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State champs again!

For the second year in a row, the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Major League All-Star team won a Little League state championship by beating Rockford 12-7 in the state finals in St. Clair. They now move on to represent Michigan in the Great Lakes Regional tournament in Westfield, Ind. They play Illinois in the first round Sunday, Aug 5. The winner of the regional tournament advances to Williamsport, Pa., for the Little League World Series. Pictured above are, front row from left, coach Melissa Henderson, J.J. Schoeck, Preston Barr, Jake Martin, Cam Schafer, Marwynn Matthews, Reggie Sharpe and coach Reggie Sharpe; and, back row from left, District No. 6 administrator Bill Crandall, Jarren Purify, Ryan Henderson, Brennan Hill, Ryan Knaebel, Elliott Nederhood, Oliver Service, Chase Mazey and manager Kurt Barr. For the full story, see page 1C.

Latest Rocket Fiber plan heard

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In an attempt to answer questions still looming over the proposed fiber optic ring in Grosse Pointe, Farms city council held a public work session Monday, July 30, at Pier Park.

Representing Rocket Fiber, Marc Hudson, co-founder and CEO, along with Lucas Ottinger, who has been working closely with the partners, presented the most up-to-date plan.

The proposal is for Rocket Fiber to build an 18-mile fiber ring around the Grosse Pointes to be owned by a consortium of the municipalities, Grosse Pointe Public School System and Grosse Pointe Public Library. Rocket Fiber also would install its own fiber at the same time to offer 1-gigabit internet to residences and businesses in the future.

The project would cost approximately \$2 million, with the partners splitting the cost of the ring and paying for their own laterals — connections from the ring to locations of the individual consortium members require. The ring would cost \$900,000 with the balance coming from laterals.

As a part of the deal,

Rocket Fiber would provide 15 years of 10-gigabit internet and 20 years of basic maintenance to the ring.

Costs change for each partner based on how many laterals they require. For the Farms, the project cost is estimated at \$325,000, which includes its \$130,000 pro rata cost of the ring and \$85,000 for laterals.

The Farms currently spends more than \$30,000 per year on internet and phone services. Because the municipalities would own the ring and not have to pay for those services, over 20 years the Farms would save more than \$14,000 per year using the fiber ring.

The cost for the other municipal partners and library ranges between \$250,000 and \$400,000. The school system would be expected to pay approximately \$740,000.

The plan calls for the formation of the consortium of all partners to act as a governing board.

The consortium would manage the network, with the school system acting as operating and fiscal agent responsible for day-to-day operations.

Superintendent Gary Niehaus said the district

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Donaven to be sworn in Aug. 14

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Despite an anonymous letter sent to Mayor Louis Theros questioning a dropped federal misdemeanor charge, Sierra Donaven will be sworn in Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Donaven was appointed unanimously by city council Thursday, July 12, to fill Therese Joseph's

vacant seat. The letter questions a dropped charge from 2005.

Donaven, a retired 20-year federal criminal investigator for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, was charged with a misdemeanor count of computer fraud for allegedly using a federal database to alert a convicted drug dealer about the status of federal

investigations. The case was dropped in 2006 before going to trial and without the Justice Department presenting evidence.

"It's a matter of public record," Donaven said. "It's not anything that was ever hidden. What happened with me in terms of my job and me allegedly using any kind of database for personal reasons, that matter is over. That matter is completely

resolved. That matter is dismissed."

Although the case was dismissed more than a decade ago, Donaven was prepared to resign if the other members of city council did not support her moving forward. She said she loves the city and does not want to hurt it.

Last weekend, she received that support — and not just from council.

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SMART monies help fund PAATS

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

Renewing the 1-mill SMART millage Tuesday, Aug. 7, benefits more than just regular SMART bus users, according to Derrick Kozicki, Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services treasurer.

The SMART millage

renewal on the primary ballot is separate from the now-dead Regional Transit Authority Connect Southeast Michigan proposal, which caused a lot of controversy in the region.

The RTA proposal was scrapped and will not appear on the November ballot after not receiving enough support from the

RTA board. Besides the fixed route SMART bus service, Kozicki said PAATS receives just less than half its annual budget from SMART.

"(PAATS) receives \$120,000 of the Community and Municipal Credits that

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Summer sale

Moose Jaw erected a few tents during last weekend's Village Sidewalk Sale, which Makenzie, Parker and Jackson Adams found hard to resist. For more photos from the event, see page 2A.

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Andrea Pietrowsky
 Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
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2A | BUSINESS

New location

Speech with Sara, 17011 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, recently celebrated the grand opening of new clinic space in The Village. The 2-year-old business offers private speech therapy specializing in orofacial myofunctional disorders, speech-sound disorders, childhood language impairments and literacy. For more information, call (313) 815-7916 or visit speechwithsara.com. Pictured during a recent ribbon-cutting event, from left, are Johnny Martin; owner Sara Martin; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher; Elena Martin; and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership Linda Reid.



PHOTO BY JOHN MARTIN

Art in the street

The annual Village Sidewalk Sale and Art Fair closed Kercheval to traffic in The Village Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28.



The Crafty Cop, aka Brian Russell, set up shop at the art fair.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Farms resident, attorney elected to Butzel Long Board of Directors

Butzel Long attorney and shareholder Clara DeMatteis Mager, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, was elected to the firm's Board of Directors. Mager focuses her practice on business and family immigration issues, including all aspects of the international movement of personnel, inbound and outbound work-authorized nonimmigrant and immigrant status, immigration consequences of mergers, acquisitions and corporate restructuring, employer sanctions and immigration law audits. Mager is active in the community working on pro bono immigration matters. She currently is a board member of the French American Chamber of Commerce, Italian American Alliance for Business and Technology and

Leonardo International Inc. She also is a member of the Federal Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Women Lawyers Bar Association and Italian American Bar Association. Mager is a graduate of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Detroit XXII Class. She is listed in Best Lawyers in America, Michigan Super Lawyers and DBusiness. Mager is a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rated Lawyer. She also received the 2015 Michigan Lawyers Weekly Women in the Law Award and was listed in Crain's Detroit Business Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan. Mager is a graduate of Wayne State University and Detroit College of Law, where she was a member of Law Review.

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Mother's fight for child's life leads to activism

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

In spite of her daughter's health challenges, Andrea Pietrowsky focuses on the many ways she and her family have been fortunate.

When Pietrowsky went to her obstetrician's office for a routine ultrasound 16 weeks into her pregnancy and an abnormality was detected in her baby's heart, she wondered later "how we got so lucky" to wind up at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor with Edward L. Bove M.D., who has performed more than 10,000 cardiac surgeries during his 30 years at the University of Michigan, increasing life spans for children with her child's condition by double digits, according to Pietrowsky.

Louisa was diagnosed in-utero with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a rare congenital heart defect in which the left side of the heart is severely underdeveloped. HLHS, one of Bove's specialties, is treated through several surgical procedures or a

heart transplant.

Today Pietrowsky feels fortunate Louisa, who will be 4 this month, no longer requires a ventilator or a tracheotomy tube. The tube was removed last October in that narrow window before flu season. While Louisa's heart is stable, her immune system is compromised and a common cold can lead to pneumonia.

"It took a couple of years to outgrow the need for a ventilator and a trach," Pietrowsky said. "For two and a half years she had a ventilator in her room and for three years she had an artificial airway and now she has neither."

Having delivered a healthy baby previously — she and her husband, Tom, have a 7-year-old son, Sam — she said she feels fortunate Louisa wasn't her first.

"I know what having a healthy baby felt like and I knew parenthood," she said. "Then I found out what parenthood was like with extreme, severe medical conditions. I connected with some other moms prior to having

(Louisa) and they kind of helped me by giving a heads up. I needed that. There's nothing that can truly prepare you, but it's all you've got. Just leaning on others."

She also had the support of family, in particular her parents, who moved into the couple's house in Grosse Pointe Woods for most of the week to help care for Sam while Louisa remained in the hospital from birth to seven months, spending most of her time in the pediatric intensive care unit.

"That was our home. That was our comfort zone," Pietrowsky said.

Louisa had the first of three planned surgeries at 9 days old. While the surgery went well, there were complications about a week later and she went on life support for four days. Pietrowsky slept in her hospital room next to her bed.

"I don't remember much of it because I was postpartum," she said. "We didn't know if we could keep her. We didn't know if she was going to make it."

Before being released from the hospital, she and her husband underwent CPR and "trach the baby" training.

"With a trach, you need to clear the airway so it doesn't become obstructed and you have to do it quickly or she will stop breathing," Pietrowsky said.

They also had to pass two tests. First they were left alone in Louisa's hospital room for 12 hours as their daughter's sole caretakers. Then hospital staff set them up in a hotel room for 24 hours.

"I think we're pretty smart people, but I don't have a medical degree," Pietrowsky said. "It was overwhelming. It was exhausting. She was on 48 doses of meds over 24 hours. And we were in a hotel room. I don't know how we did it, quite honestly, but we didn't have a choice."

They passed the test, bringing their 7-month-old home to their own NICU, complete with a ventilator, backup ventilator for appointments, humidifier for the ventilator and feeding tube.

"And all this stuff beeps too. And it all needs electricity. We had to ramp up our electricity before we brought her home," Pietrowsky said, adding, "It was really intense living."

Today Louisa's heart is stable and the hope is to schedule her third-stage surgery, delayed due to medical complications. Without it, she risks a stroke, which was what led to her being on life support at 9 days old.

Throughout this ordeal, Pietrowsky said she is grateful for "awesome



COURTESY PHOTO

Andrea and Louisa Pietrowsky stopped at a Dairy Queen on their way to Chicago for their first family vacation this summer.

friends and an awesome community." She added she feels lucky her son is healthy "because he keeps me balanced."

"He's such a good brother," she said. "The thing I've learned and totally get now, if you want to know how to treat a child who has a disability — and (Louisa) does have disabilities; I don't think of her as disabled, but she does have disabilities — watch and see how their siblings treat them. They treat them just like anybody else."

Pietrowsky also feels fortunate her family was able to enjoy their first vacation in Chicago and Holland this summer. Family vacations were put on hold while Louisa was on a ventilator and beach trips were out of the question until her tracheotomy stoma closed.

"At the end of the day, she's just a little kid who likes to go to the beach and she finally got to do that," Pietrowsky said. "This was the first time she put her feet in the

sand, the first time she put her feet in the lake. This was everything we always dreamed of. Both the kids loved it."

This fall, if all goes according to plan, Louisa, who has had homebound schooling through Barnes Early Childhood Center, will enjoy her first out-of-the-home preschool experience with other toddlers.

Pietrowsky said she loves the Barnes staff, which helps ease any anxiety.

"It's the first time we will put her in the hands of people who aren't medical professionals and I won't be there for two hours and she will be around germs," she said.

At the same time, she has "talked with our cardiologist and we agree, we don't invest all this in your child to let them live in a bubble. They kind of nudge me and say, Andrea, you've got to let her live."

Finally, her daughter's acute health care needs have taught Pietrowsky how fortunate her family is to have benefited from employer-provided health care coverage and provisions of the Affordable Care Act to provide Louisa with medical care, nursing support and therapies as needed. In addition to medical coverage through a healthcare network, Louisa qualified for Medicaid and the Children's Special Health Network due to her medical disability.

"In 2014, when she was born, I didn't have to think twice about pre-existing conditions," Pietrowsky said. "I didn't have to think about medical lifetime limits, because (with the ACA) it was a non-issue. Nobody was talking about taking these things away from healthcare protections. All I was doing was fighting for her life."

"We've had really good coverage and it pains me to think that other children may not have the benefits she had to be born in 2014 and have a pre-existing condition before you're ever born," she continued.

Recognizing the importance of this healthcare access, Pietrowsky got involved with Little Lobbyists, a non-partisan advocacy group seeking to protect and expand the rights of children with complex medical needs.

While "it's exhausting to take care of a child with severe disabilities and severe special needs," Pietrowsky said she makes time when she can to attend events and join other mothers in taking their children to the Capitol to "put them in front of these politicians and talk about if pre-existing conditions weren't covered, our children would die. If you allow insurers to have a limit for lifetime, our babies would have hit it at 6 months old."

Pietrowsky said she is passionate about the work of Little Lobbyists not only because the issues the group address affect her, but because they could affect anyone.

