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Fisher streetscape moving forward

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City is moving ahead with its Fisher Road streetscape project, despite Fresh Farms Market being unable to find financing for its new building.

Monday, March 18, city council approved a change order, with an increase of \$54,537, to the Fisher Road project.

“We are unable to complete (the project) — as we bid it — given that the Farms Market project is not nearly as complete as we expected it to have been at this time when we approved the contract a year ago,” said City Manager Peter Dame.

Last year, the city began the project to

enhance its side of Fisher Road between Maumee and St. Paul. It received a \$384,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation and an additional \$60,000 from area property owners by special assessment. The grant requires the project to be complete by June 2019.

When the project was bid, Farms Market was to replace the three driveways around its property as it expanded and built a new building next to its existing structure. According to Dame, the grocery store has been unable to obtain financing for its project. As a result, the city is taking the responsibility of

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PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

The City of Grosse Pointe is moving ahead with its plans for the Fisher Road Streetscape around Fresh Farms Market.

Ford House welcomes new leadership

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Mark Heppner has been named president and CEO of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, replacing Kathleen Mullins, who retired from leadership last summer.

“I’ve been in historic estates about 27, 28 years,” Heppner said. “Interestingly enough ... I’ve always been at Tudor Revival architectural-

type sites.”

The Ohio native’s first major jaunt was with the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron, Ohio. He started at the ground floor as a curatorial assistant. When he exited 16 years later, he was vice president of the museum service division.

“There’s curators, then there’s curators,” he said. “I’ve never looked at things as inanimate objects. For me it’s always about the ‘so what’ factor, the story behind it. That’s



Mark Heppner

why I’ve always enjoyed historic homes. ... I want to humanize them, make them relevant.”

From Akron, Heppner became executive director of the Salisbury Home & Gardens in Des Moines, Iowa.

“I knew I had higher aspirations,” he said. “I’d always wanted to lead an

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Police vehicles purchased

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Two new police vehicles will be on the streets after council approved their purchase Monday, March 18.

The two new 2019 Police Interceptors will cost \$59,217 total. According to Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni, they will be assigned to the patrol division and replace the two oldest vehicles. They will be purchased from Gorno Ford, which uses the Oakland County Joint Purchasing Program bid price, satisfying the city’s competitive bid requirements.

Poloni said the vehicles

were not budgeted for this fiscal year, but will end up saving the city money in the long run.

“What we found out was this happens about every four or five years — which is really frustrating for us — is that they change the models of the vehicles,” Poloni said. “So they make them bigger, wider. They changed the consoles and those things.”

Poloni said the 2020 police vehicles increased in price by about \$3,500 each as well.

“They also changed the body style,” he said. “So when we talked to the outfitters, it was going to cost us about \$4,000 more to change the equipment out from the vehicles that

we have now to the vehicles next year. So we’re looking at between \$7,000 and \$8,000 increase for a vehicle.”

The money used to purchase the vehicles will come from the capital improvement funds, which had \$70,000 scheduled for purchases in the next fiscal year. The fund would not have enough money available if the city waited to purchase the new model Interceptors, said Poloni.

Poloni also noted by trading in the older vehicles sooner — with less miles on them — the city will receive a better trade-in price.

“So bottom line is this is a way to save some money,” Poloni said.

Rep. Joe Tate holds ‘Budget Boot Camp’

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

The state’s budget for next fiscal year is months away from being passed, but with the submittal of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s executive recommendation, the legislature is currently in the process of hammering it out.

Thursday, March 21, District 2

State Rep. Joe Tate, who represents Grosse Pointe Park, Farms, City and parts of Detroit, held a “Budget Boot Camp” at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Tate, who also sits on the House Appropriations Committee, set out the budget process and what Whitmer’s recommendation contains in broad strokes.

Currently, the state’s budget is

approximately \$57 billion, with about half of that coming from the federal government in the form of Medicaid money, said Tate.

The two biggest funds are the School Aid Fund, with \$13.5 billion budgeted, and the General Fund with about \$10.7 billion.

According to estimates, the state can expect a \$59 billion budget for fiscal year 2019-20,

said Tate.

Per Whitmer’s recommendation, the General Fund would increase modestly by about \$17 million, while the School Aid Fund would increase to \$13.9 billion.

The state’s General Fund and School Aid Fund revenue stream would be adjusted by eliminat-

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Carolyn Skaff
Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Volunteer stays active at The Helm, in community



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Race ready

Tucker Thompson, spoke at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on March 22, about The America's Cup — the history of the race, the future of cup racing and what to expect in New Zealand for the 36th Cup.

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From left, Ilja Vreeken, commodore; Tucker Thompson, speaker; Jim Morrow, Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation president; and Aaron Wagner, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club general manager.

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organization. ... I was able to put my fingerprint on an organization that was underutilized. It was a hidden treasure that needed a face on it, not just some rich guy's house."

He did just that, making a name for himself and getting noticed. He loved his job and living in Des Moines, he said.

"I had no intention of leaving — until I had a conversation with a colleague of mine named Kathleen Mullins."

At the time, Mullins was settling into her post as executive director at Ford House. She shared her vision with Heppner and told him she was putting together a leadership team.

"She said she was still looking for a vice president of collections and visitor experience," Heppner said. "I said, 'That's nice.' ... Then I got a call from a headhunter."

"I sat and talked to Kathleen and my wife and my mentors and they all said, 'You're crazy if you don't take it.' So that brought me to Michigan."

That was seven years ago, a time when the ownership of Fair Lane, Home of Clara & Henry Ford was being transferred from the University of Michigan to the same nonprofit that operates Ford House. Since then, Heppner served as vice president of historic resources and interim chief of operations over both Ford House and Fair Lane. He has worked tire-

lessly overseeing the planning and restoration of the Dearborn estate of Henry and Clara Ford.

"I was working with artisans to bring alive a place that's been off the radar for so many people," he said. Still undergoing its transformation, Heppner said Fair Lane "will be unlike anything Michigan's ever seen."

Following Mullins' retirement, Grosse Pointe resident Bob Bury was named interim director while a search was conducted.

"We'd been juggling two estates that will always be linked, but are growing so dramatically, so quickly that they need their own focus," Heppner said, adding he wasn't sure which post to pursue — Fair Lane or Ford House. "I put so much blood, sweat and tears in at Fair Lane, but the opportunities are great here at Ford House with the new buildings."

"Bob and I have become close colleagues," he continued. "They made my heart more stable when Bob was asked to lead there. We still talk; I'm still an adviser to the (Fair Lane) board. My fingers are there. But my attention and focus are here."

Heppner said with the new buildings at Ford House comes a new culture within the organization that he hopes will impact the Grosse Pointe community and beyond.

The new buildings include a 40,000-square-foot visitor center and 17,000-square-foot administration building — the first new construction in 25 years and the largest since the estate

was built in 1929. They will allow administrative offices to relocate so the entire estate can be restored and made part of historic offerings. Not only will the house be restored, but the gardens, outside support buildings and other areas as well.

Heppner said the new buildings are on track for completion in spring 2020, though there are no firm dates for soft or hard opens.

"What really excites me is that Lynn Alandt is our board chairman. She's the granddaughter of Edsel and Eleanor," Heppner said. "I'm excited to be a partner with her. Her husband, Paul Alandt, was the first director here. I want to build upon the success and foundation, started by Paul all the way up to Kathleen, and build on that era and success they put forth. ... When I come to a place like this, there's usually something to fix, but nothing's broken. I want to leverage the assets we have. Edsel and Eleanor should be internationally acclaimed and known. ... The restoration, programming, buildings — they're going to be a real pride for the state and local community, but it's going to take time to get there."

Heppner said he's disheartened hearing people say they've driven by Ford House but never stopped by; they see a wall and assume they're not welcome.

"We need to change that," he said, "so everybody feels welcome."

Heppner said he's looking forward to working with the staff at Ford House, whom he said is comprised of "tremendous, talented individuals."

"My job is to paint that strategic vision, but more importantly to get out of the way so they can do what they do best," he said. "They all want the same thing I want. It's just a matter of allowing them to do it. The new buildings are a game

Bury named CEO, president of Fair Lane

After Bob Bury stepped down from his position as executive director and CEO of the Detroit Historical Society in June, he joined the Historic Ford Estates to provide support as interim president and CEO during the transition following the retirement of longtime president and CEO Kathleen Mullins.

Buoyed by Fair Lane's monumental restoration project, Bury has begun his new role as president and CEO of Fair Lane, Home of Clara & Henry Ford, where he works with the board of trustees to steer the strategic future of the estate. Bury brings a host of insight from his 16 years at the historical society, where



Bob Bury

he saw to the success of several initiatives for the organization's long-term sustainability.

Under his leadership, the society completed a \$21.2 million fundraising campaign and took over full operation of the Detroit Historical

Museum — founded by the society in 1928 — from the city of Detroit, which had run the museum since the late 1940s. Bury also worked with multiple organizations on the community engagement project "Detroit 67: Looking Back to Move Forward," including an award-winning exhibition at the museum and a digital archive of oral histories.

A resident of Grosse Pointe where he lives with his wife, Mary Ann, Bury contributes time to the community as a board member of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, Midtown Detroit Inc. and CultureSource.

changer."

He gushed about Ford House's assets — a new restaurant that will overlook Ford Cove; a first-class museum store; 21st century classroom space to engage youth; environmentally friendly landscape assets; meeting and conference spaces; continuing the Ford family's passion for art and history.

"We do a good job in the world of hospitality, but I always think there's room for improvement," he added. "I want people to feel when they come here that they're the guests of Edsel and Eleanor. I want them to say, 'Wow, the way I was treated here was unlike anywhere else.' I want to put an emphasis on customer experience and hospitality."

As such, the team is re-evaluating its tour options to make sure there's something for everyone.

One thing helping along the restoration process is the fact all of Ford House's board members are members of the Ford family, Heppner said.

"This is a very personal site for them," he said. "They remember being here; this was Granny's house. That makes it special. I love their desire to be engaged and know what's going on. They feel strongly about their charge of stewardship, presenting the physical aspects, restoration. That really excites me. There are not many historic properties you can go to and walk into that space and allow your imagination to take you back to a place in time."

"The asphalt driveway ... used to be crushed limestone," he continued. "The parking lot (at the

estate) used to be half lawn and half cobblestone. It was a drying yard for laundry. ... There's a story to tell. We're taking the garage back to a historic garage with vehicles from the family. These are real people with real stories. We have a great opportunity to make history relevant and powerful."

Next year Ford House will embark on a new strategic plan, including staff, the board and the community in the process.

"We want to ensure the community always embraces what we're doing," Heppner said. "We have to look beyond our gates to be viable and sustainable."

"The buildings have given us another opportunity. We've been talking for five years about being greener, more sustainable. We want to embrace what the Fords stood for."

Ford House will do so with the addition of solar panels, bioswales, bird-safe glass, recycling opportunities and other green initiatives.

Heppner is familiar with sustainable living, as he lives in Hartland on a 10-acre farm with his wife and kids — and numerous rescued horses, goats, dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese. But rest assured, he's engaged in Grosse Pointe.

"If I'm in, I'm in," he said, noting he occasionally stays in an apartment on estate grounds. "It's important to me and the board that whoever's leading the organization needs to be present in the community, too."

Ironically, just down the street from his home is Haven Hill, which was

Edsel and Eleanor Ford's summer home in Highland. Administrators there are raising money to restore it and reach out for Heppner's advice, which he doesn't mind.

"I've always found that I've been very fortunate," Heppner said. "I never had a big plan. It was more, just, 'Take me wherever I'm supposed to be.' I do the best I can do to be committed, but more importantly driven by passion. ... I find with passion it's amazing what you can accomplish. I get paid to do what I went to school for and ... to embrace my passion. How often does that actually happen?"

Heppner, who earned a bachelor's degree in history from Miami University in Ohio and a master's degree in American history from Cleveland State University, also graduated from the Seminar for Historic Administration, Leadership Akron and the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

He currently sits on the boards of the Michigan Museums Association and MotorCities National Heritage Area and is a Rotary member.

