, learning about horses," said Hernandez. "They also do a facility-improvement task."

May 20 was Detroit Horse Power's first exposure to GPE and the group's 15th trip of its inaugural after-school program, which includes classroom teaching every Tuesday and a trip to a different horse barn every other Sunday.

The only other Wayne County horse facility the group visited was the Detroit Mounted Police facility in Palmer Park.

"Grosse Pointe Equestrian will be our closest trip and we're very excited to get the exposure to dressage, which is something really exciting for our students



Detroit Horse Power equestrians, Tania, Berendice and Lea, with GPE lead instructor, Jesse Collins.

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to see," said Silver prior to the event.

Since its launch in 2016, Ringside Equestrian in New Hudson has donated their horses and space for Detroit Horse Power summer camps. Silver said the organization is actively seeking a space in Detroit to build its own horse barn and grounds.

Until then GPE's location makes an easy commute for Detroit Horse Power's young equestri-

ans.

"This is the first step with a partnership with them," said Hernandez. "The next step if we continue our partnership is they actually do a weekly program. Instead of just coming for one exploration day, they could come in weekly."

"Yes, Ringside is a long way for them to go," said Lynne Krueger.

The mother of 10 and grandmother of 16 has been riding most of her

life, but it was late in life when she was able to own a horse.

"I started riding as soon as I could when I was little, but I didn't have my own horse, so I had to learn to ride at the rent-a-horse places," she explained. "And it wasn't until I got my first job that I got my first horse."

"Every summer I would walk — they used to have those big shows here — and I would walk from my house in Detroit by Balduck Park. It was like a four-mile walk and I would walk here so I could see the shows."

"I applied for a job here. They didn't hire me for some reason," Krueger laughed.

She said she gave up riding for about 25 years

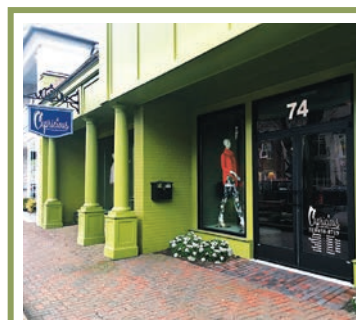
while raising her family.

"Then when my youngest was old enough to come with me, I started taking kids with me," she said. "I would take three or four and we would ride together in a lesson. Then the next day I'd take another three or four."

Understanding the love for horses felt by the urban youth Detroit

Horse Power serves, Lynne Krueger looks forward to the evolution of the new partnership.

"We're excited because (the GPE community) is such a strong connection with the city and quite a significant number of people who don't need to be convinced that horses are good for kids," said Silver.



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OBITUARIES

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Elaine Christine Koerber

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Elaine Christine Koerber, 88, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018, in Phoenix.

She was born July 17, 1929, in Detroit, and graduated from Marygrove College. She and her husband, Robert, moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1983, but often would return to Michigan to visit family and friends. They loved to travel and play bridge.

Elaine is survived by her children, Keith (Denise), Kevin (Kathleen), Kathleen, Kent (Barbara), Karolyn (Bob), Kraig (Jean), Kristine and Kurt (Kathryn); 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her brother, Thomas Lohmann (Sue). She will be dearly missed.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert and grandson, Kevin.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church, 2675 John R Road, Rochester Hills.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults, 1800 Johnson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230.

Eleanor M. O'Brien

A memorial service for Eleanor M. O'Brien will be 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 61 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident, 92, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of the late Eugene "Ginks"; loving mother of John (Dianne), Julie Russ (Peter) and the late Joseph (Rachel Melvin); adored grandmother of Neely Green (Corbin), Jean Bean (Chris), Devin O'Brien, Brien Morrell (Amanda), Lauren Jessen (Jeff), P.J. Russ, Katie Chan (Brandon) and the late Patrick O'Brien and great-grandmother of Connor and Dillon Morrell and Eleanor, Joe and Jack Green.