"I've learned that no matter what you do, you could end up in a healthcare crisis," she said. "We were supposed to have a healthy baby. That's everyone's plan. And we ended up needing so many resources. And it could happen to anybody."

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Juvenile assaulted

A 76-year-old City man was arrested for assaulting a 13-year-old Farms resident 11 a.m. Monday, July 23, on Charlevoix at Washington.

The man said he was walking down Charlevoix when the juvenile rode past him on a bicycle. The man said the Farms boy was traveling close to 30 mph and almost hit him.

The man confronted the boy in the 700 block of Washington and grabbed his throat. The man said he thought he was justified in his actions.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Prowler

A resident in the 50 block of Vendome reported a prowler 1 a.m. Monday, July 30.

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The resident, who was vacationing in London, England, said his security cameras picked up an unknown white male knocking on his door, then looking into his windows.

Officers arrived on scene but were unable to locate the individual.

Suspect eludes police

An unknown black male is wanted in connection to multiple larcenies from autos early morning Sunday, July 29.

Officers received a call 3:30 a.m. of a possible LFA in progress in the 400 block of Madison.

The suspect was gone by the time officers arrived; however, while canvassing the area, an officer saw him standing next to a car in the 400 block of Lothrop. When the man saw the officer approaching, he ran through backyards and eluded police.

A perimeter was immediately set up, but the sus-

pect was not apprehended.

A semi-automatic handgun was found on a driveway in the 400 block of Mount Vernon, at an address directly behind the residence on Lothrop.

At least two other vehicles in the area also were reported broken into that morning.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Lights cut

A resident reported a string of outdoor lights cut and sprinkler head damaged in the 900 block of Pemberton sometime between Saturday, July 14, and Thursday, July 19.

Trash can stolen

An unknown person stole a 50-gallon trash can in the 1200 block of

Maryland between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, July 23.

Friend stole car

A 30-year-old Detroit woman is suspected to have taken a friend's car without permission from the front of a residence in the 1300 block of Maryland 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. The victim said the keys were in the car.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Extradited

A 45-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for a defective headlight 11 p.m. Saturday, July 28, on Mack at Lochmoor and found to have a warrant out of Maricopa County, Ariz., for a marijuana

charge.

The man was arrested and will be extradited to Arizona.

When the man was informed of the warrant, he seemed confused, according to the report, stating he thought the warrant was already cleared.

Breaking and entering

A resident in the 20000 block of Goethe reported a breaking and entering 10 a.m. Friday, July 27. He said when he returned home, the pedestrian door of his garage was broken and six paintings were missing.

The day prior, the victim said he pulled into his driveway and saw his estranged wife's boyfriend walking up the driveway with a sledgehammer. When the boyfriend saw the victim, he quickly returned to his vehicle and left. The victim said he did not report the incident at the time because he did not see the damage to his garage and did not think there was anything to report.

The estranged wife admitted to breaking the door and taking about four paintings.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

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A 44-year-old Mount Clemens woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 2:30 a.m. Monday, July 30, in the 1100 block of Lakeshore. The woman was driving northbound on Lakeshore traveling 22 mph, unable to stay in her lane and hitting her brake intermittently. After pulling her over, officers noted a strong odor of intoxicants and a preliminary breath test resulted in a .145 percent blood alcohol content.

— Anthony Viola

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

SMART:

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the six member communities are allocated from SMART annually," Kozicki wrote in an email. "PAATS uses these funds to provide curb-to-curb transportation for seniors and the disabled living in the member communities."

The member communities include all five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

More than 9,000 people used the service, in 2018, said Kozicki.

Opting out of SMART would mean losing a large portion of the PAATS budget and other services made available

through the credit monies; Grosse Pointe Park uses some of its credits to provide free SMART bus tickets to seniors and disabled people.

Critics of SMART say bus service in Grosse Pointe is inadequate and taxpayers should demand more before renewing the millage.

While Grosse Pointe Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber understands that sentiment — he said he too would like to see more services in the area — he realizes Grosse Pointe is not going to receive the same level of attention as more traffic-heavy areas.

"We aren't going to be treated the same as Gratiot because we are a

180-degree community, not 360-degree, where you get people from both sides of the road to come," Wollenweber said. "But, we would like to see them emphasize and do more of their services here too."

PAATS is available to all residents of Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe who are at least 60 years old or disabled. Riders of the curb-to-curb bus service must make a reservation two days in advance. To make a reservation or for more information, call (313) 343-2580.

Park seniors and disabled individuals interested in the free bus passes should call (313) 822-6200 for information.

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would not need to hire additional personnel to handle operations.

The City, Park, library and school system voted to join the consortium earlier this year. Grosse Pointe Shores unanimously rejected the plan Tuesday, July 17, on the recommendation of its finance committee.

"It's too much money for what our residents are going to see in increases," Bruce Bisballe, Shores councilman and finance committee chairman, said. "We don't have any commercial businesses. We are also quite concerned because in the fall you have a big tax increase we're going to vote on for the school district — \$110 million transaction there. We have other budgetary pressures coming up with retiree health care and

infrastructure on the sewers. So, at this point we felt it was prudent just not to keep spending money and save money."

Farms Mayor Louis Theros expressed concern with the consortium's power. As written, the consortium could approve any expenditures needed for the ring, which would be paid by the partners, with a majority vote.

"I don't like having someone tell me what I have to pay and saying this has to go into your budget this year or next year," Theros said. "That's a big stumbling block for me."

He suggested changing the agreement to require a unanimous vote for any expenditure over \$100,000.

Theros also questioned the financial viability and

longevity of Rocket Fiber itself.

"From a financial standpoint there are no near-term, mid-term, long-term issues on our end," Hudson said. "In fact, we've proved our business model, which is why we are able to expand right now and continue to take our services to other communities."

While Theros is in favor of the project, he wants to make sure it's done right.

"Speaking just for myself ... I think there may be some long-term gain for us. ... But it has to be done fiscally responsible for our citizens."

Farms council is not expected to take up the issue at its next council meeting Tuesday, Aug. 14, but will discuss it further at a regular meeting in coming months.

DONAVEN:

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"People I don't know have left me notes," she said. "I've received emails. I received a beautiful flower that was dropped off at my house. I have received overwhelming support. ... The kindness that was showed to me in this community and in the broader community, it has nothing to do with me being an African American woman. It has nothing to do with me being the first African American to serve on a city council through-

out the Pointes. It has nothing to do with that. They saw my character. "For that, I'm truly grateful."

Donaven served on the Farms beautification commission and the board of directors for the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP branch and has volunteered her time for numerous causes in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

She was one of six applicants who applied to fill Joseph's seat.

"I absolutely love this community," Donaven said at her appointment. "There is nowhere else

for me to live."

The next council meeting — originally scheduled Monday, Aug. 13 — was rescheduled to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14.

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OUR VIEW

Class of 1968
prank or fact?

As related in our story last week about the "Unsinkable Class of 1968" — the purported last class to graduate from Grosse Pointe High School, "The High" — the class was known for its pranks. According to the Class of 1969, they are still at it.

"It looks like the Class of '68 is still up to a few pranks," said '69 graduate John Brilowski after reading last week's story. Mr. Brilowski was quite popular in school as the front man of his band, Sounds of Nite. "However, the Class of '69 will take the honors of being the last full class at The High!"

When asked, prominent attorney and Class of 1969 alumnus Bob Ihrle agreed, and he has the diploma to prove it. "That's my story and I'm sticking to it," he said.

Fellow '69 classmate Larry Crane suggested we do some fact checking. We did. It is confusing and we doubt we will change anyone's mind from either class.

According to the Nov. 16, 1967, Grosse Pointe News, the school board at its Nov. 13, 1967 meeting, approved the recommendation to name the new high school Grosse Pointe North, effective July 1, 1968, and rename the existing high school "Grosse Pointe South" — "effective immediately."

A textualist would say a literal reading of the board's ruling would make the Class of 1968 the first Grosse Pointe South graduating class and the Class of 1967 the last class to graduate from The High, Grosse Pointe High School.

But that's not what happened. The Class of 1968 graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, according to their diplomas.

When Grosse Pointe North opened in September 1968, it did so without a senior class. Juniors from 1968, the Class of 1969, were allowed to graduate from the Fisher Road campus.

Interestingly, the Class of 1969's yearbook, "View Pointe," features "Grosse Pointe South High School" on the spine and is cited throughout. Under the contents, are the words "Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Volume 30." The school name had also already been shortened to just "South" and used frequently.

Class of '69 students working on the yearbook thought they were graduating from Grosse Pointe South. One wonders if they were surprised when they received their diplomas from — "Grosse Pointe High School."

We don't know why the school administration at the time did not follow through and have the Class of 1969 diplomas say "Grosse Pointe South High School." Clearly, the intent was for 1969 to be the first graduating class of Grosse Pointe South. Their diplomas say otherwise.

So when members of the Class of 1969 say they were the last class to graduate from "Grosse Pointe High School" and they have their diplomas to prove it, they are correct.

But, then again, according to school board action, the real name of the school was Grosse Pointe South — for both the Classes of 1968 and 1969!

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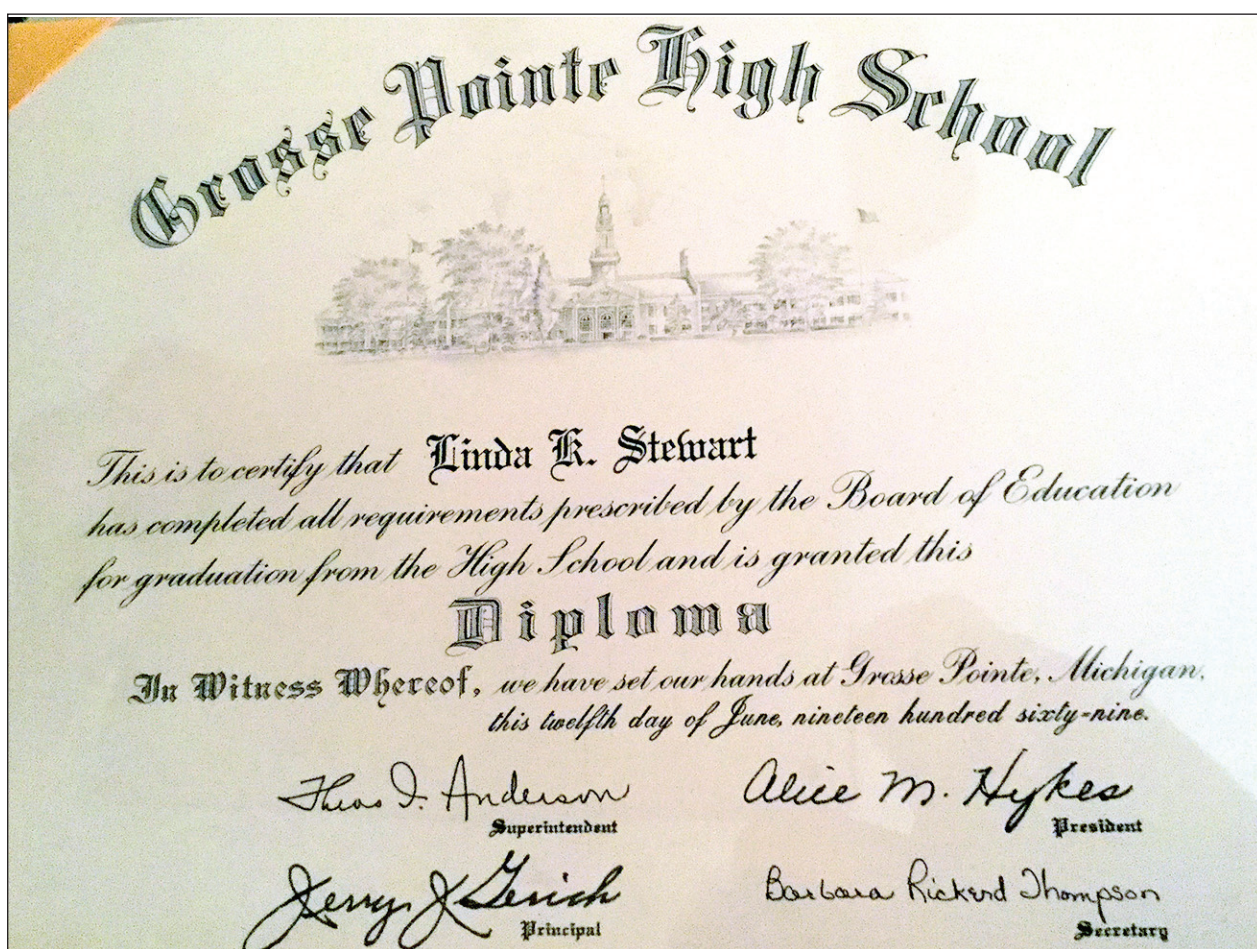


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Disappointed

To the Editor:

My husband and I were extremely disappointed in the article regarding the trial of the rape case.