"I really encourage people to watch what we do, but not just from afar," he said. "As we get these buildings open, I hope they get engaged with what we do."

"The Fords were very humble individuals who made an impact," he continued. "This is not a story that's not connected to people. Hopefully they see how (the Fords) were significant civic people that helped define this community they enjoy today."

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Officers commended for honorable service

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Public Safety Director John Schulte presented awards to personnel for honorable service to the community in 2018.

“Three of these awards are unit awards,” Schulte said, “and that means the units are working well together. They’re working as a team.”

Sgt. Ron Costa and officers Tony Spina and Zef Bojaj earned a Unit Commendation Award for rescuing a motorist from Lake St. Clair Dec. 27, after he failed to stop at the intersection of eastbound Lochmoor, crossed four lanes and landed in the water. First to respond was Spina, who located the vehicle and entered rough lake



Lt. Ken Werenski and officers Jason Cook and Ryan Wilson were awarded for mutual-aid response to a four-alarm fire in the Woods.

water to rescue the driver and pull him on shore. Costa and Bojaj treated the driver until emergency medical personnel arrived.

Schulte also honored Spina with the Director’s Award and Lifesaving Award for the rescue.

Costa, Spina and Officer Michael O’Brien received a Unit Commendation Award for their mutual-aid response to an active house fire Aug. 9 in Grosse Pointe Woods. When Woods fire fighters lost water supply 10



Officer Jason Rengert was commended for his mutual-aid response in apprehending a motorist fleeing police.

minutes into dousing the blaze due to a hydrant rupture, Shores personnel deployed a pre-connected line from their fire truck. They hand-stretched the line 200 feet to the nearest hydrant to deliver water to the Woods fire truck to resume extinguishing

Jason Rengert received a Commendation Award for deploying spike strips during a mutual-aid response to contain a vehicle fleeing from police Dec. 3. After the targeted vehicle drove over the strips and became immobilized, Rengert alerted dispatch

the fire.

“The quick action by our officers prevented any injuries to officers inside the dwelling and allowed operations to continue, which saved the structure from becoming a total loss,” Schulte said.

Officer

and swiftly removed the strips so arriving public safety vehicles would not drive over them. The suspect was apprehended as a result of Rengert’s response.

Lt. Ken Werenski and officers Jason Cook and Ryan Wilson received a Unit Commendation Award for their mutual-aid response to a four-alarm fire in the Woods May 31. The officers undertook venting and fire-suppression operations on the second floor, where the fire was active. They also conducted a search for occupants.

Schulte said extinguishing these fires “required well-coordinated teams for specific evolutions” and Shores public safety personnel “safely achieved this objective.”

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replacing those driveways, with the assumption that if Farms Market does begin construction, it will reimburse the city.

“There’s still two weeks that they have,” said Dame on March 18. “If they are able to get financing and say they’re going to build this year, then it makes sense to not do it this way, but our assumption is that we’re likely to have to go this route and if they do ever build something there, they’ll have to tear it out and build it back.”

Dame said the dead-

line comes from the contractor.

“(The contractor’s) prices were based on doing it the spring before the summer busy season started,” Dame said. “So, while it’s theoretically possible (to start later), our contractor has said if you push this back until summer, you’re going to get summer prices.”

Dame also said there would be slight changes to the project, namely placement of planters.

“Instead of having a large planter in front of their current store we would put new planters to the sides of their current store and we keep the driveway that’s there

on the (south side) of their store because this plan essentially is assuming that there won’t be a new Farms Market,” Dame said.

According to Dame, the city has a verbal agreement with the market to receive reimbursement if it is able to get financing and build its new store. Dame said the city expects to be reimbursed for most, if not all, of the cost of the change order.

“We don’t have their commitment in writing,” he said, “but we have ways to make sure that they will pay us what is owed. They’re good people to work with. They

just haven’t had the financing yet. They understand that put us in a hard spot with this and they do expect to get a bill.”

The other “ways” to get Farms Market to pay would be to make another special assessment, said Dame.

Meanwhile, council also approved administration to apply for a grant in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Farms to resurface Fisher from Mack to Charlevoix in 2019 and Charlevoix to Kercheval in 2020.

According to Dame, in the current year’s state budget, monies were set aside to create a grant

program to resurface roads in communities that do not qualify for normal state or federal money.

“They are prioritizing applications that are joint projects with multiple communities,” Dame said. “So we have a perfect project on Fisher Road that we share with our friendly neighbors (Grosse Pointe Farms).”

Last worked on 12 years ago, according to Dame, Fisher Road is in poor condition because of heavy bus use. It also is not on the city’s list to repair in the near future.

The grant is a 50-50 match program. MDOT would cover half while the City and Farms would split the rest.

According to Dame, the Charlevoix-Mack section is estimated to cost a total of \$500,000, with the two cities covering \$125,000 each. Charlevoix to Kercheval is shorter and in better condition and is estimated to cost \$240,000 total, with the City’s cost at \$60,000.

If the grant or grants are awarded, the city would not displace any of its projected resurfacing projects for the year.

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ing the use of income tax for road funding and putting that money into the General Fund and collecting a 6 percent tax on pass-through income of non-C corporations. Revenue would be reduced by repealing the pension tax and a reduction resulting from the earned income tax credit increasing from 6 percent to 12 percent over two years.

The loss of income tax revenue in the Transportation Fund would be filled by the implementation of a 45-cent gas tax, which Tate admitted was a sticking point in the recommendation.

Tate said that at the end of the day, Whitmer’s recommendation attempts to get rid of the state budget’s “shell game,” where money intended for one

use is pulled from one fund and used for something different.

“It has been symptomatic,” Tate said. “You’ve had money being used for the School Aid Fund, going to pay for higher education — last year it was about \$500 million. General Fund dollars that have historically been going to support public universities, that money’s been diverted off into roads. So what this plan would do is essentially put bright lines between the investments and the money that’s coming in and then the goods and services that are going to be paid for.”

Tate said Whitmer’s recommendation will simplify the budget. She proposes to stop paying the \$500 million from the School Aid Fund to higher education, instead using General Fund dollars, among other revenue adjustments.

“So you’ve got school

aid-funding that’s going to pre-k through community colleges and you have General Fund dollars that are going to be focused on higher education and other services,” Tate said.

With the increase in the School Aid Fund, the governor proposes an increase in funding for school districts’ foundation allowances, special education, academically at-risk and economically disadvantaged students, preschool programs and technical school programs, among others.

Because the final budget most likely will not look exactly like the governor’s recommendation, Tate said he wants to hear from residents on any possible adjust-

ments.

Tate has a survey on his website, soliciting opinions from residents on what they feel is most important moving forward with the budget. The survey can be found at housedems.com/tate.

“One of the things that I feel strongly about ... is not only being able to ensure that good decisions are being made on your behalf, but part of that is receiving your input and understanding what you all want to see as we move forward,” Tate said.

For more information on the governor’s recommendation, visit michigan.gov/budget or the House Fiscal Agency’s website at house.mi.gov/hfa.

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

◆ All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School’s main gym, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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Volunteer active at The Helm, in community

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's an undeniable modesty to Grosse Pointe Woods resident Carolyn Skaff.

She prefers to fly under the radar — whether volunteering at The Helm or helping out a neighbor. Doing nice things for others is just something one should do, she believes.

But her pleasant demeanor, kind heart and generosity regularly catch people's attention. She's a standout at The Helm, according to Executive Director Peggy Hayes.

"She's done so much for our organization," Hayes said. "She is a regular volunteer here. She staffs the front desk one day a week. She's the chair of our volunteer committee. She's on the board. She helps Heidi (Uhligh-Johnstone), our director of volunteers, manage the whole volunteer experience here at The Helm."

On top of that, Hayes said, Skaff regularly brings in new people to introduce them to The Helm, give tours and help them sign up for programs. She's supportive of the annual Helm auction, for which she solicits donations.

"She's one of my most faithful and reliable volunteers and board members," Hayes said. "She's very generous with her time, talent and treasure. She's a wonderful person."

Volunteering at The Helm is a source of joy for Skaff, who has proudly helped the organization since 2013, though she's been keeping her eye on it for decades.

"I didn't start to volunteer with them until they moved into the building where they are now, but I've followed them since they were at Barnes, then

at the Neighborhood Club, then the third floor at Cottage," Skaff said. "When they moved into this house I started volunteering. This is my second year on the board."

"They are wonderful," she continued. "Every single person on that staff, what they do is wonderful. Whatever their job descriptions are, they go way above and beyond. Heidi is wonderful."

Skaff volunteered on the strategic planning committee. And apart from weekly front desk duties, she helps with parties, filing and anything else that needs to be done.

There are more than 400 volunteers at The Helm, Skaff said, and more are always welcome.

"It's not because of the fact that I'm old now, but my heart goes out to older people," she said. That rings true inside and outside of The Helm. She happily delivers meals to elderly neighbors and visits fellow parishioners from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

There she volunteers at the church's thrift store — on a regular shift, as well as filling in for other volunteers. She's also on the St. Michael's Guild, which regularly supports Crossroads of Michigan and Mariner's Inn. Additionally, she has supported Samaritan's Purse for three years and counting.

Skaff also recently joined the choir at St. Michael's after a long hiatus.

"I've sung my whole life," she said. "Music has always been an enjoyable part of my life, as I was from a very musical family. I sang in choirs in high school, with Choral Union while at Michigan and with Choraliers —



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Carolyn Skaff stands next to a signed photograph of late President Gerald Ford, who was a childhood neighbor.

part of the Junior Women's Association of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra — for about 20 years here. Church choir in Grand Rapids and here was a natural extension of that."

Skaff, who moved to Grosse Pointe nearly 50 years ago, was raised in East Grand Rapids, "the best," she said. There she met Michael Skaff, her future husband. Their fathers were friends, she said.

"I knew him my whole life, but I didn't know him well until later in life," she said. "Our dads came over on the boat together from Lebanon. I was friends with his younger sister. We'd go to the Sunday matinee together, then I'd come home and say, 'Oh, that Michael Skaff.'"

Skaff eventually attended the University of Michigan and earned undergraduate and master's degrees in guidance and counseling. She taught for three years before they got married and moved to Los Angeles.

"He was working on his doctorate in Los Angeles," she said. "He had done all he needed to do except a couple things. He was a math professor. He had to have two languages. He taught himself French and was prepared (to learn) German. Then, lo and behold, our first child was due. They offered the exam once a year and wouldn't you know it? That was the day I was in the hospital."

Skaff toyed with the idea of teaching in California, but wasn't thrilled with the additional classes she'd have to take, so she signed up to substitute. While in California, their second son was born and Michael Skaff finally graduated.

A couple of chance dinner companions led to their eventual move to Michigan.

"He had to make a decision — industry or education," Skaff said. "It just so happened his thesis adviser had close friends (from Michigan). We went to dinner at his

adviser's house, who had invited other friends."

Both of the friends were math department deans, one of them at the University of Detroit. She convinced him to join the team.

After moving to Michigan, their daughter was born. Skaff stayed at home until their youngest was ready for school.

"In the meantime, a neighbor called me about aerobic dancing," Skaff said. "I'd never heard of aerobic anything; it was the '70s. I loved it immediately."

Skaff went on to teach aerobic dancing 14 years, capping off her career in 1990. From 2000 to 2010, she taught English as a Second Language at Defer Elementary School.

During their 46-year marriage, the Skaffs loved to take cruises.

"The first week of March, or whenever spring break was, we went on a cruise," she said.

Skaff, who was widowed in 2010, is the proud mother of Michael

(Mary), David (Bridgette) and Kristen, and grandmother of Evan, Morgan, Jessica and Sara.

"Family means everything to me," she said. "They are the lights of my life. They're all great. I'm very close to my extended family, too."

As such, she's a supporter of the Grosse Pointe chapter of Young Life, which two of her grandchildren attended.

"They do wonderful things," she said.