Eleanor was born in Columbus, Ohio, and moved with her family to Grosse Pointe in the mid-1930s. She attended Grosse Pointe High School and Briarcliff College. After graduation, she returned to Detroit where she met and married Ginks. They were longtime members of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and enjoyed golfing many years with friends in Michigan and Arizona. Eleanor and Ginks were happily married 68 years.

Eleanor was a devoted mother, excellent homemaker and active volun-

teer. She was a longtime member of the Bon Secours Assistance League. She loved to knit and donated her time and talents to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church where she was a 70-year member.

After raising her children, she worked for Higbie Maxon Realty, then was the clerk of the court in Grosse Pointe Farms. Eleanor played bridge many years with friends and groups including the Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Club at The War Memorial.

Eleanor will be remembered for her cheerful personality, gift of conversation and easy laughter. She was a great cook, enjoyed entertaining and never let a grandchild leave town without homemade cookies. She loved to read and knit beautiful baby sweaters and blankets for family and friends.

Michael J. Finan

Michael J. Finan, 66, passed away Monday, June 11, 2018.

Michael was the loving husband of Susan and loving father of Emily S. Finan. He was the dearest brother of Thomas Finan (Karen Fukuma), Timothy Finan (Linda), Cathy Moran (Rich), Brian Finan (Angela), Colleen Finan and the late Mary Ann Chlopan (Bruce). He was brother-in-law to Linda Somerhalder (the late Ron) and was the loving uncle to 18 nieces and nephews.

Michael was predeceased by his parents, T. Patrick Finan and Dolores Marie Finan.

Born Jan. 26, 1952, in Marion, Ohio, Michael earned a bachelor's degree in business from Western Michigan University. In 1975, he began his career at Ford Motor Credit, where he worked until his retirement in 2007. He only drove Ford vehicles; a testament to his loyalty to the company.

In late 1980, Mike married the love his life, Susan. They spent their nearly 38 years of marriage in Grosse Pointe and had one daughter, Emily.

He was an avid fisherman, tennis player and Detroit sports fan. Mike loved to spend his time outdoors and even started to do some landscaping for family and friends during his retirement. He always was the first parent to volunteer to support his daughter's activities when she was a student and continued to volunteer in her school when she became a teacher.

In late May, he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Mike was as thoughtful and loving as they come and will be missed by those who knew him. He was a

devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and friend.

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 16 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Burial is in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718; Gift Of Life Foundation, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2217; UNICEF, 125 Maiden Lane, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10038 or the charity of the donor's choice.

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Mary Panagos

Mary Panagos, 80, passed away Saturday, June 16, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of the late Leo; loving mother of Stella Thael (Len), Harry Panagos and Anne Marie Michon (Robert) and loving grandmother of Joseph. She also is survived by her sister, Lena Kostandinidou.

A funeral service was June 20 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 27777 Franklin Road, No. 1150, Southfield, MI 48034.

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Robert A. Meacham

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert A. Meacham, 91, formerly of Milan, passed away Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Ascension St. John Hospital after a brief illness.

Born June 2, 1927, in Cleveland, to James Ames and Eloise Caroline (nee Jeffery) Meacham, Robert earned a bachelor's degree from Case Institute of Technology, now Case Western University. He was a project engineer for General Motors Corp. in the Cadillac Division. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Robert was a 50-year member of the Erie Masonic Lodge No. 239, longtime member of Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe and Cadillac ski clubs. In his spare time, he enjoyed skiing and boating, both sailing and power boats.

Robert is survived by his fiancée of 36 years, Adrijana Randolph. He also is survived by his brother, James Meacham (Gloria); nephews, James Ortman, Robert Ortman (Karen) and Jamie Meacham (Christy); nieces, Diane Ortman and Marie Crocker (Marty); Adrijana's sisters, Leposava Shadko and Marija Minanova and other relatives.