This poor woman lives in our community and I am sure she and her family have suffered greatly without your paper having to put all the nasty details on the front page of your paper. The author of that article said everything but her name. This is not the kind of news we need to read in our local paper. We ask that you have a little more sensitivity toward this woman and her family.

MARILYN WOLFE
Grosse Pointe Park

Sumbera story
remains untold

To the Editor:

I believe I have read all of your articles, essays, letters to the editor, etc., that you have published in the Grosse Pointe News about Mr. Sumbera no longer coaching varsity football. After reading the most recent edition of your newspaper, I still am confused.

I still do not know the reason Mr. Sumbera is no longer the Grosse Pointe North varsity football coach.

I still do not know if he voluntarily retired. If he did not retire, and he was not fired for cause, I am curious why he is no longer the coach.

Is the Grosse Pointe News curious about this? If so, is it possible to answer these questions for your readers?

It just seems to me that the absence of the real story being published by the Grosse Pointe News is embarrassing and allows rumors to run rampant while the truth appears to be buried.

I can't imagine the Grosse Pointe News lacks the investigative journalism talent to publish the entire story.

But honestly, the questions I have are being

asked throughout the entire community and the fact the Grosse Pointe News portrays itself as ignorant that the questions exist is just plain embarrassing.

FRED SATTERLUND
Grosse Pointe

Step in right
direction

To the Editor:

I was delighted to learn at a recent Farms City Council meeting that a female had been appointed to fulfill a vacancy.

I congratulate those responsible for seeking diversity in this important body that makes very critical decisions for our city. Sierra Donaven's qualifications will add unique perspectives to council deliberations.

While I deeply believe the council needs to include more women and minorities, at least this appointment is a step in the right direction.

EILEEN
WULLSCHLEGER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Golf outing
a success

To the Editor:

The Gianna House Pregnancy and Parenting Residence had a very successful sixth annual golf outing thanks to all the golfers, sponsors and donors. This event helps support Gianna House, a nonprofit organization, with the mission to provide a safe residence for pregnant teens and their newborn infants, while providing spiritual, educational and parenting support to all pregnant women.

I wish to express my deepest thank you and gratitude to all who made it so successful. I thank all the following generous and kind sponsors and donors for their most gracious support with a very special thank you to Bob Maxey Lincoln Ford; Christine Hathaway, photographer for Hour mag-

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Fiber ROIs
exclude E-rates

To the Editor:

As the remaining municipalities and library continue to consider joining the intergovernmental agreement to make them members of the consortium (the governing entity for the Rocket Fiber optic ring), it is concerning to learn there are inaccurate figures in the return on investment analysis reports supplied by Rocket Fiber to the GPPSS and the GPPL. Both reports are available to the public.

The ROI report for GPPSS reads as follows: "We compiled your internet lease/service costs and computed those to be \$212,266 annually." For the GPPL the ROI report reads: "We compiled your internet lease/service costs and computed those to be \$36,150 annually."

However, what is not mentioned in either report is the 40 percent amount received by the district and the library in E-rate reimbursements. The FCC offers an E-rate program to make telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries, which our district and library access each year. Thus, the annual net cost for internet services for GPPSS and GPPL is much lower than the reported costs.

Perhaps return on investment reports for the district and library need to be re-calculated for accuracy. The taxpayers deserve to know the true costs and projected savings of the fiber proposal before they are expected to pay for the ring via their city, school and library taxes.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Jody McVeigh

We're ready for another road trip



Childhood vacations were almost always visits to family. Most of mine live out of state; my father was born and raised in Milwaukee, and all of his family still live in Wisconsin, while my mother's brother lives in Alabama, and her late half-brother lived in Texas.

Occasionally we'd go on family trips just to check out new sights —

like a three-week trip out West or camping in Canada. Nearly every time we traveled, we drove — five of us, and our luggage, smashed into a too-small minivan for a too-long duration of time.

By the time I met my husband, I couldn't remember the last time I'd been on an airplane. He made quick work of changing that and whisked me away to Florida for a week.

Since then, we've made a point of escaping every now and then — a few trips to Scotland to visit his family, more trips to Florida after getting our own place there.

The last few years, however, our trips have centered around something different — not family, not casual escapes. My husband decided he wanted to see a ballgame at every stadium in Major League Baseball. Now our vacation destinations are purely focused on America's favorite pastime.

I don't mind too much; I do enjoy live sports (not so much watching them on television).

We've seen some amazing stadiums — I loved Wrigley Field — and some not so great (sorry, Tampa). Occasionally John will

take friends, last year knocking off Baltimore, Washington and Philly in four days with a few buddies.

Last fall, we went to Minnesota for a Tigers game, which was rained out after less than two innings. He insists on checking it off his list, despite the downpour.

Though he still has a few more baseball stadiums on his list, we've begun to put our next checklist in the works: football stadiums.

We've knocked off a few while visiting family — iconic Lambeau Field in Green Bay last year, deafening CenturyLink Field in Seattle a few

years before — and were planning a trip to San Francisco next month for a Lions game.

I've never been to California. It's been on my bucket list since childhood. He was thinking a five-day trip; I was hoping for more like 15. Plans were in the works, dates being solidified, flights being browsed.

Then his youngest son called. Our youngest granddaughter turns 1 next month. We were asked to host her birthday party at our house — and we wouldn't miss Aria's first birthday for the world.

So we're searching again for a destination

we both will enjoy.

We've talked about returning to Scotland again and maybe throwing Greece into the mix, but those plans fell through due to scheduling conflicts.

At this point, I don't care where we go, for how long or if there are sports involved. I have a bad habit of not taking time off. Despite making plans or talking about going places, I just can't seem to find the right time to not work. My last vacation was in December; it's August. These days, weeks, months go by too fast.

I'm definitely due. Any suggestions?

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

WOODS BATTLES TO KEEP SIGNAL: The Red Green light at Vernier and Mack has been changed by directions of the Office of Defense Transportation to a red blinker light to save on vehicle gas and oil.

The change is criticized by Woods officials because this is the principal intersection in the city and a major school crossing.

WOODS WEEDS CAUSE PROTEST: The abundant water fall this year which brought major problems in sewage and surface drainage to the Woods community brought another problem: an unusually rank growth of weeds.

At the Woods council meeting several citizens urged village authorities to make arrangements for the cutting and removal of weeds from vacant lots and unoccupied and marshy places.

AIR RAID DRILL SET: Grosse Pointe will be included in the Air Raid Drill ordered for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, next Tuesday night, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Obituaries: Fannie Ann Darwin

1968

50 years ago this week

HOSPITAL PLEA TO CHANGE ZONING: Representatives of Bon Secours Hospital will appeal at an Aug. 7 public hearing for an amendment to the Grosse Pointe City zoning ordinance to permit construction of a 160-bed addition and a parking area south of the hospital.

Bon Secours has asked the council to rezone the present site bounded by Cadieux, Maumee, Notre Dame and Caroline for hospital use and the 165-foot strip of land extending from Caroline to Jefferson for parking purposes.

THREE TEENS ARRESTED FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION: Farms police arrested three Pointe youths in front of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and charged them with possession of marijuana.

The threesome, aged 15, 15 and 16, drew the attention of patrolmen when they were standing in a group near the garage, sharing a cigarette.

The arrest brought to 10 the number of teenagers arrested for possession of marijuana in the Farms alone. Seven of the 10 were under age 17.

Obituaries: Clinton G. Austin, Hugh Chalmers Jr., Edgar Fink, John William Hutton, Minnie Lane, Anthony J. Pittel, Elda M. Rivard, Grace Silverstine

1993

25 years ago this week

WAR MEMORIAL LOSES COURT FIGHT TO EXPAND TO 40 LAKESHORE: The lakefront home the Grosse Pointe War Memorial purchased three years ago for \$1.3 million cannot be used for a community center, the state court of appeals ruled last week.

The court of appeals agreed with the circuit court that a deed restriction dating back to 1941 should stand.

The restriction states only a single-family dwelling shall exist on the property and be used for residential purposes only.

DISPUTE ARISES OVER PORTABLE BASKETBALL HOOP: Finding the solution to a dispute over a basketball hoop is more than child's play for Grosse Pointe Park officials.

The dispute centers around a portable basketball hoop at a home on Whittier in the Park. City ordinances state basketball hoops are not allowed beyond front house lines. A tree prevents moving

of the hoop to the side of the house when it is not in use.

The neighbor who originally complained to officials said "there is an ordinance against these backboards. They bring down the character of the community."

Obituaries: Jan Frederick Beekhuis, Ruth Olson Baer Clifford, Virginia C. Johnston, Anthony E. Muirhead, Raleigh S. Nicholson, Simonne A. Zink

2008

10 years ago this week

BIKE THIEVES LINKED TO DRUG PED-

DLERS: A bicycle stolen this month in the downtown City of Grosse Pointe shopping district is being linked to a 16-year-old Park male accused of trading stolen property for drugs.

PUDDLE OF EVIDENCE: A traffic officer patrolling the Village cited a 58-year-old Madison Heights man for urinating in public.

The patrolman spotlighted the man urinating against the wall of a service station at Kercheval and Cadieux and "observed a puddle of urine on the ground. ..."

Obituaries: Barbara Emmons Gulevich, Louise K. Lee

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Coming August 10

TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

This article is part of a series on teachers spending time in the summer to enhance their knowledge and enrich their classrooms for the benefit of their students.

Around the school year in 180 days

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

It was a typical meeting among members of the Brownell Middle School English department. On the agenda were a materials inventory, discussion of old business and a writing calendar for the year.

The meeting didn't take place during the school year, however. It was July 17, and English teachers Melissa Currier, Tammy Duffield, Shelley Garland, Melissa Kifer and Darlene Lovelace met for their third weekly meeting to plan for next year and discuss the book "180 Days: Two Teachers and the Quest to Engage and Empower Adolescents," by Kelly Gallagher and Penny Kittle, as part of a voluntary book study. Not present was Corey Ernst, who is joining the English department from Parcels

Middle School.

The impetus for the meetings was a request from Ernst to meet and talk about the seventh-grade curriculum to help get him up to speed for the fall.

"We had fun and we said, do we want to meet again?" said Duffield, who chairs the English department.

Currier had approached Duffield earlier about forming a book study group. She, Kifer and Lovelace were reading "180 Days" for an independent study for course credit along with several teachers from Parcels and Pierce Middle School.

They selected the book because they were fans of the authors, in particular Gallagher, a teacher, author, speaker and coach dedicated to helping students become better readers and writers. Several

had heard him speak and read previous books.

Driving the discussion of "180 Days" were four questions for teachers — how do we fit it all in; what are the most pressing needs; what are the most essential things we have to have; and when and how should we teach them.

The answer to the first question is "you don't," the teachers agreed. As the year ebbs and flows, according to the book, plans change based on student needs. Teachers must adapt and remain flexible.

"What the book said is it's good to have a skeletal plan," said Duffield. "You have to have a map for where you're going. At the same time, we're completely open to opportunities and impromptu kinds of things and teachable moments. (Gallagher) also said, we don't know



PHOTOS BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Discussing "180 Days" for their voluntary book study are Brownell English teachers, from left, Darlene Lovelace, Melissa Currier, Tammy Duffield, Shelley Garland and Melissa Kifer.

our kids yet. So once you know the kids and you recognize their needs, this all can shift, but at least we have a map and we have certain targets we want to hit, but always changing."

"180 Days" is one of the myriad books the teachers are tackling in their free time this summer.

"We're readers," said Duffield. "(Gallagher) also says, you cannot teach what you do not know. You have to be a reader. You have to be a writer. You have to have the passion if you expect your students to."