Quietly supporting various organizations may be her preference, but there's a piece of Skaff's life that shouldn't be overlooked. It stems back to her childhood in East Grand Rapids — and her family's famous neighbor, Gerald Ford.

"I'm the youngest in my family, the youngest of four girls," she said. "I really was a child at the time. This was before we moved to the family home I grew up in. He was a young Congressman at the time. Their oldest son, Mikey — my sister, Diana, used to babysit Mikey."

"His career continued; he moved, we moved," she continued. "Every step along the way, my parents would send him a congratulatory letter and he'd always write back. After my mother passed away, we opened up the dining room table real wide and put everything out there. ... The letters went to different kids."

Years later, after her father died suddenly, Skaff said she was surprised when the phone rang and she heard the words, "The President of the United States is on the phone."

"It wasn't that they saw each other all the time or talked all the time," she said. "But that he took the time to do that was just lovely."

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City of Grosse Pointe

Drunken driving

A 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at Fisher and Maumee. An officer observed the man turn from westbound Kercheval to southbound Fisher and accelerate

quickly. A radar reading showed the man traveling 52 mph.

The man then turned left onto eastbound Grosse Pointe Boulevard, where a traffic stop was initiated.

According to the report, the man turned onto Beverly, where he was slow to stop and struck the curb while pulling over.

While interviewing the man, the officer noted an odor of intoxicants. The driver said he was coming from a restaurant in the Farms and had one drink three hours prior.

He failed the field sobriety test and refused to take a preliminary breath test.

He was cited for drunken driving, speeding, refusing a breath test and not having valid proof of insurance.

Assault

An assault was reported at 8 p.m. Monday, March 18, at a restaurant in the 16000 block of Kercheval.

According to the report, an employee came in to collect a paycheck. When she was told the paycheck was not ready, she left and returned with two unknown females, who

began talking to the manager at the back of the restaurant.

When another employee asked the manager to come to the front, one of the women pushed the employee, which started a shoving match. The employee was then struck on the head and spit on, according to the police report.

The three women then left in an unknown vehicle in an unknown direction.

Wine-lifting

An unknown Caucasian male with gray hair is wanted for stealing wine from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 18.

According to the manager, the man entered the store, went to the wine aisle and placed two 4-packs of Sutter Home wine, valued at \$6.99 each, in his jacket. He then disregarded the manager's request for him to stop and walked out of the store in an unknown direction.

Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

— Anthony Viola
Report information about these and other crimes to City of Grosse

Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended licenses

◆ A 25-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Mack and Kerby. An officer observed the man driving a vehicle with an orange March registration tab. When the officer ran the plate through the Law Enforcement Information Network, it showed it expired March 12.

A traffic stop was initiated after the man turned left onto Kerby from westbound Mack.

After further investigation, it was revealed the driver had two current suspensions, no insurance and no registration.

◆ A 32-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 7:40 p.m. Friday, March 22, on Moross at Rolandale.

An officer observed the woman driving a vehicle missing its driver-side

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Eastern Wayne County Spartans Spring Tailgate returns

The board of directors of the Eastern Wayne County Spartans, or EWCS, has announced that the local Michigan State University alumni club will hold its Spring Tailgate again this year. The event celebrates MSU's football program on the eve of its annual "Green and White Game," which marks the end of the

spring practice season.

The tailgate takes place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program includes guest speakers focusing on the Spartans' upcoming football season: Jalen Watts-Jackson and Jack Ebling; tailgate-style buffet dinner

and cash bar; silent auction of sports memorabilia supporting the club's scholarship programs; door prizes and raffle items. Tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased at bit.ly/2FqjEjh.

EWCS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that sponsors social, cultural and educational events for alumni and friends

of MSU living or working in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities. Visit facebook.com/MSUEWC.

Donations of toiletries and school supplies also will be collected at the event to support MSU students in FAME, or Fostering Academics, Mentoring Excellence.

REPORTS:

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mirror and pulled her over.

She admitted to having a suspended license, which a LEIN search confirmed. She also had several misdemeanor arrest warrants and no insurance.

◆ A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 5:10 p.m. Friday, March 22, on Lakeshore at Kerby.

An officer observed the man traveling 35 mph in a 25 mph zone southbound on Moross.

He was pulled over on Lakeshore and a LEIN search showed the man had two current suspensions and no insurance.

Handgun recovered

A handgun was found on Lakeshore at Edgemere at 7:20 a.m. Saturday, March 23. Officers responded to the area when two joggers reported finding the gun near the sidewalk.

A Law Enforcement Information Network search did not show the gun reported stolen. Per LEIN, the owner is a 52-year-old Detroit man who has a valid license. The firearm was returned to the owner and the detective bureau was requested to make further contact with the man.

Clothing stolen

An unknown black female with blonde or strawberry blonde hair is wanted for stealing a dress from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20.

An employee said the woman entered the store and said she was new to the area and was checking out the local businesses. She then proceeded to place a dress in her jacket and walk out of the store.

Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Close call

A phone scam was reported by an 87-year-old female resident and her 92-year-old husband at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 19.

The resident said she received three phone calls on their landline starting at 2 p.m. The first phone call claimed her son was arrested and taken to prison in downtown Detroit after an accident on I-75. To get him out, the caller said the resident would need \$5,900. The resident also was told not to tell anyone of the transaction because it could cause more trouble for her son. She then received a second phone call from a person pretending to be their son. The imposter gave the woman a phone number for an attorney to call.

When she called the number, a man told her to obtain six \$1,000 Sam's Club gift cards. The resi-

dent said she had no way to get to the store, at which time the man said he would call a taxi to take her.

The resident then realized it was a scam and called her son, who confirmed he was not in jail or involved in an accident.

A short time later, a taxi arrived at the resident's house. The driver said he received a call for a pick-up at the address. The taxi dispatcher confirmed the call and police found the phone number used was the same as the fake attorney's.

The number is registered in Alberta, Canada.

Police determined there was no loss of money or sensitive information.

Marijuana possession

A 17-year-old Farms man was arrested for marijuana possession at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

An assistant principal called police after finding a student in possession of the drug. The assistant principal received complaints that the individual smelled of marijuana.

The student admitted to smoking before school and had .35 grams of marijuana in a tobacco pouch.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted larceny

A resident in the 1400 block of Wayburn found their unlocked garage door open and several items missing at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 19. The items were recovered later in a nearby alley. The attempted larceny occurred sometime between 9 p.m. Monday, March 18, and when the homeowner discovered the door open.

Clipped plate

The last number of a resident's license plate was removed from their car sometime between 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, and 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in the 1400 block of Lakepointe. No other damage to the vehicle was reported.

Larcenies from auto

◆ A vehicle's window was broken and items stolen between midnight and 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, in the 1300 block of Wayburn. Stolen were a Dewalt ratchet set, an air compressor, two 8-inch Panasonic televisions, a 13-inch television and a pair of Oakley sunglasses.

◆ A \$10 bill was stolen

from an unlocked vehicle in the 1200 block of Wayburn between 11 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, and 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20.

◆ A vehicle's window was broken and \$110 stolen from a parked car in the 1400 block of Maryland between 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, and 10 a.m. Thursday, March 21.

Tab stolen

A license plate tab was stolen from a vehicle between midnight Friday, March 8, and 12:20 a.m. Friday, March 22, in the 1200 block of Maryland. The vehicle was parked in the alley.

Drunken driving

A 27-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:45 a.m. Friday, March 22, on Mack at Outer Drive. Officers pulled the woman over for speeding and found her to be intoxicated.

Stolen vehicles

◆ A gold 2003 Jeep Liberty was stolen in the 800 block of Lakepointe between 1 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23. The vehicle was parked in the street and taken without keys.

◆ A white 1996 Jeep was stolen in the 1400 block of Lakepointe between 6 p.m. Friday, March 22, and 7:40 a.m. Saturday, March 23. The vehicle was parked in the alley and taken without keys.

Suspended license

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants at 1:50 a.m. Sunday, March 24, on Mack at Phillip. Officers pulled the man over for speeding and found him to have a suspended license and several warrants for his arrest.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No license, insurance

A license-plate scan showing no insurance led to a traffic stop on Lakeshore and Roslyn at 1:19 a.m. Friday, March 22, that uncovered the driver also had a suspended license.

The 46-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving an uninsured vehicle and a second violation of driving while license suspended.

No insurance

A 62-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for driving without valid insurance during a traffic stop on Lakeshore and Fontana Lane 10:39 a.m. Saturday, March 23.

Domestic assault

Officers responding at 1 a.m. Thursday, March 21, to the report of a domestic argument at a Shores residence on Duval Road arrested a 40-year-old male for striking his 32-year-old fiancée in the face.

The victim reported the man also destroyed her phone during the argument. When the officers arrived, she appeared "visibly shaken and crying" and was communicating with friends with her laptop.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Unoffending threat

Officers responded to the report of a male subject agitating MedStar personnel in a parking lot of Ascension St. John Hospital shortly before 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 20.

Officers found the 28-year-old man sitting on the brick wall at the rear of the parking lot. He was wearing a gray hooded

jacket and had both his hands in the pockets. Gestures he made with his left hand in the pocket led the officers to conclude he could have a weapon.

Officers exited the vehicle and ordered him to remove his hands from his pockets, place them on his head and get on his knees. He complied.

When an officer apprehended him, he found he had no weapon.

The man appeared confused. A database search uncovered the man had a mental order issued to him and lived in a group home in Harper Woods.

The officers admitted him for evaluation and care at the hospital.

Scrap swiped

The owner of an auto repair center in the 20800 block of Mack reported several items of scrap were stolen from behind

the shop between 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, and 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 20. He estimated the value at \$200.

Domestic assault

Officers responded to a 911 call from a 39-year-old Woods resident at 11:40 p.m. Sunday, March 24, that her husband, 50, slapped her in the face and choked her.

The woman told the officers she and her husband were divorcing and an argument about child custody became physical.

The man denied making physical contact. Observing redness and swelling on the right side of the woman's face, the officers arrested the man.

— Melissa Walsh

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OUR VIEW

Recycling becoming difficult

The recycling world is in turmoil; something that may become more obvious locally in the next few months.

Recycling contracts are going out for bids this spring in four of the Pointes and Harper Woods. The exception is Grosse Pointe Woods, which had the good fortune to sign a 5-year contract about a year ago, just before the bottom fell out of the recycling market.

Much of the problem traces back to changes in Chinese policies last year when it drastically lowered the level of contamination it would accept in the recycling materials it processes. Other markets are developing, but apparently not fast enough to help much so far.

So Rule No. 1 about what goes into the recycling bin is: Keep It Clean.

About 35 percent to 40 percent of recycled goods are lost right from the start because of contamination, according to Joseph Munem, director of government affairs and public relations for GFL Environment USA Inc. GFL holds the current contracts for recycling pickup around the Pointes and Harper Woods.

Contamination often involves food left on containers or household products — liquid laundry detergents are apparently a big culprit — that drip out of plastic jugs if they haven't been thoroughly rinsed.

Any sloppy mix mars all the other items in the bin, including some that still have reasonable markets, such as office paper and cardboard. (Other decent selling recyclables: aluminum and Nos. 1-2 plastics.)

All of which suggests that when bids come in for new recycling contracts in the next month or so, the cost will escalate. Proposals also may have some new wrinkles. One possibility: Communities would pay even more for pickups, but then get a rebate for the amount of recyclables sold. Another possibility: Allowing more discretion to the processor about what's actually recycled. This creates an off-ramp for dumping materials that actually cost money to recycle.

Recycling has a long history in the Pointes, nurtured by dedicated advocates. It has, at least until now, cost less than hauling off regular garbage. But the main point has always been to cut back on the stuff that goes to landfills or gets burned, as it does now that the local communities' trash goes to Detroit Renewable Energy for steam and electricity generation.

That goal of minimizing trash may prove increasingly difficult in this period of recycling uncertainty and rising costs. One thing that will surely help is basic attentiveness at home and keeping up to date on best practices:

- ◆ Plastic bottle caps on or off? For now, the advice is "on."