Elaine Christine Koerber



Eleanor M. O'Brien



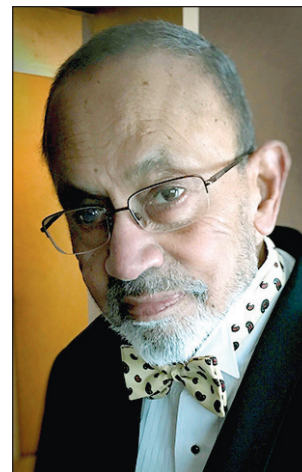
Michael J. Finan



Mary Panagos



Robert A. Meacham



Samuel J. Edwin M.D.

In addition to his parents, Robert was predeceased by his sister, Marilyn Ortman.

A graveside service was June 14 in Milan Cemetery, Milan.

Donations may be made to the American Heart/Stroke Association, 5455 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43214.

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Samuel James Edwin M.D.

Samuel James Edwin M.D., 73, passed away, without struggle, Saturday, June 2, 2018, in his Grosse Pointe Farms residence.

Dr. Edwin is survived by his wife of more than 47 years, Chandra Madan Edwin; sons, Nicholas (Rachel), Sean (Simone) and Michael (Ayesha) and granddaughters Lydia, Jane, Eva and Priya.

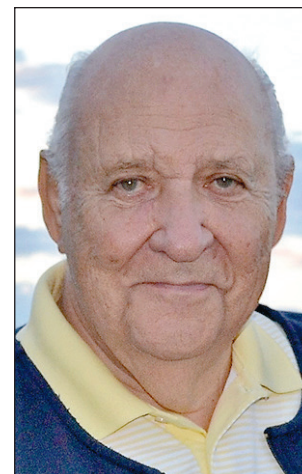
Born Sept. 7, 1944, in New Delhi, India, to Alfred and Pansy Edwin, Dr. Edwin graduated from Maulana Azad Medical College in 1971 and emigrated to the United States soon after. He completed residency at Hutzel Hospital and worked as an OB-GYN there many years. He continued his work at St. John Hospital in Detroit and maintained a private practice 30 years in the metro Detroit area.

Dr. Edwin was a talented, gentle, kind and honest physician. In the years after his retirement in 2003, his patients and colleagues often mentioned his encouraging and professional bedside manner and skill.

Dr. Edwin was a dedicated member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Southfield, singing in the choir and serving on the vestry. He had a particular love for classical music and 1950s-era singers. He filled his leisure hours with woodworking, gardening (particularly his beloved roses), reading and watching the Detroit Tigers. Although he struggled with cardiac and kidney disease the last 21 years, he rarely missed an opportunity to share his love of music, good food and gardening with his family and friends.

Dr. Edwin was laid to rest Wednesday, June 6, at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills.

Donations may be made in his memory to Music Ministry at St. David's Episcopal Church, 16200



Robert Victor LePlae

W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

Robert Victor LePlae

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert Victor LePlae, 89, of The Villages, Fla., passed away Friday, May 25, 2018.

Robert, "Bob," was born Nov. 15, 1928, in Detroit, and united in marriage in 1981 to Sue Ann Schrems in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Of Belgian descent, Robert was the fourth of five children who resided in the Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park area for several years where he ran LePlae Real Estate. He then worked for the state of Michigan until he retired.

In 2007, Bob moved to Florida with his wife, Sue, where they golfed, danced and had many friends to help enjoy the last decade of his life.

Those Robert leaves behind to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Sue; children, Laurie Triplett (Terry) of Chesterfield, Michael of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Robert of New York City, Gregg of Ft. Gratiot, John of Lakewood, Ohio, and Susan Miller (Doug) of Lake Zurich, Ill.; grandchildren, Lindsey and Sydney LePlae and Theresa, Catherine, Alexander and Andrew Miller; sister, Joan Metzler (Fred) of Venice, Fla., and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, Robert was predeceased by his brothers, George and Ed LePlae and sister, Esther Brandau (Roland).