"We are all experienced teachers," said Currier. "No one here is new at this. Yet every year we approach it as if it's new again. Because they are new students. So we're not pulling out 'day 1' folders from last year or from 10 years ago or 20. ... We recreate every year. That's really at the heart of this work as well. We're looking at how we can make our instruction fresh — and better."

Currier hoped to draw students in over the summer as well by creating the Bronco Beach Book Club for incoming eighth-graders. She offered it to seventh-graders at the end of the school year and asked the eighth-graders for their book recommendations based on their independent reading over the school year. Currier

checked each recommendation, making sure they were Young Adult titles with age-appropriate content. Participants have 93 titles to choose from and share their responses to the books online.

Currier has read seven of the books.

"Each week we write about a book that we've read and we invite the members of the group to post about what they're reading. It's all voluntary," she said, adding, "Having them engaged in a choice of what they read really helps to make them long-term readers."

During the meeting, the teachers discussed an article called "Savor your summer recharge" and how important summer is.

"I think the misconception is that teachers take the summer off," said Duffield. "And some do and that is even OK because you have to sharpen your saw. This is such hard work. ... Because it's intense and you have to take time to do the reading and the planning and the recharging."

Another article the teachers discussed was "This year, lead like a designer." Each selected a line from one of the two articles that resonated with them.

"During the summer, the educator becomes the student," was Currier's favorite.

"Every single day after I have my coffee in the morning, I pick up one of the books," she said. "I have three new books that are teacher books. ... I'm filling it with notes like I'm back in school again. Then I'm online reading from my teacher groups. Then I pick up my Young Adult book after lunch. ... That's how my day is and I love it. And there's not time during the school year to do this."

"Recharge and reconnect; both are essential to growing our hearts and growing our minds," was Lovelace's favorite line.

"I'm all about the heart and how it feels, the feeling and making sure the room feels good for the kids and they're safe and that they feel like this is a good place to learn. I feel like I can't do that if I haven't done it for myself. ... That one spoke to me."

"I picked 'Explore diverse sources of inspiration reimagining the status quo,'" said Kifer.

Garland selected the same line. "I feel like I am being inspired by all these different sources — and all of you and reimagining the status quo. I want to keep looking at how can we do this better. ... We have to involve the kids and their voice and giving them choices and tapping into their talent and their interests."

"What has changed is we're not the sage on the stage," said Duffield. "We are the mentor. We're the coaches. You can have an idea of where you want to go, but until you have all your players, you don't really know."

As one of the more senior members of the staff — her four decades of teaching include 21 years at Brownell —

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Over the summer, Tammy Duffield cleaned out a storage area and reclaimed it as a resource room for the English department. Pictured, from left, are Garland, Currier, Kifer, Duffield and Lovelace.

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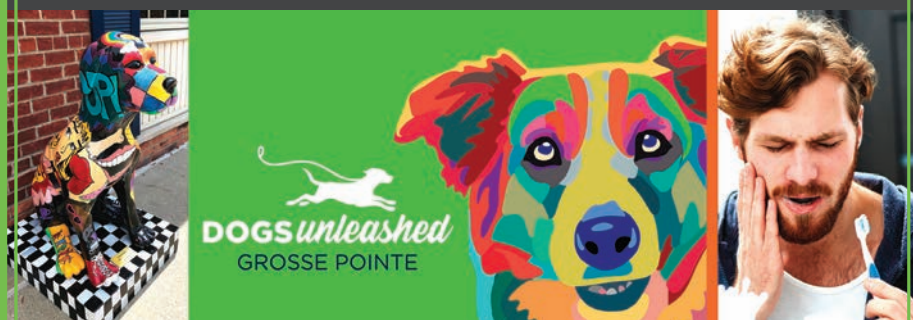
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Triple honors

Three times a charm for triplets at the top of their class

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Kelly Adams gave birth to not one baby, but three, she felt like she'd hit the lottery. Triplets Adam, Lauren and Megan Ross were born May 19, 2000. Lauren arrived first, followed by Megan and then Adam.

"I've always felt I received a gift beyond words," Adams said.

As they've grown, it's gotten even better, with every stage better than the one before, she said.

The latest stage — the transition from high school to college — doesn't worry her, even though it means she will make the adjustment as a single mother with three children at home to empty nesting.

"I am so excited for them," she said. "Really, everyone keeps reminding me, oh, you're going to be so sad. To a certain degree I know I'm going to miss them, but I'm so excited for the opportunity that lies ahead. I just know they're going to make the most of it and it will be so exciting to see where this adventure takes them."

The 18-year-olds made the most of their high school years, graduating at the top of their class — Adam from De La Salle Collegiate High School and Lauren and Megan from Regina High School. Lauren and Megan, who had identical grade point averages of 4.3, shared valedictorian status with five classmates; Adam, who earned a 4.5 grade point average, delivered the commencement address as De La Salle's sole valedictorian.

The journey hasn't always been easy, Adams said, and involved a lot of moving around while the children were young. The triplets were born in Texas, then the family lived in Sandwich, Mass., and New Baltimore, before moving when the children were in seventh-grade to Grosse Pointe Woods to be close to family.

"We came back to Michigan primarily because we always felt that family is irreplaceable and I always wanted them to grow up knowing their family," Adams said.

"Certainly we've had our challenges, but with the love and support of my family — their grandparents, my sisters, brother, their spouses and all of their cousins — we have moved forward at light speed," she added.

Adams chose Catholic schools for her children because of her own educational background.

"I grew up in the Catholic school system so I know that for me, faith plays such an important part in your life and I needed them to know that was an integral part of their development as people. It's always been important to me that they learn that their faith is an important part of everyday life. I haven't regretted it for a single minute."

The triplets began seventh grade at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School.

"When we went from St. Joan of Arc to Regina, it was different not hav-



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At home in Grosse Pointe Woods are Kelly Adams, second from left, with her triplets, from left, Megan, Adam and Lauren Ross.

ing Adam with us," Lauren said. "But it was still good. It's been nice being together because we always had someone to push each other."

All three were active in high school. Lauren and Megan played volleyball, basketball and softball together all four years along with participating in peer and Eucharistic ministry. Both were members of the National Honor Society. The two — who say they often are asked if they're twins — will be roommates in the fall at University of Detroit Mercy. Lauren plans to study engineering and Megan is a direct admit for the nursing program, following in the footsteps of her mother, who is director of nursing at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Adam played football freshman and sophomore years before switching to tennis his remaining years. He participated in Model United Nations and mock trial club and did a lot of volunteer work, including with Summer in the City in southwest Detroit. He's headed to the University of Michigan as a recipient of the Stamps Leadership Scholarship, a four-year scholarship covering the

full cost of attendance and providing \$10,000 to support study abroad, community service, research and internships.

"I've always wanted to travel, I've just never had the means to outside of our moving around," he said. "I'd really like to go to Europe."

While Adams attributes her children's success to "our faith and the love and support of our family," the triplets also credit their mother and one another's support.

"I feel like all three of us push each other to always do our best," Megan said. "I feel like we've always been pushed to just do your best and whatever your best is, that's you."

"My mom always said, you have to do your own best, so whether that's a 'C' or that's an 'A,' it doesn't really matter as long as I know that's the best you can do," said Adam. "There was never this crazy push or this competition or this expectation to be valedictorian or have a certain GPA."

"I think importantly for them is that they're not so strictly academic focused," said their mother. "They're very well-rounded. They're very kind people, very

funny, very involved in a lot of things other than school. I think it would be important for people to know they're not just a valedictorian. There is so much more to them. And that in part makes it why they're so fun to be with and such good people."

As for the triplets, none of them would trade any part of their experience growing up together. While in some ways they are like regular siblings, they agree there's a special connection, with each able to detect what the other is feeling.

"Ultimately we each have our own lives, but I think we just have that one unique part," said Adam.

"Like you know, no matter what, there's always going to be two other people who have your back," said Lauren.

Take the robotics design challenge

Got a knack for design? Good at coming up with creative solutions and working in a team? The Gearheads and The Blown Fuses are hosting a robotics design challenge for all Grosse Pointe middle school students and their parents or guardians as an opportunity to learn about FIRST Robotics and think creatively in a team environment to create a solution to a given task. Participants compete against other teams and their creations for prizes and awards, build team and design skills and have fun.

To sign up for Design Challenge 2018, go to bit.ly/2viccSh and complete a Google form. The challenge will be emailed Friday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m.

to registered students. Overnight, enrolled students will brainstorm a solution — seeking contributions from parents, siblings and others — and collect raw materials such as Popsicle sticks, cardboard, straws and bottle caps. All materials must be approved by a student mentor.

From 12:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, participants join The Blown Fuses and The Gearheads at the Grosse Pointe North High School robotics shop located off Morningside to work in teams to build their vision and compete for awards.

Space is limited. An email confirmation will be sent to selected participants.

— Mary Anne Brush

That's entertainment

Registration for middle and high school students for "That's Entertainment 2018," a show choir and vocal jazz workshop, is open. The week-long program hosted by the Grosse Pointe South High School choir runs Monday, Aug. 20, through Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. It culminates with a performance Saturday evening.

The camp runs 8 a.m. to noon for middle school participants and costs \$185. The high school session is from 12:30 to 5 p.m. and the fee is \$225. The fee includes a workshop T-shirt.

The staff of clinicians includes Christopher Pratt, South's choir director; Duane Davis, co-director of Indiana University's Singing Hoosiers and vocal jazz ensembles; Nick Kuhl, director of South's a capella ensemble The Suspensions; Andy Haines, a nationally renowned, award-winning choreographer; and Annette Layman, a choreographer for Show Choir Camps of America and an adjudicator of FAME national show choir competition.

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Sarah G. Galbenski was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 and spring 2018 semester at the University of Notre Dame. She is the daughter of Dave and Lynn Galbenski of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Miami University: **Patrick Bourke** and **Caroline Calcaterra**, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; **McKenna McGraw** and **Halle Mogk**, both of Grosse Pointe Park and **Mackenzie Clark** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2018 semester at Grand Valley State University: **Elizabeth Asker**, **Meagan Beach**, **Jenna Belote**, **Marie Bourke**, **Catherine Brieden**, **Charlotte Broman**, **Daniel Bukacel**, **Charles Calcaterra**, **Paulina Cywinski**, **Claire Dalian**, **Alexander Dumouchelle**, **Laura Gellert**, **Matthew Harrison**, **Amy Hiltz**, **Emily Huguenin**, **Sydney Kummer**, **Jack Liagre**, **Heidi Marchi**, **Nathaniel Mitchell**, **Madason Puhly**, **Cameron Schultz**, **Natalie Schunk**, **Christina Sicklesteele**, **Katherine Smigelski**, **Sophia Smith**, **Matthew Torlone**, **Jacqueline Veneri**, **Sara Villani**, **Jack Williams** and **Danielle Zukowski**.

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Grosse Pointe Woods residents **Sophia Roach** and **Adam Roach** were named to the 2018 spring semester

Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology.

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The following area students were named to the 2018 spring semester Dean's List at The University of Alabama: **Mary-Margaret Anne Miller** and **Meghan D. Mitchell**, both of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Carrie M. Rakowicz** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Will Poplawski was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at College of the Holy Cross. He is the son of Jay and Laura Poplawski of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at John Carroll University: **Lindsay Rabaut** of the City of Grosse Pointe, **Anne Crowley** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Robert Durand** of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Madeline Schebil of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Lizzie Barbara Trost was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester at Dickinson College. The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the daughter of Richard and Mary Trost of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Alex Martinez 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 South High School is the son of Maureen and Bob Martinez of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Rob Martinez 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 South High School is the son of Maureen and Bob Martinez of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Rachel Martinez graduated May 2018 from Miami University with a bachelor's degree in business. The 2014 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of Maureen and Bob Martinez of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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The following area students graduated winter 2018 from Grand Valley State University: **Charlotte Broman**, **Paulina Cywinski**, **Nicole Fletcher**, **Anne Gutwald**, **Alessandra Lai**, **Christopher MacKool**, **Aubry Patrosso**, **Madason Puhly**, **Robert Triano** and **Sara Villani**.

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Alicia Naidow of the City of Grosse Pointe earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Western Governors University.

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Alex Cendrowski of

Grosse Pointe Farms graduated May 2018 from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

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City of Grosse Pointe resident **John Alam** graduated May 2018 from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce business administration.