- ◆ Pack newspapers into paper bags or leave them loose? Leave everything loose as long as the recycling bin has a cover.

- ◆ NO plastic bags.

- ◆ The most up-to-date information is at GFL Environment's website, gflusa.com, under Residential Recycling. Sticking only with the list of approved items pays the biggest dividend. And above all, KEEP IT CLEAN.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

The Village Lock mannequin has been around since 1983 and began as a joke. It's never been named, but it undergoes around 20 outfit changes each year, including for major holidays, Detroit Tigers opening day and changes of season. It also wears an occasional hat or mask and has been used as a clue during a local scavenger hunt and more than 20 times for different charities and reunions. So far Village Lock has gone through eight mannequins; once when it was stolen the whole neighborhood was out looking for it, owners said.

CDBG funds: Every little bit helps

Some \$20,000 a year doesn't accomplish much, even here in each of the little Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. But the minimal amount available through the Community Development Block Grant program doesn't negate the need to care about how Wayne County runs it and how the money can be put to better use.

The block grant program is money that comes from the federal government but is funneled through the county to 34 cities and townships with populations under 50,000. And the county hasn't been doing a particularly good job at this.

Most of the problems rest far outside of community control. A recent audit cited Wayne County for not ensuring that paperwork was complete. More serious infractions involved work not being completed on time, leaving money unspent, and the need to revisit the allocation process to get more money to poorer communities. The purpose of the program, after all, is to help low- and moderate-income residents.

None of this would particularly matter around here — beyond deciding whether to accept the seemingly endless amount of paperwork — but for the fact that all the Wayne County anomalies could allow the federal government to barge in for further investigation. The local governments involved are already those deemed too small to be direct recipients; even this corner of Wayne County could feel some discomfort if federal investigators dropped in. And more strains could occur if the federal government suspended the program to recoup previously unspent sums.

Locally, not all communities always take the grants because the amounts are so small relative to any potential design, engineering and administrative costs. Some of the Pointes designate their grant to organizations that handle senior citizen transportation or similar services. In one trial project, all the

communities banded together to draw funds for improving handicap access along Mack Avenue and other programs aimed at increasing mobility for senior citizens and those with disabilities. The concept of multi-community projects seems like it holds the most promise for the future.

That is also the direction Wayne County is taking. The small, usually \$20,000, pass-through grants, such as those used by the Pointes, would continue to exist with an emphasis on joint proposals. But the county would add employees to provide technical assistance as needed. Housing rehabilitation, a need scattered throughout many of the poorer communities, could be contracted out to an agency that will work through a list of requests from all of them. Consolidating administrative costs seems advantageous, as does centralizing the expertise needed to manage a competent repair program.

Meanwhile, the administration in Washington, D.C., has been trying to kill the entire \$3 billion block grant system. The March 11 federal budget proposal notes that these block grants had their last legislative overhaul in 1978. It's probably time for a fresh look from Congress, as well as for a better county approach.

The needs of poorer small cities clearly haven't gone away and places like Highland Park, Ecorse and River Rouge will benefit from a better run county program. The grants presumably have even more impact in big cities such as Detroit that get their money directly from the federal government.

County Commissioner Tim Killeen, whose district covers the Pointes, Harper Woods and a bit of Detroit, has been speaking up about the CDBG program as the county fine-tunes it. Killeen says his main goal is to ensure good governance and not lose dollars because of dysfunctional management. Those are good goals — regardless of how minimal the grants seem around here — because even better-off communities need their county to succeed.

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Many thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Outreach Council at Kids Coalition Against Grosse Pointe Memorial

Church, we wish to thank the many volunteers who came together to pack meals in support of the Kids Coalition Against Hunger event on March

23. We especially applaud the members of Boy Scout Troop 96, Kiwanis Detroit No. 1 Club, Grosse Pointe Rotary, Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors, Tutoring Tree, local churches, students from the Grosse Pointe schools and all other caring and generous members of the community who came to serve. Because of your participation, more than 75,000 meals were packed and will be distributed to our hungry neighbors around the world and around the block. Such a massive undertaking would not

be possible without your selfless contribution of time and effort.

SUSAN BUCKLER,
KATHY KURAP AND
ROSS PARKER
Event co-chairs

Not convinced

To the Editor:

I've heard it from the community, representatives of the community and comments and editorials in your newspaper, but nothing will convince me that we will see a sinkhole before a seawall along Lakeshore.

DOUG KUCYK
Grosse Pointe Shores

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

A 'note' of thanks for the gift of music



My father's birthday is this week. If he were alive today, he would be turning 104. As much as we miss him — he was 95 when he died — there's some comfort in knowing he couldn't have lived forever.

Among the many gifts he and my mother gave me as a child — a safe and loving home, oppor-

tunities to travel and experience other cultures, strong connections with our extended family, a love of literature — music was a daily presence. Tucked in the back of our house along one wall in my father's small, cluttered, book-lined study was an ebony Steinway & Sons upright piano. It was as old as he was, a gift for his mother the year he was born. He played regularly, usually Chopin, and it was, in fact, a Chopin waltz that inspired me to learn.

My interest began as a means to gain my father's attention. If I sat at the piano bench, I could lure him from the pile of papers to be corrected on

his desk to sit next to me, teaching me the two-note song he wrote for my oldest sister, "Fife and Drum," and later his more sophisticated two-handed composition, "Robin in the Grass," a family classic. (Ask each of his 13 grandchildren, most of whom know the words — "Nose against the glass / See robin in the grass / Now he's in the tree / Robin wait for me" — and many of whom can play it.)

Formal lessons began when I was 8 and my father was my first teacher. Held Sundays after church, each lesson lasted an hour and included music theory, which I tended to tune

out. How much or how often I practiced was up to me. In fact, my father discouraged my mother from reminding me. Music, in his view, was an escape, not a chore.

By the time I was in ninth grade — and had mastered that Chopin waltz — my father decided he had taught me what he could and I began to study with Aron Pressman, a retired professor who came to the United States with the Russian Grand Opera in 1921 and founded Russian departments at two major universities.

Mr. Pressman was a little intimidating at first, with his strong Russian accent and exacting

sense of rhythm, but we developed a mutual fondness that transcended any illusion I possessed to perform a difficult Brahms piece competently at my high school music recital.

He also established a rapport with my father, who drove me to my lesson each week, opting to doze on the sofa in the Pressmans' sunny living room rather than drive the 10 minutes home and back again. He claimed it was his favorite hour of the week.

I think I knew, even as

a child, seated side by side at the piano bench with my father's hands, as familiar as my own, next to mine on the keys, or when I was older in the car on the way to and from my lessons, those moments with my father were a gift.

While I viewed this as his gift to me — as lasting a refrain in my life as the Chopin pieces I still play today — now I understand, as an adult and parent who cherishes the time I spend with my own children, the shared interest and time together also were my gift to him.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

BOOTLEG LIQUOR CASES UNCOVERED: Concrete evidence of the scale on which out-state liquor is figuring in the bootleg trade was found in the discovery of 18 cases of empty bottles by the Woods police at the end of Fairholme last Thursday. The bottles all bore Illinois state liquor stamps and the cases had come from Peoria, Ill. and Loretto, Ky.

SUPER SLEUTH FINDS HER OWN STOLEN CAR: A University Place resident, the loss of whose car by theft on March 24 was previously noted, was driving about Detroit Tuesday in the course of her Red Cross duties when she spied her own missing automobile.

It was parked on Larned near Elmwood in the rear of Deaconess Hospital. The thief had considerably left the ignition keys in the lock. This made a quick reclamation very easy.

1969

50 years ago this week

HEADMASTER HIRED TO RUN ACADEMY WHICH SUCCEEDS CONVENT OF SACRED HEART:

The school which will open in the fall to continue the education now offered at the Academy of the Sacred Heart will be called The Grosse Pointe Academy. The headmaster for the school has been engaged. He is John Michael Poplawski, currently an assistant headmaster at Detroit Country Day School.

VACUUM CLEANER TO BEAUTIFY CITY: The City of Grosse Pointe council approved the purchase of a small, self-propelled vacuum machine, to be used in picking up litter and debris from the sidewalk and landscaped areas adjacent to the municipal parking lots and similar areas at the Neighborhood Field and Neff Park. The machine is a labor-saving device in that it permits litter to be picked up much faster than sweeping and taking it by hand.

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1994

25 years ago this week

POINTES URGED TO TAKE ACTION ON GYPSY MOTHS: Citing

a need for action, Grosse Pointe's Shadtree Council has drafted a letter requesting the Pointes and Harper Woods take over the tracking of gypsy moths in their communities.

Several sections of the state have suffered severe damage from gypsy moths stripping trees and other plants.

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Obituaries: Robert C. Frenzel Sr., Helen Hysick, Evelene Beardslee Malcolm, Francis Dennis McCarthy, Joyce Emily Myers, C. Wallace Toles

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

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Trombly celebrates countries around the world

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Trombly Elementary School's community came out in full force for its International Festival March 8, with crafts, activities, costumes and food representing countries from all over the world.

Trombly held its first International Festival in January 2014. It was started by the late Jetuan Perkins, who created a multicultural committee at Trombly, according to parent and organizer Blanche Kaminski.

The purpose of the festival, which grew out of that original committee, is to educate students about the cultural richness of countries around the world by exploring individual country's crafts, interactive displays, dances, performances, fashion shows and food.

"Mrs. Perkins approached me to join the committee and I accepted, as we both shared the same passion about bringing international cultural experiences to children," Kaminski said.

The two presented the



PHOTO COURTESY OF BLANCHE KAMINSKI

Paul Kaminski, a student at Pierce Middle School, describes to Natalie Warnick, left, and Anna Grose how the level of water changes as a boat goes from one lock to another using an interactive replica of the Panama Canal locks.

project to other Trombly parents, recruiting many to join the committee. The festival continues to bring together a variety of parents, students and members of the community.

Some volunteers help each year, Kaminski said. These include Nitiah Caudle, Bunmi Kumasi, Ann Sladkin, Gabrielle Deschaine, Renee Jakubowski, Christine

Whitwell, Doris Grose, Heather Hundley, Michelle Shalhoub, Kelly Francis, Roohi Bano, Sophan Buffa and former Trombly parents Janice Wilson, Stephanie Neisch and Margaret Coffman.

This year's committee involved around 20 families working together throughout the year on crafts, exhibits, games, the fashion show and



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Representing their chosen countries during Trombly's International Festival are, from left, Annika Brenner, Panama; Anna Grose, Germany; Eva Grose, Germany; London Momper, Kenya; and Lydia Thomason-Redus, Kenya.

dance performances, Kaminski said.

The committee taps parents for their professional skills to contribute to the festival. Parents offer photography, creative design, dance lessons and engineering and technical assistance to organize an evening of food, international crafts and entertainment.

For example, this year, Kaminski's husband, Paul Kaminski, used his skills as an engineer to build an interactive replica of the

Panama Canal locks. Their son, Paul Kaminski Jr., a Trombly alumnus and Pierce Middle School student, explained to the younger students how the level of water changes as the boat goes from one lock to another when crossing from the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

Countries featured were Panama, Ecuador, Wales, Pakistan, Egypt, Syria, Poland, Germany, China, Korea, India, Kenya and Israel.

In the school auditorium, students modeled

their favorite multicultural apparel during the second International Terrier Fashion Show and Michigan storyteller Rosie Chapman entertained the children with African American folktales and an African drums show.

Trombly students Lydia Weakland and Harriet Kowalski also performed a Polka wearing authentic Polish outfits.

Finally, the Trombly Kindness Club, led by school psychologist Dona Johnson-Beach, presented exhibits of researched gestures of kindness from around the world.

Kaminski has continued to chair the festival each year since Perkins' death in 2016. While this is her last year — her younger son moves on to Pierce next year — she expects it to continue for many years to come.

"I believe that as parents, we need to support projects like this to give our children the opportunity to positively learn about the world that we live in — a world full of amazing places and cultures," she said.