A Celebration of Life is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at Allamanda Recreation Center, 1515 St. Charles Place, The Villages, Fla. The Rev. Louis Bihl will officiate.

Donations may be made in Bob's honor to seedsof hope-wildwood.com.



Arnetta E. Warren

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Arnetta E. Warren, 76, passed away Monday, June 11, 2018.

Arnetta, "Arnie," was born Jan. 19, 1942, in Detroit, to Albert and Alma (nee Bower) Hock.

Arnie was the mother of Kristin Roy (Harrison); sister to Arnold Hock (Sallie); aunt of Arnold Hock Jr. and Robert Hock (Jody), and great aunt of Arianne Ketterer (Clarence), David Hock (Sheena), Rachel Hock and Robert Hock Jr.

Arnie's greatest joy was being a mother and her favorite hobbies were taking care of her family, friends, home and garden. She took pride in making everything beautiful and knew how to best help anyone in need. Arnie also loved a good political debate and never shied away from telling it like it was, which endeared her even more to her family.

Over her lifetime, Arnie lived in Michigan, Windermere, Fla., and Scottsdale, Ariz., where she enjoyed playing golf and laughing with her girlfriends. She moved back to Michigan in 2008, and to The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods in 2015. There, she enjoyed gardening, talking with her neighbors who quickly became her friends and spending time with family; Monday night dinners together were a family favorite.

Arnie will be greatly missed by her friends and family, whose lives have been enriched just by knowing her.

A memorial visitation is noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

A private Celebration of Life ceremony is Friday, June 22.

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Fundraiser showcases talent

Grosse Pointe Young Life hosted a dinner and talent show fundraiser in late April at The War Memorial, featuring students and alumni leaders. Funds raised at the event, which also included a silent

and volunteers share with young people about God and his love through fun, adventure and friendship. Young Life Grosse Pointe has served area middle and high school students since 2002.



Cameron Shook and Evan Skaff perform.



Above, from left, Caroline Jeup, Charlotte O'Dell, Anne Davey and Alec Ells perform. Right, Caroline Baratta plays guitar.

Sydney Anderson and Kaitlin Ifkovits perform.



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Aviary, featuring Andrew Jackson, Evan Smolen, Shane Fitzpatrick, Cate Ramsey and Ben Uznis.



From left, Quinn Nehr, Thomas Thams and Elyse Tazzia.



Demetri Gritsas, Kitty Clark and Andrew Hallam.

GPT announces scholarship winners

Grosse Pointe Theatre recently announced the winners of its 2018 scholarship program. Scholarship auditions took place April 21, and judges selected six winners, providing a total of \$8,000 in scholarships.

Winners of 2018 scholarships are:

- Grosse Pointe North High School**
 - ◆ Andrew Hallam, senior, attending University of Michigan
 - ◆ Kitty Clark, senior, attending Western Michigan University
 - ◆ Demetri Gritsas, senior, attending College for Creative Studies
- Grosse Pointe South High School**
 - ◆ Elyse Tazzia, sophomore, attending U of M's Theatre summer program
 - ◆ Thomas Thams,

junior, attending Arts Bridge Summer Musical Theatre program

University Liggett School

◆ Quinn Nehr, junior, attending U of M's MPulse Theatre summer program

Adjudicators were Sal DeMercurio, Jackie DiSante and Rachel Settlege.

Kathy Fisk is the scholarship chairwoman.

Winners showcased their presentations in person or through video recordings at the Grosse Pointe Theatre membership meeting May 14.

Grosse Pointe Theatre has given out \$68,000 to 77 students the past four decades, helping students fulfill their dreams of continuing their theatrical education.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Suzanne O'Brien

Finding the right house and moving without stress

Q: My family is considering a move to a bigger house. I'm worried about the stress of trying to find the right house, understanding the financials and making the best choice for everyone. Do you have any tips on how to do this with less stress and confusion?