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Charles Bilderbeck** graduated May 2018 from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce business administration.

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Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Salvatore Ciaravino** earned a Master of Science degree May 2018 from the University of Alabama.

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Robert Spenser Feller of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a Master of Fine Arts degree May 2018 from the University of Alabama. He is the son of Coleman and Elizabeth Burt-Feller.

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Mary-Margaret Miller** graduated May 2018 from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree.

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Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Carrie Rakowicz** graduated May 2018 from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce business administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree.



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High marks at festival

University Liggett School students, from left, Errol Service, Geoffrey Elmer, Quinn Nehr and William Higbie, pictured with Creative and Performing Arts Chairman Phillip Moss, center, had a successful run June 25 to 30, at the Educational Theater Association International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Neb. Elmer and Nehr received medals and a superior rating for their duet acting scene. Service and Nehr were part of the Playworks Program and were seen in the staging of the critically acclaimed presentation of "The String." Moss directed as part of the Playworks Program and led his peers teaching workshops on the adjudication process for national main stage shows.

DAYS:

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Duffield's favorite line was, "We face challenges every school year that zap our energy and, at times, make us question whether we have the resolve to return for another year."

"We've all been there," she said. "There's so much new every year. ... Every year I ask myself, can I do it another year? I still have so much more to give and gain. That one really spoke to me. And I can say yes, I'm excited to come back to a new year, even with all the changes."

Specific ideas for next year include forming a book club, exploring the

independent reading and writing log, more conferencing with students and possibly a spelling bee.

Overall guiding principles, according to Duffield, are fostering curiosity, making sure students "have joyful learning," increasing independence and "trying to make things relevant to the kids and with the kids."

Midway through the meeting, the group took a break to share fortunes from fortune cookies provided as a snack.

Currier was particularly appropriate to the theme of the book and purpose of the meetings — "Tomorrow your creative side will shine forth with exceptional ideas."

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Marais hosts weekly Full Circle farmers market

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Fresh produce and flower lovers have a new weekend option, where purchases are not only good for one's health, but also help an area non-profit.

June 23 saw the first Full Circle Foundation farmers market hosted at Marais Market & Cafe in The Village. The partnership was quick to form once City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame introduced Full Circle Administrative Coordinator Sue Banner to Marais owner David Gilbert.

"We're taking the approach that 100 percent of the proceeds are benefiting and making an impact on the foundation itself," Gilbert said. "This is something (my wife, Monica, and I) can really get behind. When you find something to get passionate about, you give it your all. I couldn't ask for better people to work with."

Added Banner, "Partnering with a community business is fabulous for us. We were running around wondering where we could do a farmers market again. It just so happened Dave said, 'I'll do it.'"

Full Circle Foundation provides training and opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs in the community. One of those opportunities is its edible garden, which sits on three acres provided by the Riverview



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Rich Ansell, left, samples offerings from the Full Circle garden at Marais' outdoor market Saturday, June 23. Also pictured are Kristine Szalanski, Sue Banner, Breana Weaver, Mary Janke, Patty Allemon, Camille Allemon and Kevin Sperry.

Rehabilitation Center in Detroit. There, Full Circle students learn about gardening techniques and producing fresh food. Crops are sold to area supporters — and now directly to the community as well.

In true farmers market fashion, customers come and grab what they want, said Patty Allemon, director of Full Circle's edible garden.

"We're doing what we need to do because we love these kids," she said.

Allemon picks up Full Circle participants 8 a.m. Saturday mornings, then

takes them to the edible garden where they pick enough produce and flowers for the day's market. Then they head to Marais to set up.

The market operates 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is situated under a tent, "so rain or shine, we're always there," Gilbert said.

Opening day, customers selected from fresh iceberg and romaine lettuce, mixed greens, herbs, bouquets of flowers, potatoes, broccoli, peppers and other items. Whatever ripens throughout the summer

and into fall will be available at the market.

"The most important part is that it's 100 percent organic," Gilbert said. "It's the best of the best organic produce available. It has amazing flavor and the price is right. Everything about it is responsible."

Gilbert said he uses Full Circle produce at Marais, too.

"We purchase throughout the week," he continued. "As more becomes available, we'll increase our footprint every week."

But it's not just about

the products, Allemon said.

"It's people who believe in what we're doing for these special people," she said. "It's not about the name, but about what we're doing."

Students involved in the market have plenty of learning opportunities during interactions with customers, Banner said, including handling transactions and answering questions.

"It's an outdoor classroom for kids," she said. "During the school year, they're in a classroom with four walls and they

have to follow the rules of those four walls. Their summer classroom is outside and they have to follow the rules, too. It's a new environment to learn in."

Gilbert said he anticipates more support each week as the cash-only market continues. He said customers regularly talk about it.

"Our Grosse Pointe clientele is excited about what we're doing," he said.

The foundation also has received support from the Mahindra Urban Agriculture Grant Program, recently receiving an \$8,784 grant for its efforts. Full Circle was one of eight nonprofits awarded a grant this year from Mahindra, which donates to nonprofits in support of sustainable farming and gardening in Detroit and Pontiac.

"This is the best decision we could have made for the foundation and the garden," Allemon said of the market. "You're not going to find this, where someone is willing to donate 100 percent to the foundation."

Added Gilbert, "This is something we want to be permanent, to evolve every year. It's unique to our city, unique to our corner. It's a great little partnership."

Full Circle also hosts a farmers market at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, Tuesday afternoons.

For more information, call (313) 469-6660.

Mutt mission Street art inspires young artist

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

To say Grace Piggott is passionate about dogs may be an understatement.

The 9-year-old Monteith Elementary School student said hands down her favorite animal is a dog and she has big plans to become a veterinarian. She also was thrilled to discover this year's Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce street art project follows the theme, "Dogs Unleashed."

Since late last month, 35 4-foot watch dogs and 24 18-inch lap dogs — painted by various artists — have been spotted around the community. Maps are available for those interested in seeing each dog in person.

One such person is Piggott, who has nearly completed the challenge of finding each dog and taking its photo. Her iPad is a collection of photos ranging from "Bentley," inside Champs Rotisserie & Seafood — "He told his wife, 'I bought you a Bentley,'" Piggott said of owner Dan Curis. "It's OK; it's just a dog." — to her personal favorite, the pup in front of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department, plastered with photos of K-9 Duke.

"Dogs are my favorite animal and it was a fun adventure to do it," Piggott said. "I wanted to have some fun seeing them all."

She made it a weekend adventure with her mother, Darby Moran, but met some challenges

with dogs locked inside businesses after hours. She also was granted entry to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House when they learned of her quest.

"They understood what her project was and ... so they waived the fee and let her in to take photos," said her grandmother, Mary Sue Piggott.

Added Grace Piggott, "I call it the Harry Potter dog, because it wears a tie like Harry Potter and a top hat like a wizard."

While she has yet to find a few of the smaller dogs located at various school buildings in the community, Piggott has nearly completed her challenge, but didn't want to stop there.

"After I saw most of the dogs, I was inspired to



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Grace Piggott and her favorite dog, Finn the Photo Dog.

make a sculpture of a dog and paint it," she

said. Instead of sculpting,

Piggott's nightlight.

she and her grandmother — who do weekly crafts together — found a ceramic French bulldog nightlight. Inspired by the dog in the window at Capricious, Piggott bought paint markers and decorated it herself.

The project was one of many the youngster has completed using her artistic talents. She also painted a portrait of her dog, Jackie O.

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Park resident pedaling to fight cancer

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In a few short days, more than 6,200 cyclists from more than 40 states and seven countries will hit the streets in an effort to raise money for cancer research.

The 39th annual Pan-Mass Challenge takes place Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5, and kicks off in Massachusetts. Among this year's riders is Michael Domzalski, a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

"This is my first Pan-Mass Challenge," Domzalski said. "I was traveling with a friend —

Frank Hennessey, a classmate from Grosse Pointe South, who now lives in Westwood, Mass. — earlier this year when he asked me to join him. We're part of a team comprised of members from across the country. This is his first long ride and I'm excited to ride alongside him."

Participants are encouraged to ride in honor or memory of a loved one who has or had cancer. Domzalski is part of the team "Wheeling for Woody."

"Wheeling for Woody" was formed to honor Doug 'Woody' Woodruff, who passed at just 39 years old," Domzalski

said. "I will be riding with his son, friends and other family members. It's a chance to keep his legacy alive and raise money for a great cause."

Riders also have a chance to choose from one of 12 routes. Domzalski selected a 200-mile, two-day route from Sturbridge, Mass., to Provincetown at the tip of Cape Cod.

"The Cape is one of our favorite vacation destinations," he said. "Our families will join us at the finish line."

This year, PMC has set a fundraising goal of \$52 million. Funds raised go toward cancer research

and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Last year's race raised more than \$51 million.

Riders were tasked with raising funds before the race. Domzalski's personal fundraising goal is \$7,200 — \$2,500 more than the minimum requirement, he said.

Contributions are still being accepted at donate.pmc.org/MD0454.

"I've participated in other charity rides — Make-A-Wish Wish-A-Mile 300 and Ride to Cure Diabetes," Domzalski said. "I've always had great support from family and

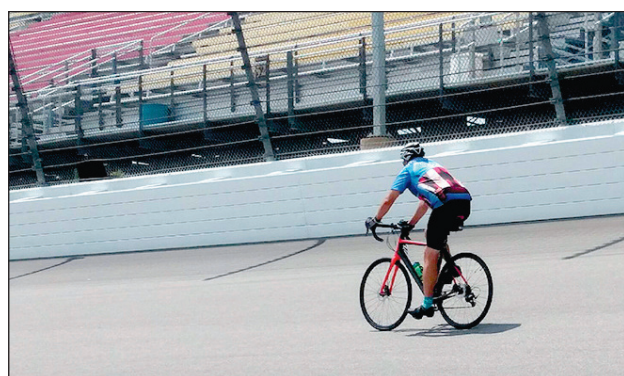


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Michael Domzalski, on the track at Michigan International Speedway, finishing a Make-A-Wish Wish-A-Mile 300 ride a few years ago.

friends and was able to raise over \$40,000 for those organizations.

"The chance to ride for the Dana-Farber Institute — with a best friend — and finish on Cape Cod made this one an easy choice," he continued. "Cancer affects

everyone at some level. ... It's an honor to be part of such a successful event.

"My 13-year-old son has joined me on some recent training rides. I look forward to the day that we can ride together in an event like this."

Michigan laws for bicyclists

Following is a partial list of Michigan laws pertaining to bicyclists, taken from the League of Michigan Bicyclists.

Does a bicyclist have to obey the same traffic laws as a motorist?

Yes. Each person riding a bicycle ... upon a roadway has all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. This includes speed limits, stop signs and stop lights.

Does a bicyclist have to ride with the direction of traffic?

Yes. Section 257.634 (1) of the Michigan Vehicle Code states, "Upon each roadway of sufficient width, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the vehicle upon the right half of the roadway..." Since a bicyclist has all the rights and is subject to all the duties applicable to

the driver of a vehicle, they must ride in the right half of the roadway.

Must a bicyclist ride on the sidewalk? Is it legal? What about crosswalks?

The MVC does not require bicyclists to ride on the sidewalk and does not recommend it because of safety hazards to the bicyclist and other sidewalk users. However, Section 257.660c of the MVC states, "An individual operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk or a pedestrian crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian." Also, "An individual shall not operate a bicycle upon a sidewalk or a pedestrian crosswalk if that operation is prohibited by an official traffic control device."

Is it legal for bicyclists to ride two**abreast?**

Although riding single-file is often safest, bicyclists are allowed to ride two-abreast on roads. Law states two or more individuals operating bicycles upon a highway or street shall not ride more than two abreast except upon a path or portion of the highway or street set aside for the use of bicycles.

Does a bicyclist have to wear a helmet?

It is strongly recommended.

Is it legal to use a cell phone while riding a bike?

Only if the cell phone is in hands-free mode. Also, a person operating a bicycle ... shall not carry any package, bundle or article that prevents the driver from keeping both hands upon the handlebars of the vehicle.

Additionally, all Michigan drivers are prohibited from texting while driving. Since bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers, it also is illegal for a bicyclist to text while cycling on Michigan roadways.

Is there a three-foot passing law in Michigan?