Grosse Pointe Learning Network kicks off series

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Even as a space futurist, Bryan Dean doesn't have a crystal ball to predict what schools will look like in 20 years.

"I believe (schools) are going to look different," Dean said. "I think the things we need to consider are you cannot change the bones of a school. ... It is built the way that it is. However, what goes into it and how we use that space and how you build the acoustics in the room itself can all be handled through furniture.

"To me, the ultimate goal would be to have a room that is completely empty and then on the wall is what the students need," he continued. "They come in and they choose what they need for the day. That would be it. ... That's the far future. But what I think what will happen is in the next five years we'll move away from flexible furniture and we'll move toward agile space, meaning that students can convert it very quickly. ... We'll be able to ... block off areas to create small enclaves if we need them or open them up so we have larger spaces. We'll be able to move in and out of spaces very easily and have a lot of collaborative spaces.

"That's really what I see in the next five years — we'll move toward community, collaboration and connectivity."

Dean works for NorvaNivel, a company that designs and manufactures innovative educational furniture and learning spaces. The company was founded on the belief every student deserves a learning environment that caters to individual needs and fosters engagement and inclusion. He was formerly an education consultant for Oakland Schools.

Dean spoke to Grosse Pointe teachers Feb. 28, as part of the Grosse Pointe Learning Network, a



series of professional development sessions created for and by teachers to promote conversation and connections and inspire learning outside the classroom. It was established in 2017 by Jodie Randazzo, Kerby Elementary School; Taylor Barczyk, Brownell Middle School; Liz Lulis, Grosse Pointe South High School; and school psychologist Dona Johnson-Beach.

Dean, kicking off this year's series, talked about Universal Design for Learning strategies to promote learning for all students by removing barriers.

Participants were instructed on how to think like a designer, moving away from traditional lesson plans and taking advantage of innovative spaces to create learning opportunities, all within the realm of choice and self-direction.

He defined "autonomy" as "What do I control?"; "value" as "What am I interested in?"; "needs" as "What skills do I really need to work on?" and "parameters" as "How much time do I have? What tools are available to me?"

Important to all of this are the five "T's" — task, turf, technique, time and team. Students are given autonomy over each: the work to be done, the area in which it is done, how it is done, the timeline of the work to be performed and the contributors to the work.

"Beyond the age of information is the age of choice," Dean said, quoting American designer Charles Eames, known for his groundbreaking contributions to architec-

ture, furniture design, industrial design and manufacturing.

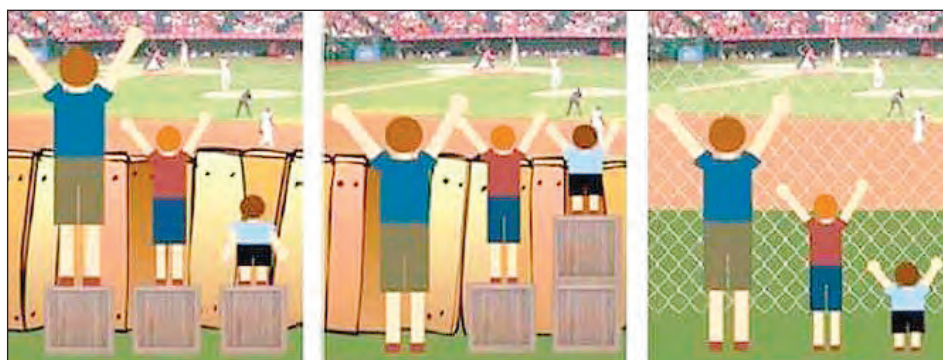
"Good design is about everything eventually connecting," he added. "Those things are huge to me. Because it's this idea that if you have a strong enough design that's flexible, all the pieces and all the residuals we want for students, whether they're soft skills or they're knowledge-based skills — whatever they are — they'll all eventually connect together and they'll bring each other together and then we'll have really learner-centered environments. That to me is the goal. That's what we need to work on."

Part of this involves choice, in particular how students access information and use resources available to them.

"Kids can get information anywhere," he said. "Information is here. It's not the job of the teacher anymore to be the guru (for students to come) to get all the learning."

"If schools really want to produce the best learners possible — and really the best humans possible — we need to move away from dumping information in and move forward to (helping them) make choices about the information (they're) going to receive," he continued. "That's design. We have to design for that open-ended choice."

Next up, Julia Smith from Oakland University will address promoting diversity and inclusion Thursday, March 28; Jamon Jordan, Detroit historian and educator, will lead a Black Scroll Network bus tour April 11, guiding participants in an understanding of narratives shaping the area's history and an overall understanding of race; and Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers will engage in an "unconference" May 23, discussing topics of interest based on feedback from the November professional development sessions.



Equality, equity and inclusion

Bryan Dean used a cartoon to depict the difference between equality, equity and inclusion. In the first drawing, three people of different heights attempt to peer over a fence to see a baseball game. All are standing on similar-sized crates, showing equality, but only the two tallest can see over the obstruction.

"We gave them everything we could; it must have been on the kid," Dean said to describe this particular mentality.

In the second scene, a crate has been added to elevate the other person so he, too, can enjoy the game, demonstrating equity. Yet "one kid is environmentally excluded because we all know that (he) gets two boxes," Dean said.

The final picture shows a chain-link fence through which all can see. Dean used this as an example of an inclusive space designed for the benefit of all learners.

"We've designed an environment that is safe and has boundaries in it, but it allows everybody to move where they need to move," Dean said.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Mary Ann Rusch

School: Our Lady Star of the Sea

Years at OLSOS: 19

Grade/Subject: 3-year-old preschool

Nominated by: Julie Aemisegger, principal

Principal's quote:

"Mrs. Rusch teaches 3-year-old preschool children at Star. She is admired and respected by parents and enjoys being able to make learning fun for the children each day. Mary Ann provides a nurturing and structured environment and is the envy of parents when each child cleans up after themselves at the end of the day. She appreciates being able to see the children she taught grow in faith and academics throughout their years at Star of the Sea School."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

An easy and honest answer is that I enjoy everything. I work with talented teaching professionals in a faith-filled school, surrounded by a fresh group of 3-year-old

kiddos each September starting their educational journey. Along with the parents and church community, it is truly a family environment. I couldn't ask for anything more.

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

I feel accomplished each June when I can look back at the individual growth of the children and know that they've met their potential in my classroom. Are they self-confident and have self-control? Are they kind to others? Are their fine and gross motor skills ready for the next level? Have they developed appropriate language skills to enhance cooperative play and conversation? And much more of course. Then when I see these kiddos at the park or Costco over the summer, no longer do they shyly hide behind parents, but step out and sweetly ask why I'm not in my classroom. Mission accomplished.



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

"Ten Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Went Into the Real World" by Maria Shriver. No. 3 on her list is "Who you work for and with is as important as what you do."

Favorite quote:

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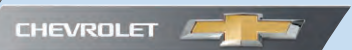
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Mission to Cuba Parishioners, pastor recount Memorial's latest adult mission

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A recent mission trip to Cuba has not only strengthened international bonds, but connections between local parishioners too.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's the Rev. Dr. Peter Henry and 13 of his adult parishioners spent the first days of February doing mission work in Cardenas, Cuba. For eight days, missionaries gave their blood, sweat and tears to help restore Juan G. Hall Reformed Presbyterian Church to its former glory.

The mission

"It's an interesting church," said Sue Acton, Memorial's coordinator of outreach ministries. "It was formed in 1900 from the Presbytery of New Jersey. They were thriving in the '50s until the revolution. They've struggled since then ... not unlike the entire city.

"Before the revolution, they were a beautiful port city," she continued. "Ferries used to come from Miami several times a week. That hasn't happened in years. Now there's no port, the train station is closed, buildings exist, but in various states of disrepair. Traffic is one-third cars, one-third bicycles and one-third horse and carriage.

"But they struggled and survived, especially through the '90s. ... People there will fully admit they don't know how they survived."

Seven years ago, the Rev. Alison Infante Zamora joined the congregation with a plan for growth. Three dorms were built to house American visitors, who could bring needed supplies and help with various tasks, Acton said.

"It's been quite the

adventure to restore the church to what it had been in the past," she said, "and with that, restoring the programming and resources. They appreciate our time — our resources and cash. And there are tangible donations — things that, even if they had the money, they couldn't get."

One such item was a ladder. Before heading to Cuba, Memorial missionary Dave Tucker found a 14-foot extension ladder that folded into four parts. The team wrapped it up and checked it like luggage.

"It was something they really needed," Acton said. "With that they could make more progress, not only with painting, but with their roof project."

To the rear of the church, a new roof had been installed over three large rooms — the kitchen, dining hall and storage room. The dining room had been used for storage during the project and was packed with old dressers, beds, storage bins, suitcases and other miscellany.

"In the kitchen, there were four to five inches of junk," said Howard Hill, a Memorial layman whose visit to Cuba with his wife, Victoria, was his first. He said nothing gets thrown away there, "just in case."

"We cleared out the back store room, painted it, put up shelves and packed it full of stuff for storage," Acton said. "Then we painted the dining room, then moved to the kitchen."

Additionally, Memorial missionaries chipped out and replaced brick tiles at the 110-year-old church.

"This project took them seven months — to clear out the kitchen, stack stuff in the store room and put on a new roof," Acton said. During that time, she said, the church still

hosted

using the pastor's apartment kitchen two flights up. They'd haul up the food, cook it, haul it back down, then bring up the dirty dishes to wash.

"The last day we focused on cleaning the kitchen and moving the roof tile," she said. Following a farewell dinner, "they were so happy to be able to put the dirty dishes in the kitchen to clean them. It felt like a great accomplishment."

Building bridges

Bonds built between congregations were a high point for Henry, who said Memorial historically has supported local, national and international efforts. From local projects such as Kids Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity and Crossroads of Detroit to national efforts like relief following Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy, Memorial has been on the front lines of helping others.

Henry said he realizes the importance of helping nearer neighbors as well as those abroad. Memorial does both.

"We do send to Detroit," he said. "We never choose between here and there. We try to meet the need wherever it is. Folks going to Cuba already put time and money into Detroit. This trip reinforces and reinvigorates people's commitment to this area."

From 2009 to 2016, the church sent missionaries to Honduras, to build homes and communities, Henry said, but after church leadership overseas moved on, the partnership fell away. Memorial church leaders made it their mission to find a new international partner that was affordable and not too far away. In 2016, Memorial's youth missionaries traveled to Cuba and found "a lot of good Christian churches that could be partners," Henry said.

Following visits from Cuban Presbyterian lead-



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Above, 14 members of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church recently returned from a mission trip to Cuba. Right, from left, Karen Colvin, Karen Pratt and Victoria Hill.



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ers, Memorial bonded with the Juan G. Hall Reformed Presbyterian Church. It has sent adult missionaries there each year since 2017 — a bond that has gotten stronger over the years.

"One appreciation I have is the budding relationship with the actual congregation, not just the church leader," Henry said. "The church members are getting to know each other. It's not based on a pastoral connection.

"Also, there's no doubt a trip like this reminds you not to take for granted what you have back home," he added. "It humbles me to see other people doing with far less and doing it well."

"The people-to-people thing does matter," Acton said. "It changes your whole understanding."

Added Hill, "That's the beauty of Cardenas. It's a small town and you get to meet people as they are.

"It's tradition when you're forging relationships to plant a tree so you can watch it grow every year," he continued. "We did that. ... We're not planting the redwood forest; we're planting a seed of understanding."

Henry noted the camaraderie that also formed among Memorial members during the trip.

"We're all pretty busy in places like Grosse Pointe," he said. "I learned more with the church members than I've learned in 10 years. We're flying together, living together, eating together, working together. It's always a treat for me to spend time with church members and for them to spend time with each other together."

Acton agreed.

"I hope a trip like that strengthens both churches," she said. "Our congregation is changed too. Fourteen people got to know each other better, bonded a little, got to share personal stories. It's a good thing that our church members grew closer.