A: This decision can be a tough one for families. Many folks have told us they are ready to make a move since values have recovered and interest rates remain low. Finding the right living situation can present a challenge based on what is available. When options are scarce, the decision to move can be a stressful one that often results in frustration and defeat and can cause turmoil at

home. However, there are ways to take advantage of this kind of real estate market and approach it differently both as a homeowner looking for a different way to live or an investor. Think of it, first, in terms of the homeowner. The secret is to get ahead of the inventory and be the first to know when an option that fits becomes available. For this reason, we have tapped into state-of-the-art technology and can reach out to folks who are the next most likely to move. It's a simple concept when you consider traditional real estate marketing typically involves marketing a home to prospective purchasers. We now have the tech-

nology to identify and connect with those people and homes that suit potential buyers before they are actually ready to come to market. The beauty of this approach is not only are we able to help folks make a successful move in their timeframe, but also have an opportunity to purchase a property that makes sense and, in many cases, without having to get into a bidding war. That said, the first step is to understand what your best path to purchase would be. For example, we are seeing many folks use savings to purchase with cash. Though it may seem like an advantage and make sense for your individual circumstances, consider this: The average interest

rate is about 4.5 percent right now. There are many investment opportunities that guarantee a higher return than 4.5 percent. It may make more sense to invest your cash in something that will earn you the 4.5 percent and a profit on top of offsetting your mortgage.

As a real estate example, we have many investors taking advantage of some suburbs yet to fully recover from the recession; whereby they can make an investment of

\$50,000 or that yields rents of \$750 to \$900 per month. That is a cash-on-cash return of 30 to 58 percent. I am not a financial advisor and only have expertise in the real estate world, but I don't know of returns available from any other industry at those levels. Please consult individually with your financial advisors to be sure any path you take insures that.

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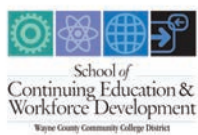


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Baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils crush way to state title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys baseball team did the improbable last weekend, winning a Division 1 state championship with a convincing 8-1 win over Brownstown Woodhaven.

"The whole way it was we just kept on getting more confident," head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "They felt they could beat anybody. It didn't matter who was pitching, and the dominance I saw in the last three games was something I've never seen before.

"It was unreal, and where this team ended up is an incredible run. I've never had a situation where I've seen such confidence. This group was unselfish. Everyone did the little and big things, and doing anything at all to help was crucial."

Griesbaum and his Blue Devils entered the season unranked, but quickly gained momentum.

A little hiccup in the middle of the division season didn't deter the Blue Devils, who dominated their last three opponents to capture the second baseball title in school history. The 2001 squad beat Grand Ledge in the finals.

Senior Cam Shook gave up a run in the top of the first inning, but slammed the door shut after that. He earned the win, going the distance, and gave up only seven hits, one earned run, one walk and struck out five.



Senior Cam Shook earned the win on the mound in the title game.

The Blue Devils took advantage of two errors in the third inning and loaded the bases. Senior Anthony DerManulian doubled in three runs, giving the Blue Devils a 4-1 lead. They never looked back.

A wild pitch and suicide squeeze bunt gave the Blue Devils two more runs in the fourth inning, and in the bottom of the sixth they added two more insurance runs.

Consecutive singles by junior Conor McKenna and senior Steve Cavera, and a bunt single by senior Giovanni Lutfy loaded the bases.

Senior Joey Naporano was hit by a pitch, scoring a run, and senior Davis Graham hit a sacri-

ifice fly to drive in the final run, making it 8-1.

Shook gave up two singles in the bottom of the seventh inning, but none would score and the Blue Devils celebrated after the final out was made.

McKenna and Cavera each had two hits and two runs scored to lead the offense.

In the state final, semifinal and quarterfinal, the Blue Devils outscored their foes 27-2 and finished the season 33-12 overall.