Yes. As of June 2018, drivers must leave three feet of space between themselves and bicyclists as they pass them on the roadway.

Does a bicyclist have to carry a driver's license?

No, the law does not require you to carry a driver's license. However, the LMB strongly recommends all bicyclists carry some type of picture ID when riding their bicycle in case of emergency.

For a full list of bicyclist laws, visit lmb.org.

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Pollinator Palooza is Aug. 4

Bees, birds, bugs and butterflies flutter to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores with the return of Pollinator Palooza noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. Families have an opportunity to explore the world of pollinators and learn from local experts with hands-on activities and live demonstrations.

Guests will learn about bees and beekeeping with master beekeepers and educators from Bees in the D, peek inside a living beehive, build a bee hotel to take home and participate in honey tastings. Kids also are encouraged to dress as their favorite bees, bugs, birds and butterflies.

Young and old alike can learn to attract hummingbirds with help from specialists from Wild Birds Unlimited of Grosse Pointe Woods, as well as how to plant a monarch butterfly way station at home.

Bug fans are invited to check out live insects in a presentation with the Leslie Science and Nature Center. Those who prefer to keep a distance from crawling pollinators can make their own seed bombs, walk through Ford House's live butterfly enclosure or get their faces painted.

Additionally, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elizabeth Weigandt will read excerpts of her children's novel, "Queen Bee," a fantasy adventure that takes place in the world of honeybees.

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Keeping seniors safe behind the wheel

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The proper fit of a vehicle is essential for a driver's safety and the safety of others on the road. Carmakers are keeping older drivers in mind by designing vehicles with features that benefit and protect seniors: automatic wipers to lessen driver distraction; extendable sun visors that adjust to prevent glare; auto-dimming mirrors to reduce glare from oncoming headlights; wide-angle mirrors for drivers who have difficulty twisting to look to the rear; keyless ignition for those who find it difficult or painful to twist the ignition key.

"There's quite a bit of technology nowadays," said Brian Carroll, general sales manager at Genesis Chevrolet in Eastpointe. "There's a blindside alert, where a light flashes in the side mirror if something's coming so you don't

change lanes. There's rear park assist to help when you're backing in; if you get close to something, it starts beeping. And there's OnStar. If you're subscribed to it, if you're in an accident, an operator will call to make sure you're safe."

OnStar is standard with all GM vehicles, Carroll said, and is popular among seniors.

"They can get directions if they're lost," he said. "If they lock their keys in the car, OnStar can unlock it. If there's a maintenance issue, it can tell you if you need an oil change," or offer diagnostics if there are other issues with the vehicle.

Carroll said midsize cars are most popular among seniors, most of whom, he's noticed, don't like big or bulky vehicles.

"Plus they don't have the kids to tow around anymore, so they don't need as much room," he said. "It really depends on the person. My father-in-law is 82 and drives a

Cadillac. He downsized from a big Cadillac to a smaller one. ... I don't try to talk them into anything. I just want them to be comfortable with whatever their needs are."

To help discover those needs, Services for Older Citizens is asking the question, "How well does your car fit you?"

"The car we drive says a lot about us," said Deb Miller, assistant executive director at SOC. "When we think about car fit, we think about how it fits our lifestyle, our family size, our self-image and our stage of life. But have you ever thought about how well your car fits you?"

To help seniors get a better feel for the fit of their vehicle, SOC offers CarFit, a program developed by the American Society on Aging in collaboration with AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association.

"It's a community-based program that pro-

vides a quick, yet comprehensive 12-point check of how well you and your car work together," Miller said. "Do you have a clear view out your vehicle's windows? Can you reach and manage all controls and adjust the seat and seat belt so they are secure yet comfortable? Making adjustments can help you benefit from vehicle safety features by improving comfort, control and confidence behind the wheel."

CarFit takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, in SOC's parking lot, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. During the event, a trained technician works with each participant to ensure they fit their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety. Each check takes approximately 20 minutes.

There is no charge for the check, but reservations are required. Register by calling (313) 882-9600.

Just a few miles away from SOC, the Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living offers a driving simulator for off-road screening, helping clients evaluate their driving skills.

"It's a computerized driving machine with a fully adjustable car seat," said Cindy Shields, a nurse practitioner at the Wilson Center. "Three screens surround the driver. It puts them through various scenarios."

The simulator has gas and brake pedals, a steering wheel and turn indi-

cators. Drivers are buckled in. There is no radio and no texting allowed.

"We start with a warm-up drive," Shields said. "Then they do a stopping-distance trial to determine how many feet it takes them to stop the vehicle and react to stimulus; how long it takes their foot to brake and how long it takes their foot to step on the gas after they stop."

Part of the simulation involves distractions, things popping up on the side of the road, Shields said. City driving skills also are tested, including cars stopping abruptly or pedestrians walking in front of the car.

"The client has to respond in an appropriate time frame," Shields said, noting drivers also are tested using audible instructions and other methods. "Driving is a thinking experience."

The simulation takes 45 minutes and costs \$100. Insurance is not accepted. It allows people to participate in a driving activity while in a safe environment, Shields said.

"Our goal is to formulate a report and communicate it back to the primary care physician," Shields said. "It's not a requirement to report it to the primary care physician, but that's our preference."

"We find sometimes people call because they want their mom or dad to take it or their doctor wants them to take it or they want to take it out of their own curiosity," she

continued. "This program is enough to further the conversation with the patient and the family about what they need to do. ... We've had people who we are clearly able to say, this is a big concern."

Shields said the Wilson Center does not pull licenses, nor does it report findings to the Secretary of State. It's up to the family or physician to do so.

"We screen everybody on the phone prior to setting an appointment," she said. "We don't want to deter anyone, but we do screen. This is not a medical exam; it's a voluntary, self-paid procedure."

Added social worker Carmela Wilder, "People prone to motion sickness, seizure disorders or epilepsy should not do this. We will turn them away."

For senior clients, Shields said, the simulator is a great tool to determine next steps.

"It can build someone's confidence or it could lead to the conversation, 'Maybe I need to make modifications like no night driving or no driving between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when there are school buses on the road,'" Shields said. "It's not an all-or-nothing deterrent. It's an information and data gathering experience."

Added Wilder, "It's a good thing for somebody we know should not be driving. It's gentler to do this and have the conversation than have the Secretary of State tell them in no uncertain terms they have to stop driving."

Bob Hynes and Mary Brieden



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RENEE LANDUYT

The Encore Years: Bob Hynes and Mary Brieden

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Anyone familiar with Detroit television in the late 1960s probably remembers the "Bob Hynes Morning Show" on WXYZ Channel 7. Hynes' show was comparable to today's "Live with Kelly and Ryan," a variety talk show featuring celebrities and other entertaining segments.

At 86, Hynes is still active in metro Detroit, though no longer on television — although he said he'd appear on-air if given the chance. Today he's most likely to be found in the sky, either piloting a plane or enjoying a ride, or at the Yankee Air Museum where he serves as publicity chairman. Hynes also is active in the community, serving as past president of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

Hynes' favorite spot, though, is by his wife's side. Mary Brieden, who is just a few weeks younger than Hynes, is a retired emergency room nurse from Cottage Hospital with a longtime love of sailing. She serves as a volunteer with the annual Bayview Mackinac Race, one of the most demanding

freshwater boat races in the world.

It was at the race where Brieden met Hynes years ago, in the 1970s when they were both married to other people. Brieden worked as a volunteer helping identify the sailboats in the race, while Hynes was a reporter for WJR. They were both flying in a small plane above the race, marveling at the sailboats.

In 2003, both Hynes' and Brieden's spouses passed away. Later, a mutual friend suggested to Hynes he ask Brieden on a date.

"It was the first time we saw each other in a long time, so we had dinner together," Hynes said. "I don't think either one of us were great company that night."

"A little time passed and we started dating," he continued with a smile. "It was then that she realized what a wonderful person I am."

The couple married in 2005, and Hynes moved from his longtime home in Bloomfield Hills to Grosse Pointe Farms.

"They are both beautiful communities, but if I wanted to marry Mary then I had to move out here," he said.

Brieden has lived in

since 1965. She raised her eight children in the area while working as a nurse. Hynes had three children, one of whom is deceased.

Together the couple has 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The holidays at their home are always packed with at least 35 visitors.

Aside from spending time with their families and their volunteer duties, the couple tries to keep busy. Every morning they do yoga before coffee. They also go on daily walks.

"This is accolades to my wife because I didn't do much when she got a hold of me 15 or so years ago," Hynes said. "Now I'm doing something every day. She's the incentive behind that."

Having had a career in health care, Brieden knows the importance of keeping active at any age, but especially later in life.

"It doesn't matter what you do, as long as it's something you like to do and do it consistently," she said. "I have always been a runner or walker. I taught aerobics for a lot of years. It helps you stay pain free. You don't wake up in the morning feeling like you can't function."

Do you know someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging? We are looking for individuals who are doing any number of things that previously were not associated with people 60 or older. Have a suggestion? Call or email Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com.



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OBITUARIES

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Carlos Alfredo Danel

Grosse Pointe Park resident Carlos Alfredo Danel, 64, passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

Carlos was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico, to Guadalupe Hurtado and Carlos Alberto Danel. He spent the last 30 years in Grosse Pointe Park, where he raised his children alongside his beloved wife, Colleen Danel.

He was a talented and creative man, who put love into everything he did. He loved to travel, had an endless sense of humor and most of all, loved his wife and children dearly. He was there whether it was a friend to sit and drink coffee with or lend a hand on a home project. He touched the lives of those he met.

He is survived by his wife, Colleen Danel; loving children, Michell Casson (Peter), Carlos Danel and Christopher Danel and sisters, Dr. Marta Baez and Edith Medina (Guillermo).

He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Dr. Sylvia Daccarett.

Carlos was an honorable and giving man. He requested in lieu of flowers or funeral arrangements his life be

celebrated by donating in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at giftfunds.stjude.org. Search Carlos Danel.

Kenneth A. Goerke D.D.S.

Kenneth A. Goerke D.D.S., 93, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2018.

He was born March 22, 1925, to Edwin and Edna Goerke. After graduation from Fordson High School, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a navigator aboard a B-24 liberator, a heavy bomber. After completing military service, he used the GI Bill to attend the University of Michigan and then University of Detroit School of Dentistry, graduating in 1953.

June 30, 1951, he married Sally Ball and together they raised two daughters and two sons. They had 63 years of happiness until Sally's death in 2014.

Dr. Goerke retired from his dental practice in Detroit after helping patients more than 50 years. He was dedicated to his practice and treated his patients as his second family.

Dr. Goerke was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe

and enjoyed watching all sports on television.

Dr. Goerke is survived by his children, Joy Marsh, Jeffrey (Sharon), Jane Lemons (Bruce) and John; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother, Ed.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Sally.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Military honors will immediately follow.

Donations may be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202.

Mary Ferrari

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Ferrari, 69, died Saturday, July 28, 2018, after a recurrence of breast cancer. She died at home, surrounded by family.

She was born Oct. 15, 1948, in Weston, W.Va., to Charles and Susan Caine, raised in Detroit and graduated from St. Rita Catholic High School.

Mary was an avid reader who enjoyed gardening, beachgoing, cooking and spending time with friends. Most of all, she loved being a grandmother and spend-



Carlos Alfredo Danel



Kenneth A. Goerke D.D.S.



Mary Ferrari

ing time with her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband, Gary Ferrari; daughters, Jennifer Ferrari and Kristen McLeod (Derek); grandchildren, Madeline, Devin, Christian and Ben; sister, Susan Tyszkiewicz (Bob) and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Mario A. DiFiore



John C. Hayes

Mario A. DiFiore

Mario A. DiFiore, 80, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; daughter, Maria DiFiore (Scott Quackenbush) and loving grandson, Jacob. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

John C. Hayes

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident John C. Hayes, 82, passed away suddenly Thursday, July 26, 2018.

Born April 23, 1936, in Detroit, to Irene and C. John Hayes, he attended St. Ambrose elementary and high schools. John earned an undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of Detroit. He also earned a juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

John began his career as an attorney at AAA, then joined the law firm of Lacey & Jones LLP, where he practiced personal injury law. He was a member of the Michigan State Bar Association and was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

John was a longtime member of the Detroit Athletic Club, where he was an active bowler. He also liked to regularly attend Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meetings.