"It was the deepening of friendships that resonated strongest with me," she continued. "This was the third time I was able to spend time with their choir director, my second time with the pastor. I feel like we were very welcomed. The banter between the two churches is pretty strong now. One of the real reasons for doing mission work is to strengthen your own church and the ties with church members."

Added Hill, "I view this as another step in the journey of diversity and appreciating the need to be open and not ruled by stereotypes, to reach out and help people that look different and sound different than you. Part of reaching out is learning about the culture. I feel blessed to have had an interesting set of experiences."

"Today is an emotional day. We are traveling back from Cuba to the United States. Leaving one culture and arriving in another. One that we call home, but one that often disconnects us from others. It was a blessing to experience the mere simple, quiet life of the Cubans, especially in Cardenas. ... I will also miss hearing the horses' hooves clomping in the street, the generosity and kindness of the Cubans, who are only too willing to give whatever you need when they have so little for themselves."

VICTORIA HILL
Recounting her last day in Cuba in the missionaries' travel journal

The church plans to return to Cuba next February. For more information, visit gpmchurch.org.



Left, volunteer Sue Acton rolled out a ceiling during the trip. Above, Tamara Gilbert and Howard Hill clean the kitchen.



Memorial Church's the Rev. Dr. Peter Henry and the Rev. Alison Infante Zamora.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jeff and Debra Jay

The best steps to take toward intervention

Q: My dad is a great guy and has always been a good father. He's also been a big drinker as far back as I can remember. It never really concerned us much, to be honest, but he's older now and the drinking is taking him away from us. We can all see it. We're all worried. I've talked with my mom and brother about it and, together, we asked our dad to cut back. He did for a week or so, but now he drinks like he always did. We read your book, "No More Letting Go," which helped us understand that alcoholics lose the ability to choose and they push away help. That is exactly what we are living. I love my dad. I want to help him with dignity and respect.

What road should we take forward?

A: We're glad you reached out with this question, because how you choose to help a loved one suffering from addiction is very important. It defines who you are as a family and determines the quality of the journey you take together. It's not just ambushing someone into accepting help. That approach can end in disaster, even if the addicted person agrees.

Intervention well done should be thought of as a spiritual negotiation that preserves family relationships, is a message of love, is choreographed to get the right kind of results and builds a fam-

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ily team that knows how to support the addicted loved one before, during and after treatment. When done properly, 85 percent of people agree to get help that day. Most of the other 15 percent accept help in a few days or weeks.

When intervention is a spiritual negotiation, it's an experience that brings everyone together and can change the course of a family. Getting sober is only the beginning. Intervention needs to be designed to give families

what they are ultimately looking for: happiness.

When talking to your family about intervention, start with a simple question: "Are you willing to learn something new?" Take one step forward, but do it together with love for your dad.

Fortunately, our community is proactive when it comes to helping families help themselves. The Family Center has been a leader in setting this goal and they've asked us to speak to our community on this spiritual negotiation called intervention. We invite you and your mom and brother to attend.

Let's also stress that

everyone in our community should attend this event to learn how intervention is done properly. We never know when a friend, colleague or relative might share that they are worried about someone in their life. We all need to be ready with the right answer.

Jeff and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe Farms are the authors of "Love First: A Family's Guide to Intervention." They head a national private practice of interventionists, therapists and recovery mentors. Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or their website, lovefirst.net. The Jays are members of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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NAACP

Kim Trent, chairwoman of the Wayne State University Board of Governors, is the guest speaker at the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 28, in

AREA ACTIVITIES

the lower level activities room at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Trent is senior vice president for corporate and civic engagement for Detroit-based public affairs firm Compass Strategies, and writes about race and gender issues for local and national publications.

Parkinson's support

Parkinson's workshops and support group meetings previously held at The Helm have moved to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe

Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Speech therapist Wendy Goryca Rooney shares information about a therapy program designed to help people with Parkinson's regain and maintain effective communication and swallowing function during a program 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 28. For information, call Deb Champion at (313) 520-9082.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, March 29, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Alexander Riegel, pastor of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, March 29, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Gilda's Club, Lake House

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers "De-Stress Day 2019," noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 30, featuring introductions to all The Lake House has to offer — from chair yoga and journaling to Bollywood dancing and knitting. Call (586) 777-7761.

Libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs at its branches:

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

◆ Art Lab, 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, April 1, for ages 11 to 13.

◆ Spring Break Afternoon Drop-In Craft for Kids, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 4.

◆ "Wearable Tech," 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, April 5, for ages 11 to 13.

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

◆ Lego Club, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.

◆ Sharpie Scarf adult craft, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 4.

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

◆ Mary Poppins Party, 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3.

◆ Family Movies, "Wreck-it Ralph 2," 2 p.m. Thursday, April 4.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 1, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

The Helm

The Helm at the Bull Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ Aging Mastery Program, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 2 to June 4. Cost is \$125 and registration is required.

◆ "Ask the Physical Therapist," 9:15 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, with Jessica Malfa.

◆ The Artist Lounge — "Sunrise," 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3. No painting experience is necessary. Cost is \$25.

◆ Diabetes Workshop, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 3 to May 8, with Detroit Area Agency on Aging staff.

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

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business Before Hours 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the UPS Store, 18530 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Jennifer Boettcher, director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

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Ottaway-Josi

Mr. Andrew and Dr. Paula Ottaway of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellie Ottaway, to Roman Josi, son of Peter and Doris Josi of Bern, Switzerland.

A July 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Ottaway studied at Belmont College in Nashville and currently works in the fashion industry.

Mr. Josi is a professional hockey player in the National Hockey League.



Roman Josi and Ellie Ottaway



Mathew Temrowski and Heather Theisen



Macy Jean Uekert and Mikael Temrowski

Theisen-Temrowski

Scott and Amy Theisen of Saline announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Elizabeth Theisen, to Mathew Donald Temrowski, son of Julie and Daniel Temrowski of the City of Grosse Pointe.

A November 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Theisen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Michigan State University and is completing a master's degree in education at MSU. She is a second-grade teacher in the Saline school district.

Mr. Temrowski earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University. He is a

senior consultant for Legacy Partners Insurance Services in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Uekert-Temrowski

Jeff and Maria Uekert of Caledonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Macy Jean Uekert, to Mikael Marvin Temrowski, son of Julie and Daniel Temrowski of the City of Grosse Pointe.

A May 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Uekert earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in interior design from Michigan State University. She is an interior designer at Macy Jean Studios in Los Angeles.

Mr. Temrowski earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University. He is a Columbia Records recording artist living in Los Angeles.

NEW ARRIVALS

Emerson Grace Fekin

Gregory and Jessica Fekin of Lexington, Ky., announce the birth of their daughter, Emerson Grace Fekin, Sept. 18, 2018.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael McKenzie of Clinton Township and Mrs. Rose Bucci and the late Paul Bucci of Grosse Pointe Park.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Fekin of Grosse Pointe Park.

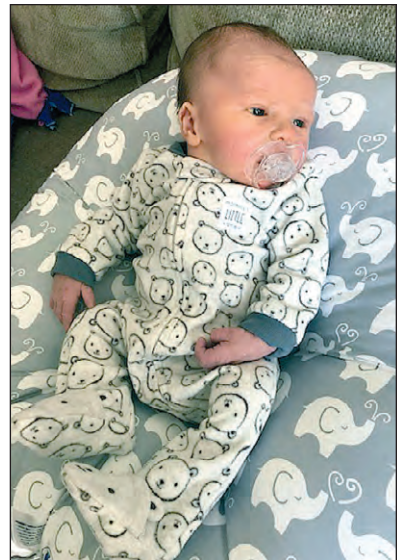


Emerson Grace Fekin

Connor James MacKenzie

Katie MacKenzie and Alex MacKenzie of St. Clair Shores announce the birth of their son, Connor James MacKenzie on Feb. 21, 2019.

Maternal grandparents are James and Bev McMichael of Canton. Paternal grandparents are Ken and Sandy MacKenzie of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Connor James MacKenzie

Hudson Andrew Nikesch

Sarah and Daniel Nikesch of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the birth of their son, Hudson Andrew Nikesch, Jan. 17, 2019.

Maternal grandparents are David and Patricia Slone of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Walter and Mary Kay Nikesch of Naples, Fla.

Upcoming programs at Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, offers several upcoming programs.

“St. John Passion” takes place at 3 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 14. A pre-concert lecture begins at 1:30 p.m. The Christ Church choirs and orchestra will tell the story of Jesus’s arrest, death and resurrection. Using the words of the Gospel of St. John, living British composer Bob Chilcott sets the narrative in a new way. A freewill offering is collected.

Holy Week services include:

◆ 8 and 9 a.m. services Palm Sunday, April 14

◆ 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist service Holy Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16

◆ 7 p.m. Tenebrae service Holy Wednesday, April 17

◆ 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar service Maundy Thursday, April 18

◆ Noon and 7 p.m. services Good Friday, April 19

◆ 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist service with baptisms Holy Saturday, April 20, followed by a champagne reception

◆ 7, 9 and 11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist services Easter Sunday, April 21.

An Easter egg hunt follows the 9 a.m. service, a prayer labyrinth follows the Tenebrae service until noon Good Friday and a simple soup supper is offered at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Holy Week for Kids includes the following events:

◆ Palm Cross workshop after the 9 a.m. service Palm Sunday, April 14

◆ Easter bouquet service project at 6:30 p.m. Holy Tuesday, April 16

◆ Children’s service at 5:30 p.m. Holy Wednesday, April 17, Maundy Thursday, April 18, and Good Friday, April 19

◆ The Great Vigil of Easter with baptisms at 7 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 20

◆ Flowering of the Cross at the 9 a.m. service Easter Sunday, April 21.

Guest preacher the Rev. Julia Gatta Ph.D., visits the church at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 18 to 20. Gatta is the Bishop Frank A. Juhan Professor of Pastoral Theology in the School of Theology, the University of the South, Sewanee. An author and Episcopal priest, she served parishes in Connecticut for 25 years before moving to Sewanee.

Finally, “Paedeia: The Emmaus Journey,” takes place Wednesdays, May 1 to 15, with Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m., a community dinner at 6 p.m. and class at 6:30 p.m. “Paedeia” is a Greek word that describes the kind of deep, Socratic learning that provides more than education, but is designed to form disciples. “The Sign and the Sacrifice” is the focus for this session.

For more information, call (313) 885-4842.

Parkinson’s programs have new home

Parkinson’s workshops and support group meetings, previously held at The Helm, have relocated to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, next to Grosse Pointe South High School.

The following upcoming events take place 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Workshop:

Thursday, March 28 — Speech therapist Wendy Goryca Rooney shares information about a special therapy program designed to help people with Parkinson’s regain and maintain effective communication and swallowing function. She shares exercises that can be done at home as well.

Workshop:

Thursday, April 11 — Nutritionist Sarah Cunningham shares the latest in nutrition and Parkinson’s disease. Her talk includes timing of meals and types of meals to maximize medication effectiveness.

Support Group:

Thursday, April 25 — People

with Parkinson’s have time to be social and participate in activities that help with tasks of daily living. Care partners meet separately with a speaker from Certified Senior Solutions.

Workshop:

Thursday, May 9 — Dr. Neepa Patel, neurologist/movement disorder specialist with Henry Ford Health System, presents on understanding and treating the non-motor aspects of Parkinson’s. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

“This programming is critical for the community,” said facilitator Deb Champion. “Recently, a group of experts from the field of movement disorders published an article in the Journal of Parkinson’s Disease. Titled ‘The emerging evidence of the Parkinson’s pandemic,’ the authors outline their growing concerns and what might be done.

“The term ‘pandemic’ is normally associated with diseases that can spread from person to per-

son,” she continued. “Of course, this does not apply to Parkinson’s. However, according to the study authors, the condition’s spread does share some of the characteristics of a pandemic.”