"The motto going into districts was let's play another week," Griesbaum said. "After winning districts, it was we're not satisfied. We wanted to get to that quarterfinal where we



PHOTOS BY KRISTIN MALLEGG

Grosse Pointe South players celebrate after winning a Division 1 baseball state championship over Woodhaven.

never lost in our history. It's a benchmark of success to get to the Final Four. To get there eight times is a benchmark of success, but we are happy, but not satisfied.

"My assistant coaches, Matt Reno, Matt Leverenz, John Hackett, Dan Griesbaum Jr., Dennis Clow, Stephen Walworth, Jack Doyle, Tony Braun and Doug Jenzen were instrumental in helping this group."

The Blue Devils also had four make All-State. Graham made Dream Team and First Team, and Naporano made First Team. Shook and Budziak earned Second Team honors.

In the semifinals, Budziak threw another gem, shutting out Midland 10-0. It was his third straight shutout in the postseason.

Budziak went six innings, scattering three hits and striking out seven. During the post-

season, Budziak has blanked Grosse Pointe North, Livonia Churchill and Midland.

The Blue Devils scored two runs in the second inning, and it remained a 2-0 game through five.

Then in the sixth inning, the Blue Devils blew the game open, scoring eight runs to win via the 10-run mercy rule.

Cam Mallegg led the way with three hits, one run scored and one RBI. Naporano had two hits, one run scored and three RBIs, and Jacob Hinkle had two hits with a run scored.

DerManulian also had two hits, one run scored and walked once, and Luffy had two hits, one run scored and two RBIs.

McKenna continued his hot hitting, driving in a run and scoring twice. The Blue Devils finished with 14 hits, including four doubles.

In the quarterfinals at

Wayne State University, South pummeled division rival Macomb Dakota 9-1.

During league play in early May, the Blue Devils dropped 2-of-3 to Dakota, but in the game that mattered the most, it was all South.

They jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning before the Cougars scored a run in the top of the second to make it 3-1.

It was all Blue Devils after that. They scored a run in the third inning, two in the fourth and added three runs in the sixth to turn the quarterfinal into a blowout.

Naporano was 2-for-2 with a triple, a walk, a hit by pitch and three runs scored, and Hinkle was 2-for-4 with a run and RBI.

Graham blasted a home run among his two hits. He also walked and drove in two runs, while

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Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights fall in state semifinals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was round four of the University Liggett School/Lansing Christian Division 4 state semifinal battle on the soccer field.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

University Liggett School senior Olivia Yates carries possession during the first half of the Knights' state semifinal.

Each of the past three seasons, these schools met in the Final Four, with the Knights winning in 2016, while losing in 2015 and 2017.

Liggett took it on the chin in this meeting, fall-

ing 3-0 to end the season 13-7-2.

"Our game plan was going well, but once Lansing Christian got that first goal, we lost some of our momentum," head coach David Dwaihy said. "However, even when we fell behind by a couple of goals, our girls played hard and battled.

"I'm proud of the girls. Our seniors have been to four straight Final Fours and won a state title. They earned a lot of respect."

The game was scoreless in the opening half. The Knights had a lot of momentum heading into the second half and had a vision of pulling off the upset.

Lansing Christian scored what turned out to be the winning goal at the 30:03 mark of the second half. They made it 2-0 with a goal at the 13:21 mark and finished the scoring with a tally at



Junior Izzy Brusilow, right, defends a Lansing Christian forward during the opening half in University Liggett School's Division 4 Final Four contest.

the 2:49 mark.

The Knights had their chances. Senior Alexis Wenger sent a couple of rocket shots at the net, but the goaltender came up with the saves to keep the Knights off the board.

The Knights continued to get shots on net, but trying to come back from

a multiple-goal deficit against the No. 1 ranked team in Division 4 was too much to ask.

"We had some chances, and if the ball was an inch or two away from the keeper, we might have had a goal or even two," Dwaihy said. "We played a good game, but

not a perfect game to beat Lansing Christian."