John is survived by his wife, Marilyn; son, Kevin Hayes and brother, James. He was predeceased by his daughter, Lauren Hayes.

John will be remembered for his kind generosity and witty sense of humor.

A memorial gathering will be held 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A scripture service is at 7 p.m.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, dona-



Martin Jay Tibbitts

tions may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org or Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

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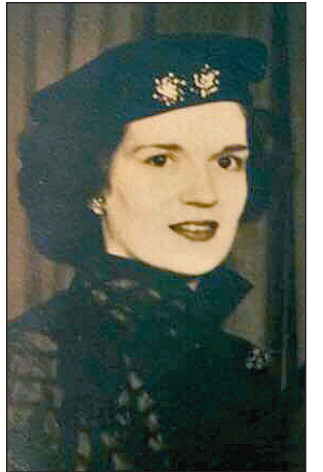
Martin Jay Tibbitts passed away Friday, July 20, 2018, during a tragic plane crash in Sheboygan, Wis. Marty was an accomplished pilot and his loss will be felt not just by family and friends, but also the Aviation and warbird community worldwide.

Marty was smart, creative, witty, generous, outgoing, welcoming, funny, kind, quirky, open-minded, a science buff, history enthusiast, lover of adventure and passionate about life. He brought his big smile and fun demeanor wherever he went.

Marty graduated from University Liggett School in 1986. He was a human biology major at Stanford University and graduated in 1990. He became a successful entrepreneur, founding a diverse group of businesses. He was a proud member of the Young Presidents Organization and was awarded Crain's 40 Under 40 honor in 2007.

Marty is survived by his wife, Belinda Tibbitts; children, Mason and Julia Tibbitts; stepdaughter, Cameron; parents, Larry and Carole Tibbitts; siblings, Shelly Tucker and JC Tibbitts, and nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and many friends who will sorely miss his presence.

Marty's family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support and condolences. Donations in Marty's name may be made to Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at stanford.io/2uS0sVv. Use the code JZHBI.



Mary Connors Simpson

Mary Janet Connors Simpson

City of Grosse Pointe resident Mary Janet Connors Simpson, 93, passed away Monday, July 16, 2018, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Born Dec. 3, 1924, in Wyandotte, to Michael Clarence Connors and Beatrice L. Carlin, Mary graduated in 1946 from Marygrove College. She worked at St. John Hospital and, after retirement, at Dennisons in the Village.

Mary enjoyed bridge, reading and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous.


Mary is survived by her daughters, Barbara Ann Langendorfer, Sara M. Hartness and Catherine S. Brown; son, Peter G. Simpson; grandchildren, Andrew G. Simpson (Ashley), R. Martin Simpson (Serena), Benjamin Simpson (Caroline), Maxwell E. Sawyer, Michael L. Sawyer (Kari), Molly S. Brown, Kelly E. Brown, Bryan S. Bryne (Lindsey), Scott J. Bryne (Kellie) and Katherine K. Jones (Trey).

She also is survived by her sister Margaret Schneider.

Mary was predeceased by her son, Michael Connors Simpson; sister, Agnes McKearney (Jack) and brothers, Carlin Connors (Margaret) and David Connors.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 21 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org or Doctors Without Borders at doctorswithoutborders.org.



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Feast of the Assumption


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6:30 a.m.	English Mass (ordinary form) in church with Consecration of Parish to the Blessed Mother
9:00 a.m.	Rosary at the Grotto led by Knights of Columbus
9:30 a.m.	English Mass (ordinary form) in church with Consecration of parish to the Blessed Mother
11:00 a.m.	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament in church until 3:00 p.m. Confessions heard in the church Rosary at the Grotto led by the Legion of Mary
12:00 p.m. (Noon)	Latin (ordinary form) Mass in the Grotto with Consecration of the Parish to the Blessed Mother After Mass: Blessing of the Herbs and Blessing of the Miraculous Medal at the Grotto
2:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at the central gateway of the cemetery
3:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament is transferred from the church to the Grotto Living Rosary, Anointing of the Sick, and Benediction at the Grotto
4:15 p.m.	Confessions in church Blessed Sacrament in returned to the church after Benediction
5:00 p.m.	Consecration of individuals to the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by Scapular Enrollment in church
6:15 p.m.	Rosary at the Grotto
6:45 p.m.	Procession lineup for Evening Mass in the parking lot
7:00 p.m.	Solemn Latin High Mass (extraordinary form) at the Grotto After Mass: Consecration of the Parish to the Blessed Mother and Lourdes Candlelight Procession

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Liturgical/devotional events will be moved to church if it is raining.



PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

The importance of prayer

We live in a time when it is not in vogue to pray or admit to praying. Among those who are affiliated with a church or synagogue, many do not pray or worship on a daily basis. Often the church or synagogue membership is for social or affiliation reasons. In Jewish circles, it is important for a bar or bat mitzvah. That then becomes the end of religious education — after the party, of course.

I heard a program on NPR several days ago. The speaker was analyzing religion from a psy-

chological point of view. It was noted that religion was a method of organizing larger groups of people rather than small hunter-gatherer clans. Religion was a necessity for unifying larger groups.

Maybe, but this seems to me only one facet of religion on a sociological-psychological basis. It avoids the need for us to relate to a "higher power" and ask the eternal questions that faith poses. Thus, rituals associated with faith serve only the function of creating an "in group" bound together by some creed.

A larger population welded together by social bonds.

The Hebrew word for prayer, "hitpalel," does not mean to ask or petition G-d. It is derived from the root word, "pl," which means to judge, or in the reflexive form of the word meaning prayer, means to judge or evaluate oneself. This is the real purpose of engaging in prayer. All prayer is intended to help make us into better human beings.

Amen and Amen
Skully is past president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

Symphony summer concert Aug. 5

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra presents its free annual summer concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, in the Moross Café at Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

The orchestra will play movements from the Mozart g minor Symphony No. 40, as well as a Haydn flute concerto written by Michael Haydn and Bach's concerto for Violin in E major.

Featured soloists are Jing Zhang on violin and Ian Plansker on flute.

Zhang began studying violin at age 4. She entered the Shanghai Conservatory of Music on the Fu Cheng-Xian Scholarship at age 10 as the youngest of only four violinists accepted that year. She received music degrees in violin performance from the New England Conservatory.

Zhang has performed extensively around the world and appeared in numerous recitals and programs. She also has performed as a soloist with the Xiamen Philharmonic Orchestra, Shanghai Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra and Orchestre Royal de Chambre de Wallonie; won multiple national and international compe-

titions; was a semi-finalist in the 2009 Queen Elisabeth International Violin Competition and 2012 San Diego Symphony auditions for violin and was a finalist in the 2011 Cleveland Orchestra and 2012 Chicago Symphony Orchestra auditions.

Plansker is a 14-year-old flautist, harpsichordist and composer from Grosse Pointe Park. He currently studies flute under Sharon Sparrow and Caen Thomason-Redus; and harpsichord with Glenn Burdette. He has won numerous awards for flute performance, including first place two years in a row in the Tuesday Musicale's Student League Competition and first place in the Southeast Michigan Flute Association Rachel Stornant Competition. He also has had many of his compositions performed, including violin, flute and harpsichord sonatas, and orchestral overtures and dances. He currently is writing an orchestral suite in the French rococo style.

His favorite era of music is baroque, from which he enjoys the music of Rameau, Royer and Françoise. In the pursuit of his passion for



Jing Zhang



Ian Plansker

baroque music, he recently attended Oberlin Conservatory's Baroque Performance Institute on a scholarship. Besides music, Plansker studies Cecchetti ballet — he is working on his professional elementary syllabus — as well as the martial art Tang Soo Do, in which he holds a first-degree blackbelt. He will attend Grosse Pointe South High School as a freshman this fall.

For more information, visit gpsymphony.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Rally Day '18 at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. The casual youth-led worship event features a bounce house. Call (313) 884-5040.

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Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

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

discussion.

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

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kris Scarfone and Kristin Whitney

Keeping senior drivers safe behind the wheel

Q: My elderly father is still driving, though I have concerns about safety and am looking for guidance. What should I do?

A: Ideally, the first conversations about driving safety should come before driving becomes a problem. Having an open dialogue early on can help eliminate the strain of asking someone to change his or her driving behaviors. However, for most of us, this is not the case.

This topic is an emotional one for both parents and their children. Be prepared to have multiple conversations regarding driving safety and your parent's ability to remain on the road safely. The following are warning signs it is time to take action and your parent's driving may be unsafe:

- ◆ Dents or scrapes on car, fence, garage or mailbox;
- ◆ Eyesight problems (not seeing traffic lights or street signs);
- ◆ Hearing problems (not hearing emergency sirens or honking);
- ◆ Problems with memory;
- ◆ Problems with reflexes or range of motion;
- ◆ Troubles with fundamentals of driving (drifting between lanes, sudden lane changes, failing to use turn signals or braking or accelerating suddenly without reason).

If you feel your parent meets some of these criteria, it is a good idea to have a conversation with their primary care doctor. Another good starting point would be to ask your parent to take a self quiz, something on paper that lets older adults rate their driving abilities with little or no pressure. (Go to senior-driving.aaa.com and click on Evaluate Your Driving Ability or elderlydrivingassessments.com/safer.php).

In Grosse Pointe, we have a wonderful resource to evaluate older adults' driving skills. The Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living through St. John Providence offers an independent driving simula-

tor. The simulator allows participants to face a variety of driving situations without facing real danger and provides analysis of performance and response times.

Another option is filling out a form through the Secretary of State. Michigan law authorizes the Department of State to reexamine a driver when there is reason to believe the driver is unable to operate a motor vehicle safely. It is called a Request for Driver Evaluation.

Remember, being older is not the issue. Often, poor health and physical or memory limitations affect the older adult's ability to drive. Even certain medications can affect driving ability. Sometimes, limitations on driving are all that are needed to remain safely on the road. However, safety for the driver and others on the road is the primary goal. If the end result is transitioning from driver to passenger, make sure new transportation plans are in order. With sensitivity toward the feelings of older drivers, families can help their loved one make safe decisions about driving and ensure peace of mind for the entire family.

Kris Scarfone and Kristin Whitney own K&K Eldercare Concierge in Grosse Pointe. As professional geriatric care managers, Aging Life Care Association, they offer expertise and support in navigating health care choices and other needs for older adults. They can be reached at kandkeldercare@gmail.com. K&K Eldercare is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Baseball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Hill preps for college baseball

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Tyler Hill is a chip off the old block.

The 17-year-old Grosse Pointe North graduate is setting his sights on playing college baseball, and both of his parents played at the collegiate level.

His father, Jason, played basketball and baseball at Macomb Community College and baseball at Aquinas College, and his mother, Lindsay, played basketball at Madonna University and Aquinas.

Hill has worked hard, and with the support from his parents, will play baseball at Lansing Community College.

"They have a great program and a great coach (Andrew Huard), who helps his players to the next level," Hill said. "I'm really working hard so I can be a part of their tradition and play well enough to earn a scholarship at a four-year university."

LCC finished 40-12 overall and 24-4 in its conference. They made it to the national regionals, but lost 3-0 to Sinclair Community College in the quarterfinals to end the tournament run.

The program has been in the national rankings and looks to be a top 10 squad entering the 2019 season, of which Hill will

be a part of.

"We have some great players on the squad, and I'm excited to be a part of this team," Hill said. "My goal has always been to play Division 1 college baseball, and I will get the chance starting at LCC. It was the best fit for me at this time."

Hill will get the opportunity to play in front of Division 1 coaches during his freshman season. He is healthy and throwing his fastball between 88-90 mph. During his high school season, Hill was clocked at 92 a couple of times before a back injury forced him to the bench for two weeks.

"Lindsay and I, and his two younger brothers, are extremely excited that Tyler is getting an opportunity to play at the next level," Jason Hill said. "Not just for the baseball aspect of it, but the fact that college and intercollegiate athletics is an avenue to open doors for him in the future."

"Tyler understands that this is a process and knows that there is a ton of work ahead of him, both in the classroom and on the field, in order to attempt to make the next step in his baseball career."

Hill is 6 feet, 3 inches, and 205 pounds. He said he will most likely lose 10 pounds working with his college trainer before

putting the 10 pounds back on in muscle.