Globally, neurological disorders are the leading cause of disability. Of these, Parkinson’s disease is the fastest growing, Champion said. From 1990 to 2015, the number of people living with Parkinson’s doubled to more than 6.2 million. By 2040, experts predict that number will reach 12 million.

“Couple the rapidly growing number of people living with Parkinson’s with the dearth of movement disorder specialists — neurologists trained to treat Parkinson’s disease,” Champion said. “How do we fill the void so that Parkinson’s sufferers might live well with their condition? Patient education and self-help efforts must grow, enormously. We are stronger together.”

For more information, call Champion at (313) 520-9082.

Jazzy Sister Act set for April 7

Metro-area singers Shahida Nurullah and Deborah Nero combine their talents with a jazz quartet on Sunday, April 7, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Dubbed “Sister Act,” the program begins at 4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Working as a duo will be a first for Nurullah and Nero, both of whom enjoy a following among music lovers. Nurullah performs regularly in jazz clubs. Nero is both a soloist and member of choral ensembles.

The sisters will be joined by jazz artists Corey Kendrick on piano, drummer Gayelynn McKinney, Deblon Jackson on flute and Marion Harden on bass.

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church offers free, guarded parking behind the church. All are welcome.

For questions, call (313) 822-3456 or visit japc.org.



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OBITUARIES

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

Marian Clarke Droll

Marian Clarke Droll died Friday, March 22, 2019, with her loving family at her side, in the home she had loved more than 50 years.

Mrs. Droll was born and raised in Muncie, Ind., with her parents, Harold and Marguerite, and sister, Martha. Marian attended DePauw University in Green Castle, Ind., before moving to Grosse Pointe.

As a single mother of four, Marian began a career in public relations. An intelligent and gifted writer, she excelled in communications. Much of her career was spent writing speeches for many dignitaries from Washington, D.C., to Texas. She served in the White House as a speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan, Attorney General Edwin Meese and others. A white-knuckle airline passenger, she rode the bus from Detroit to her job in D.C., bi-monthly, after her parents moved to Grosse Pointe to assist with the girls.

Her family was the primary focus of Marian's life. She succeeded in attending almost all athletic events or functions of each of her children and grandchildren. A devoted and caring mother, grandmother and friend, Marian's capacity for expressing love and kindness was extraordinary. She cared passionately for animals and her home was a safe haven for rescued and adopted stray dogs and cats. She nursed countless beloved animals back to health. Friends were known to say, in their next life, they hoped to return as one of Marian's pets.

With her wide grin, accompanied by wry humor and an infectious laugh, Marian's is a flame that will long be lit. She was filled with love and devotion to her family, friends and church. Her brilliant mind opened doors unavailable to most and afforded her a world of experiences and knowledge. Marian's legacies of friendship and love are her gifts to those who were privileged to be a part of her life.

Marian is survived by her daughters, Cindy Dirksen, Stacy Fornell (Eric), Jennifer Stormes (Ben) and Kristin Whitney (Rick) and cherished grandchildren, Brooke, Clarke and Scott Dirksen, Alison (Brendan), Oliver and Peter Fornell, Ben and Mark Stormes and Hugh, Elise and Hope Whitney.

She was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Marguerite Clarke and sister, Martha.

A funeral mass was celebrated March 27 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20204 Harper Woods, MI 48225 or the Children's Center of Detroit, 79 W. Alexandrine St., Detroit, MI 48201.

Rodger Thomas Sulad

Rodger Thomas Sulad, 88, died Thursday, March 21, 2019, after a valiant struggle with multiple health issues.

Born Jan. 23, 1931, the eldest child of Conrad and Bernice Sulad, Rodger leaves behind his wife of almost 40 years, Darlene; son, Jeffrey; daughter, Carole (Cindy), as well as his sister, Diana West. His sister, Madeleine Sulad, predeceased him.

Rodger was active in his career, church and community. He earned degrees from Michigan State University, Wayne State University and University of Michigan. He was a teacher, coach and counselor, then became a school administrator in Warren Woods Public Schools, retiring after 35 years of service. After retirement, he worked at Wayne State nine years in its teacher training program.

Rodger loved tennis, which he learned from his father at Indian Village Tennis Club. Rodger quickly became proficient at the game, winning nearly every tournament he entered at IVTC. He served as the club's treasurer and president and had many good times at IVTC, which he and Darlene supported both socially and financially.

Rodger was a member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, where he held many positions of leadership, including the church's moderator. Until recently, he rarely missed a Sunday service.

He was a past president of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and especially enjoyed singing in the chorus. Up until the past few months, Rodger was an enthusiastic singer.

Rodger and Darlene were members of the Nomads Travel Club and traveled more than 200,000 miles to all parts of the globe. A highlight was a trip around the world in 2004.

Rodger was an active volunteer in the community, including giving time to his church, The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, where he served more than 16 years. In 2004, Services for Older Citizens recognized both him and Darlene for long-term service to the community.

Rodger loved his home, wife and children, and spending time with them. In the summer he enjoyed sitting on the patio looking at the lake and watching Darlene plant flowers. In the cooler months, he was inside cheering on the Michigan Wolverines.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 29, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the church at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Jacob Brown Viglietta

Jacob Brown Viglietta, 17, of Goodyear, Ariz., passed away Sunday, March 17, 2019, in a tragic accident.

He was born Dec. 24, 2001, in Salekhard, Russia, and joined the Viglietta family in Michigan at the age of 13 months. Jacob's infectious smile and playfulness captured their hearts the minute they met him. Jacob loved to play outdoors with the Lyncott kids, especially with "the littles," Delaney and Brendan Gannon. He created lifelong friendships with Joel Walker and Luke Rop.

In Arizona, Jacob became best of friends with Josh Pennartz. They built gaming computers together and spent many hours — too many according to his parents — playing video games together. Jacob enjoyed being a member of the Estrella Foothills High School cross-country team. He was passionate about snowboarding, swimming and video games.

Jacob was a quiet, gentle soul. He loved his three cats, Sadie, Trouble and Lucy. As a typical teenager, he preferred sports and gaming to homework and haircuts. He was fortunate to have so many people who loved him. His village included the Morenos, the Svetzes, Mari Hammond, Florida, the Pallantes, the Walkers, Sheila Keeley and "Mr. Bill" and the Seyferth family.

Jacob is survived by his parents, Gene and Mary (nee Fisher) Viglietta; siblings, Benedict Viglietta (Crystal), Matthew Viglietta and Bethany Shivvers (K'Leb); nephew, Ben Viglietta; nieces, Kaitlynn Shivvers and Sarah Viglietta Spencer; maternal grandparents, Sandy and Walter Fisher; aunts and uncles, Liz Pallante (Marty), Lewis Fisher (Jody), Walter Fisher (Lori), Chris Fisher (Amy), Ben Viglietta (Terri), Tony Viglietta (Martha), Joe Viglietta (Fifita), Ted Viglietta (Camille), Peter Viglietta (AnnaMarie), Sue Arthur (Scot), Rose Carpenter (Bruce), Pat Viglietta, Sarah Boser (Robert), Lilly Williams, Jeanne Darby (Brian), Marion Embry (the late John); and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Ben and Marion Viglietta, and dear friend, Sue Johnson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 25 in Goodyear. A memorial service will be held in North Muskegon at a future date.

For an update on services in Michigan and to leave condolences for the family, visit thompsonfuneralchapel.com.

Donations may be made to the Estrella Foothills High School Cross Country Team, 13033 S. Estrella Parkway, Goodyear, AZ 85338.



Marian Clarke Droll



Rodger Thomas Sulad



Jacob Brown Viglietta

Anne Hennessy Boyle

Anne Hennessy Boyle died peacefully Thursday, March 21, 2019.

She was born Anne Hennessy Feb. 16, 1925, in Cork City, Ireland. She mastered Gaelic in school, as she studied in both English and Gaelic. She eventually earned her Fainne pin, signifying Gaelic fluency, and earned scholastic honors in geography and French. Anne attended boarding school in Dublin during World War II. After the war, Anne studied at St. Catherine's College, Sion Hill, Dublin, and earned her teaching credentials. As a student, she and thousands of other students spent weeks in the summers living in the Gaelic-speaking part of the country, polishing their conversational Gaelic. Being a true daughter of Cork, she elected to spend her time in West Cork, honing her language skill, and enjoying the distractions of an idyllic environment.

One person she met in West Cork was a young man serving in the Irish police service. That young man, Kevin Boyle, originally from Donegal, also studied Gaelic in school and was fluent, albeit, as Anne would later note, with a "northern" accent. His Gaelic fluency earned him the police assignment to scenic West Cork, filled in the summers with many young people his own age. Anne and Kevin began dating. Their relationship continued through their time in Ireland and ultimately to the United States.

Following graduation from college, Anne took a position teaching at the School of Commerce in Cork City and her relationship with Kevin Boyle became a commuter relationship for a while. They decided to move to the United States. Kevin moved first and Anne soon followed.

Anne arrived in New York May 15, 1954, then moved right on to Detroit, where she met up as planned with Kevin Boyle. They set about getting established in their new city. By November 1954, Anne obtained approval to teach in the Detroit Public School system, where she worked as a roving substitute. She particularly liked the time she spent teaching at Cass Technical High School.

Anne and Kevin married Jan. 4, 1955. At first, they lived on the westside of Detroit. They soon moved to the eastside, where Kevin became a bank branch manager. Anne eventually began teaching eighth grade at Queen of Peace School in Harper Woods. Anne and Kevin remained committed eastsiders and Grosse Pointers thereafter.

Anne and Kevin had



Anne Hennessy Boyle



Betty Lou Sulfridge

Betty Lou Sulfridge

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Betty Lou Sulfridge, 91, passed away Friday, March 8, 2019, in Punta Gorda, Fla., where she was living.

Betty Lou was born in Benton Harbor to Samuel Colvin and Marguerite Colvin and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kalamazoo College in 1949 and a Master of Arts degree in 1952 from Wayne State University, with additional graduate studies at the University of Michigan in 1964.

She worked 22 years as a school psychologist with the East Detroit Public School system. She also served as a psychologist with the Detroit Cerebral Palsy Center, Wayne County Clinic for Child Study, Children's Aid and Family Service of Macomb County and Macomb County Juvenile Court.

Betty Lou enjoyed singing, sailing, travel, promoting public education and expanding opportunities for women. She was a member of the American Association of University Women St. Clair Shores and Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte branches, Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, Lake Shore Sail Club, League of Women Voters and Charlotte County Council on Aging.

Betty Lou is survived by her daughter, Nancy E. Sulfridge (Kenneth Bryson); son, David L. Sulfridge (Elizabeth); grandchildren, Steven Sulfridge and Susan Sulfridge and great-grandchild, Cohen Koncar.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, David W. Sulfridge; sister, Nancy Mills and brother, Jack Colvin.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 7, at Emerald Pointe Yacht Club, 25188 Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda.

Donations may be made to Kalamazoo College Fund/Scholarships, Kalamazoo College, 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006-3295 or AAUW PGPC Scholarship Fund, c/o Mary Fleenor, 2817 Sancho Panza, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk

Lent: Springtime in faith

Spring 2019 has arrived. Daylight savings time too. I believe I speak for most of us that these are welcome signs that the cold days of winter are behind us and the reawakening of nature has begun. The season change from winter to spring correlates with the liturgical season of Lent. One can draw a comparison to what is happening in our faith journey.

During Lent, we are called to change, to reflect and conduct a self-examination. That call is a challenge to awaken within us those moments, those places, this "stuff" that lays dormant, that clutters our hearts and souls, and to point our world to our savior. But it also calls us to step out of our comfort zone and be present, be the Good Samaritan to those who are in need, suffering, those ... forgotten. So, we are invited to embrace the three pillars of Lent — which are prayer, almsgiving and fasting — to seek opportunities to actively and intentionally respond to this Lenten invitation to be transformed to bring about new life.