Dwaihy loses Wenger, along with Delaney Bandos, Morgan Connell, Olivia Yates, Saudia Tate, Kelly Solak and Teagan Cornell to graduation.

Dwaihy retains a solid group of returning players for 2019.

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Maccagnone was 2-for-2 with a run scored, one walk and two RBIs. Mallegg also had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs.

DerManulian, McKenna and Cavera also had hits as the Blue Devils finished with 13 hits.

On the mound, Shook earned the win, scattering seven hits and striking out six in six innings. John Lynch pitched the seventh.

Griesbaum loses seniors Ben Lemanski, Jackson Lawrence, Logan MacLean, Jacob Finger, Lutfy, Brandon



PHOTO BY BRIAN MCKENNA

Senior catcher Davis Graham rifles the ball to third base after Cam Shook strikes out a hitter.

Carey, Naporano, Hinkle, Budziak, Jacob Graham, Joseph Bolton, Shook, William Ambrozy, Joseph Lianos and DerManulian Dimambro, Cavera, to graduation.

Ice hockey

YOUTH HOCKEY



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Champs

The Grosse Pointe Lady Bulldogs 10U hockey team recently won a 2018 Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Girls 10U Tier 3 state championship at Northern Lights Arena after beating Farmington Hills Hockeybaked 4-3 in the title game. Pictured above are, back row from left, Craig Lenhard, John Secco and John Kalyvas; middle row from left, Madeline Hexter, Kadence Browder, Andee Baker, Camilla O'Reilly, Bella Peruski, Alexa Kalyvas, Charlotte Harr, Paige Martin and Ava Villani; and front row from left, Eleanor Smith, Annie Walsh, Audrey Reynolds, Nola Keith, Lucy Cantin, Sophia Secco, Leila Oskui, Frances Ring, Piper Obermok and Sophia Kallabat.

College signings

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



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G-Town bound

University Liggett School senior Santo Scarfone, seated center, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to join the men's crew team at Georgetown University in the nation's capital. Also at the signing were his parents, seated, Kris Ann and William Scarfone, and brother Rocco Scarfone. Luke Agnini is the head coach of the Hoyas, who compete in NCAA Division 1.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



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D1 swimmer

University Liggett School senior Alexis Wenger, seated center, has committed to swim at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., next fall. She was joined by her dad David Wenger, left, her mom Carolyn Wenger, right, and her club coach John Fodell, standing. Her college coach will be Todd DeSorbo and the Cavaliers compete in the Atlantic Coast Conference of Division 1 of the NCAA.

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the aforementioned Cities on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The last day to register for the election is Tuesday, July 9, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. Persons residing in these Cities registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the election.

Persons planning to register may do so in person at their local City Clerk's Office, Wayne County Clerk's Office, or the Secretary of State drivers license bureau during regular business hours. Registration may also be made at the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Human Services Department, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Works and some offices of the Commission for the Blind and at the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces. Registration by mail may be used by obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application at www.mi.gov/vote and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Lastly, those already registered may update their voter registration at www.expressSOS.com.

PERSONS ENTITLED to be registered voters in the aforementioned Cities must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and their municipality for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that registered voters will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

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Full text of the ballot, including the proposals, may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote.

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Next level

Grosse Pointe North's Alex Siluk, right, signed a National Letter of Intent to play men's soccer at U-M Dearborn for head coach Matt Quirk. The Wolverines compete in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Joining Siluk at his signing was North boys soccer head coach Eric Vanston.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan COUNTY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF VACANCY OF CITY COUNCIL POSITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there is a vacancy for the position of Grosse Pointe Farms City Councilmember. This position is for a Partial Term ending November, 2019. Applicants must reside in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms and be a registered voter.

Letters of interest and resumes may be submitted for consideration to Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236, no later than July 2, 2018.

Derrick Kozicki
City Clerk & Assistant City Manager