Hill was a three-sport standout at North, playing football in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring. He followed the same script for each sport, playing freshman and junior varsity for a year apiece before playing on the varsity his junior and senior seasons.

He entered high school 5 feet, 9 inches, and was 6 feet, 1 inch, as a sophomore. He grew two more inches before his junior year, and his body frame filled out.

Now, Hill puts football and basketball in the rearview mirror as his entire focus is baseball. He is working out and playing high level travel baseball for the Midwest Athletics.

"I love my summer team," Hill said. "The coaches are great and they got me a lot of looks from college coaches."

Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, Miami of Ohio, Albion and Heidelberg University expressed interest in Hill, but dealing with scholarship money plays a role in what college a player goes to.

With Hill, LCC was the best all-around fit, and his chances of playing at Western or Eastern in a



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HILL FAMILY

North graduate Tyler Hill played three sports.

year or two are pretty good.

"I'm not worried about playing time because we play a lot of games in the spring and I'll get my time on the mound," Hill said.

Hill is taking his general first year college courses and moves into his house in Lansing Aug. 18 and 19.

"I know I have to work hard in my classes, in practice, working out and on the field," Hill said. "This is what I have worked hard for the past 10 years, hitting and pitching to get better."

"I'm excited to see the hard work pay off." Practice starts Aug. 20 and classes begin shortly after.

Hill is the oldest child of Jason and Lindsay. Watch the younger brothers, Drew and Brennan, when they hit the high school sports scene in the fall of 2019 and 2020.

Drew was a member of the 2017 Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League team that made it to the World Series. Brennan is currently on the Woods-Shores team.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Comeback kids make it back-to-back

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The road to the regionals was paved with a few speed bumps, but the group from Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores All-Star team navigated them to perfection at the state tournament in St. Clair.

In the title game, Woods-Shores trailed Rockford 7-2 early, but scored 10 unanswered runs to run away with a 12-7 victory.

It was the Woods-Shores second straight state championship, and the first program to capture back-to-back state crowns since Grand Rapids Western more than a decade ago.

Head coach Kurt Barr watched his players put a four-spot on the board in the fifth inning, giving them a 9-7 lead. They added three more runs in the sixth inning to add to the lead.

It was the long ball that helped the Woods-Shores capture the title. Oliver Service belted two dingers, while Jarren Purify, Preston Barr, Cam Schafer and Reggie

Sharp connected once apiece.

The state title almost never happened.

An epic come-from-behind semifinal win over Bay City Northwest put Woods-Shores in the finals.

Trailing 4-0 with three outs remaining, Purify blasted a three-run home run to make it 4-3, and with two outs Ryan Knaebel belted a solo homer to tie it, sending the game to extra innings.

In a matter of 10 minutes, the Woods-Shores bench went from doom and gloom to jubilation after the four-run rally tied it.

In the eighth inning, Sharpe walked and motored around the bases to score the winning run off a double by Service.

The miracle comeback was complete and Woods-Shores was in the state championship game.

Other members of the team are J.J. Schoeck, Jake Martin, Marwynn Matthews, Ryan Henderson, Brennan Hill, Elliott Nederhood and Chase Mazy.

Coaches are Barr, Melissa Henderson and Reggie Sharpe.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Farms-City 10U captures district title

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 10U team won the District No. 6 baseball tournament championship July 12 at Art Getz Field in Grosse Pointe Park.

In game one, the boys won 15-0 over Harper Woods as Ben Kocik earned the win on the mound. He combined with Chase Gordon, A.J. Zieleniewski and Jack Danielewicz for a two-hit shutout.

Offensively, Trey Grabowski was 2-for-3 with two singles, a run scored and two RBIs, while Kocik was 3-for-4 with two singles, a double, two runs scored and two RBIs. Eugene Agnone was 1-for-1 with a bunt single, two walks and two runs scored.

In game two, Farms-City defeated Grosse Pointe Park 13-1.

Gordon was the winning pitcher, going the first four innings, and Griffin Marchal struck out three in his two innings of relief pitching. The team also turned three double plays to help the cause.

Leading hitters included Ravi Hines,



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The district champion Grosse Pointe Farms-City 10U Little League team members are, from left, coach Joe Schmitt, Andy Schmitt, Jack Bullo, Jack Danielewicz, Christian Peabody, Chase Gordon, Griffin Marchal, Eugene Agnone, Manager Doug Zieleniewski, Trey Grabowski, Ben Kocik, Jake Chaptini, Ravi Hines, Ben Gordon, A.J. Zieleniewski and coach Bart Kocik.

2-for-4 with two singles, a walk and three runs scored; Zieleniewski, 1-for-2 with a single, sacrifice fly, two walks, two RBIs and one run scored; Kocik, 3-for-5 with a single, two doubles, two

RBIs and one run scored; Gordon, 1-for-1 with a triple, a walk and one run scored; and Marchal, 2-for-3 with two singles, a walk and two runs scored.

In the third game,

Farms-City beat Lac St. Clair 6-2 as Zieleniewski earned the win by allowing 0 hits through three innings and striking out seven batters.

Zieleniewski, Hines, Marchal and Kocik com-

bined for a three-hitter with nine strikeouts, while surrendering two runs over six innings. Right fielder Jake Chaptini threw out the first batter in the top of the sixth inning at first

base to take away a hit.

Grabowski was 3-for-3 with three singles and two runs scored, while Zieleniewski was 1-for-2 with a walk, two runs scored and two RBIs.

Other leading hitters were Kocik, who was 2-for-3 with a single, home run, one run scored and three RBIs, and Andy Schmitt, who was 1-for-1 with a single.

Farms-City beat Harper Woods 11-7 in its fourth game of the tournament as Gordon was the winning pitcher. Marchal came in to pitch in the fourth inning and struck out two in relief.

Aiding the victory was Jack Bullo, who made a remarkable catch in left field.

Hines was 2-for-4 with two doubles, a walk, two runs scored and two RBIs, and Zieleniewski was 2-for-4 with a single, a double and one RBI.

Other top hitters were Marchal, 2-for-3 with two singles, a walk, three runs scored and an RBI; Schmitt, 1-for-2 with a walk and one run scored; and Christian Peabody, who had a pinch hit and a game-winning RBI single.

Baseball

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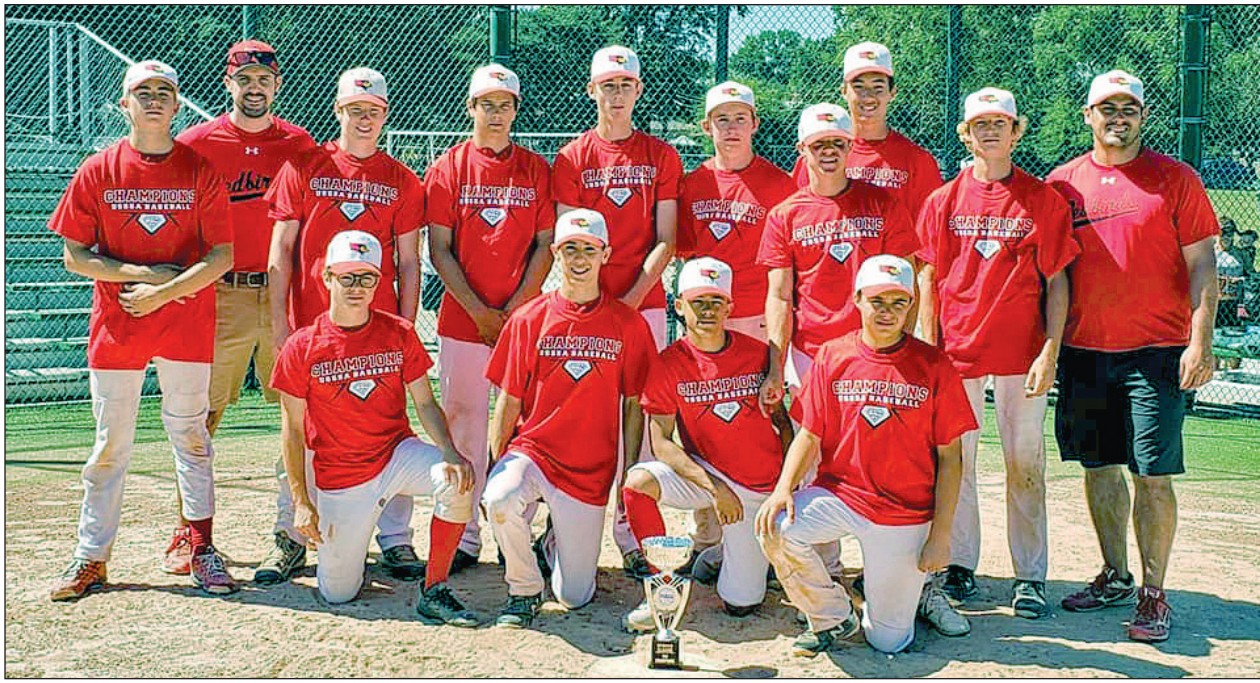


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Winners

The Grosse Pointe Redbirds 15U baseball team recently won the inaugural USSSA 15U GP Redbirds Classic, edging the Michigan Bulldogs Blue squad 6-5 in the title game. The Redbirds jumped out to a five-run lead in the third inning, and held on for the victory as Jacob Harris was the winning pitcher. Harris went all seven innings, allowing five runs on nine hits, striking out two and walking just one. Pictured above are, back row from left, Nate Lawrence, coach Michael Powers, Jacob Peruski, Max Gavagan, Trevor Luteran, Ryker Mazey, Patrick Hopper, Will White, Cole Peyerk and coach Adam Abraham; and front row from left, Colin Duffy, Jacob Harris, Greg Gouvia and Dominic Lucido.

High school athletics

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After a one-year hiatus in 2017, the annual Reaching Higher showcases of Michigan's top high school basketball players recently returned for their ninth year at Milford High School in Highland Township.

More than 200 athletes with aspirations to play at the college level trained and scrimmaged under the tutelage of high school coaches from across the state and in front of college coaches expected to represent a number of NCAA, NAIA and junior college programs.

An educational effort by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, the Reaching Higher experience included classroom sessions for student-athletes and

their parents, as well as on-court drills and scrimmaging. The events aimed to give athletes a vision of what it takes to become a college basketball player and also succeed in college life.

Participants in the program were selected by a committee of BCAM members based on nominations by its member coaches. A complete list of expected attendees can be found on the "Reaching Higher" page of the MHSAA website mhsaa.com/sports/girls-basketball/reaching-higher.

Longtime coach Dave Ginsberg spoke with athletes about social media and the recruiting process; he coached at a number of high schools and was an assistant men's basketball coach at Central Michigan University.

LITTLE LEAGUE



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District champs

The 2018 Grosse Pointe Farms-City 11U Little League baseball team recently won a district championship, defeating Grosse Pointe Park 3-2 in seven innings in the title game. The team will play for the 11U State Little League Championship in Tecumseh, starting on Aug. 4. Pictured above are, kneeling from left, Vincent Vachon and Matthew Agnone; second row from left, Andrew DiLodovico, Jack Lupu, Quinn Cameron, Charlie Gorski, Adam Czarnik, Marcus Giaquinto, Shane Ulferts and James Michelotti; and third row from left, manager Scott Lupu, Emerson Adams, Harrison Cameron, Jack O'Keefe, coach Matt Agnone and coach Joe Michelotti.

Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Sullivan captures amateur crown

Grosse Pointe South 2018 graduate Patrick Sullivan won the Michigan Junior State Amateur tournament last week at Plum Hollow Country Club.

Sullivan beat Spring Lake's Nick Krueger 1 up in the championship match. It's the second time in three years Sullivan won the tournament.

His tournament run had him defeating

Essex's Austin Friesen 4 and 2 in the first round of match play, and in the second round Sullivan beat McGregor's Luc Warnock 2 up.

In the Elite 8, Sullivan beat DeWitt's Charles DeLong 3 and 2, and won by the same score in his Final Four victory over Rockford's Kevin Healy.

Sullivan is heading to the University of Michigan to play men's

golf in the fall.

He helped the South boys golf team win a Division 1 state championship in early June, beating runner-up Rockford by 19 strokes.

Sullivan was also the medalist at the state tournament, firing a two-day total of 143.

He defeated Jimmy Dales of Northville in a playoff.

—Bob St. John
Sports Editor

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