The members of the Grosse Pointe

Ministerial Association provide a community-wide opportunity to practice this together on Good Friday when we gather in faith and walk the Stations in the Street. As we move collectively down Kercheval Avenue, carrying the cross from station to station, we meditate on the final days of the life of Jesus Christ and what his death meant for us. At each station a reflection that connects the suffering of Jesus to a contemporary situation is read. Topics vary from human trafficking and abuse to the needs of our senior population. We pray for our community and those suffering that their burden be lifted.

This will be the fourth year we have hosted the event. We hope you will join us on Friday, April 19, at 3 p.m. The route begins at the corner of Kercheval and Fisher and extends to Neff Road.

May the season of Lent, this springtime of our faith, renew in each of us a desire to be changed and be the agents of new life.

Kowalczyk is the pastor at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

CHURCH EVENTS

United Methodist

For its Lenten Music Sunday, the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Chancel Choir present the cantata "The Body of Christ," by Pepper Choplin, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, March 31. Consisting of readings and songs, "The Body of Christ" is a retelling of the final days of Jesus' life on Earth, bringing out the meaning of Christ's words and actions leading to the cross. The community is invited. The church is located at 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 886-2363.

Woods Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents a Lenten worship ser-

vice with "Requiem," by Gabriel Faure, performed by the Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31. For information, call (313) 886-4301.

Redeemer United Methodist

Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods, hosts a pancake and sausage breakfast 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, as a fundraiser for the Harper Woods K-9 Program. Admission is by voluntary donation. The event includes a gift card raffle.

The church celebrates 75 years of faith and service Sunday, April 28, beginning with coffee hour at 10 a.m., followed by a celebration service at 11 a.m. and a catered meal at 12:30 p.m.

For more details, call

the church office at (313) 884-2035.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover at a Family Seder for members and their guests Saturday, April 20.

It is at the Seder, the festive meal, where the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt is told. The Seder also is a celebration of the importance of religious freedom.

The council strives to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of the Jewish religion and culture and provide an educational and social forum for members. This includes a Sunday School for students, adult education classes and religious services throughout the year and on the High Holidays. For membership, call (313) 882-6700.

St. Paul Evangelical

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

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

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

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

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

OBITUARIES:

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Patricia Ann Kennary

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Patricia Ann Kennary, 86, passed peacefully and fittingly on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, 2019, at her home in ShorePointe Village in St. Clair Shores, after having been tended to by many loving family members and caregivers over the prior two weeks.

Born Feb. 24, 1933, in Detroit, Pat graduated from Dominican High School in Detroit and Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, with a degree in nursing. After working at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Pat joined the Air Force as a flight nurse during the early years of the Vietnam War. While with the Air Force, Pat saw two Vietnam tours, first in Japan, then

Thailand. Stateside, she served at military hospitals in Georgia, Texas, northern Michigan and Illinois. After her retirement from the USAF, Pat lived in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, worked at Detroit area hospitals and nursing care centers and enjoyed the company of her large extended family.

Pat is survived by her brothers, Timothy P. Kennary of Detroit and Dr. William G. Kennary of Johnson City, Tenn., and sisters, Kathleen K. Montagne of Grosse Pointe Park and R. Sheila Kennary of Ludington. Although Pat never had children of her own, she had 10 nieces and nephews, 24 great-nieces and great-nephews and one great-great-niece who all lovingly called her "Aunt Patsy."

Pat was predeceased by her parents, Dr. James M. and Rosemary Kennary, and brothers, Dr. James M. Kennary Jr. and Thomas M. Kennary.

A memorial service is planned for Memorial Day weekend 2019, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Pat's family would like to recognize and thank Dr. Sudha Nannapaneni and the caregivers at ShorePointe Village and Seasons Hospice for the kindness and compassionate care they gave her. She loved them dearly.

David White

David White, 95, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Born in Detroit, Dave was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods and Hillsboro Beach, Fla. He and his wife, Tish, were married 67 years before her passing in 2012.

Dave was a University of Michigan alum and a U.S. Navy veteran serving as a naval aviator and flight instructor during



Patricia Ann Kennary



David White

World War II and beyond. Lt. White piloted many types of planes from several different aircraft carriers. While on duty at Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale, Dave was involved in the search for Flight 19, the Lost Squadron on Dec. 5, 1945. After leaving the Navy, he started a pension plan and insurance firm in Michigan.


Dave, an officer, gentleman, wonderful husband and terrific father, was predeceased by his

wife, Tish, and son, Rick. He is survived by his sons, Randal and Brad.

A military service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum located on the west side of Fort Lauderdale International Airport, 4000 W. Perimeter Road, Fort Lauderdale. (954) 359-4400.

Donations may be made to the museum in honor of David White at nasflmuseum.com.

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Tickets to Books on the Lake on sale April 6

Three award-winning authors — Desiree Cooper, Lillian Li and Maria Semple — will speak at the 2019 Books on the Lake, scheduled Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4.

“We’ve modified the format this year to accommodate more people,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “On Friday, May 3, we’re hav-

ing a panel discussion with all three authors at the Pierce Middle School auditorium.”

The traditional luncheon with the authors takes place Saturday, May 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The cost of the Friday night event is \$10 and Saturday luncheon tickets are \$40 each. Tickets on sale Saturday,

April 6.

Local author Cooper is a 2015 Kresge Artist Fellow, former attorney, Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist and community activist. A sought-after creative writing instructor, she conducts readings from her award-winning flash-fiction collection, “Know the Mother,” which was published by Wayne State

University Press in March 2016.

Li, author of “Number One Chinese Restaurant: A Novel,” is a resident of Ann Arbor. This debut novel was inspired by her waitressing experience and centers on the complicated lives and loves of people working at the fictional Beijing Duck House. Li was described as a “striking

new literary talent” and her book was featured in the best-of-the-season lists of The Wall Street Journal, Cosmopolitan, Time, The Millions and Bookbub.

This year’s national bestselling author is Semple, whose novels include “This One is Mine,” “Where’d You Go, Bernadette” and “Today Will Be Different.”

“Where’d You Go, Bernadette” was translated into 18 languages, spent a year on the New York Times bestseller list, won the American Library Association’s Alex Award, was short-listed for the Women’s Prize for Fiction and will be a major motion picture, starring Cate Blanchett, in August 2019.

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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils pre-season No. 1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

They are No. 1 in the Division 1 pre-season girls tennis rankings.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski has his Grosse Pointe South team poised to battle in early June for a shot at the title at the Greater Midland Tennis Center.

In order to claim the title, the Blue Devils have to beat solid programs such as Bloomfield Hills, Northville,

Midland Dow, Troy, Ann Arbor Huron and others.

"The girls have the talent to do great things this season, but they know they have to work hard and want it," Sobieralski said. "We have high goals and we have the talent to win it."

Last weekend South opened its season with a 2-0-1 showing in the Allen Park Invitational.

The Blue Devils beat Allen Park and Grosse Ile 7-1, and tied Birmingham Marian 4-4.

Winning their three singles matches were Laurel Sullivan and Moira Hix at No. 2 and No. 4 flights. Gigi Bonnell was 2-1 at No. 3 singles, and Molly Wysocki, filling in for Lily Jones at No. 1, finished 0-3 with three close battles.

Kate Beardslee and Maddie Hurley finished 3-0 at No. 1 doubles, and at No. 4 doubles Mairin Heimbuch and Meghan Wysocki also finished 3-0.

Anna Dietz and Claire Beardslee finished 2-1 at No. 2 doubles, while Kaitlin Ifkovits and Alex Walz finished 2-1 at No. 3 doubles.

The Blue Devils' junior varsity team also is talented, so the varsity squad should be solid again in 2020.

The Blue Devils are coming off a productive 2018 season in which they earned 20 points to place fourth in the state finals, plus won a regional crown. They also won

another Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season crown with a 4-0 mark.

This spring, the Blue Devils face Utica Eisenhower, Port Huron Northern, Romeo and St. Clair in Red Division matches.

In non-league action, Sobieralski scheduled Huron, Farmington Hills Mercy, Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield Hills, Novi, Plymouth and Marian, plus has his squad in five quads.

"I give the girls a break for spring break because when we come back the season is really condensed in only five weeks," Sobieralski said.

South hosts a regional tournament Thursday, May 16, and competing teams are Fraser, Southfield A&T, Sterling Heights, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy, Troy Athens, Warren Cousino and Warren Mott.

The state finals are set for Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1.

Boys lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team opened its season last week, beating visiting Novi 7-3.

"It was rough tonight, but it was exactly what we needed to start the year, a 7-3 victory, I'll take it," said second-year head coach Justin Macksoud. "I'm extremely excited about this year. We have a senior heavy squad (20 of 30 players are seniors) back from last year's 8-7 team."

In the opener, Novi grabbed a 2-1 lead after the first quarter, and it was tied 3-3 at the half.

Senior Miles Dingeman, Jacob Adams and Mickey Kuchta scored for the Blue Devils.

It was all Blue Devils in the second half. They carried the play on the offensive end, while the defense and goaltender, senior John Coyle, were also rock solid.

In the third quarter, Adams and senior James Rauh scored to give the home team a 5-3 lead.

Rauh scored his second goal of the game at

the 8:15 mark of the fourth quarter, and adding an insurance goal was senior Turner Sine at the 6:43 mark.

Macksoud will rely on his senior captains, John Kyle, Kuchta and Dingeman. Other returning attackmen are juniors Chuck Ulbrich and Stuart Standish.

"On midfield, there's truly no way to replace John Schulte and 53 goals from last year, but we have 13 midfielders on the roster and all 13 can beat you one-on-one at any moment," Macksoud said. "We're led at the faceoff x by senior Turner Sine. I believe he only lost one faceoff tonight and had a goal as well. Our midfielders to watch are seniors Jimmy Rauh, Jacob Adams and Adam Ebenhoeh, as well as junior Tommy Cozad and sophomores Henry Shields and Thomas Smith."

Macksoud said his defense is anchored by seniors Sullivan Costa and Collin McQueen, and junior, Henry Coyle. In goal, the Blue Devils feature arguably one of the state's best in John Coyle. He is a returning



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Thomas Smith, No. 3, looks to pass in the attack zone during the Blue Devils' win over Novi.

All-State player.

"I see this being a good year for us, but we need to get past these first five games before we can get into the Macomb Area Conference Red schedule," Macksoud said. "I'm hoping to win the conference this year, but you can never count out North, Eisenhower or Romeo."

"As far as the region goes, we are in the state's toughest region for the second straight year. The top five seeds out of the eight regional teams will be decided by Brother Rice, U-D Jesuit, Birmingham Seaholm,

Troy Athens and us. Not exactly an easy road to the quarterfinals."

Other members of the varsity are seniors Zachary Heimbuch, John Swegles, Andrew Vyletel, Dennis Wyatt, Arif Ulku, Cameron Sine, Dylan Miller, Thomas Bsharah and John Poplawski; juniors Joseph Pacifici, Nikola Bogoevich and Alexander Stapleton; and sophomores Miles Wujek and Andrew Turnbull.

South dropped to 1-1 overall with a 7-4 loss to host Northville last weekend.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen beat LC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys lacrosse team got things started on the right foot last weekend, beating host L'Anse Creuse 12-2.

Senior Connor Obermok led the Norsemen with four goals and three assists for a seven-point night.

Junior Will Weiss had two goals and two assists, while freshman Jason Michalski had two goals and one assist.

Senior Will Sottrel also had two goals as the Norsemen cruised to the non-league victory over the Lancers.

Others with one goal were senior Gianni Moro and sophomore Ethan McCormick.

Junior Joey Kettler, sophomore Dylan Holman and freshman Mitchell Mills chipped in with one assist apiece to help Grosse Pointe North move to 1-0 overall.

Head coach Mark Seppala has led the Norsemen to back-to-back Macomb Area Conference Red Division titles, going 6-0 each season.

Once again their division foes are Romeo, Utica Eisenhower and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

Last season the Norsemen beat city rival University Liggett School in a Division 2 regional final and then made the Final Four with a 10-9 victory over Tecumseh in the quarterfinals.

They ended the season with a 16-3 loss to state champ East Grand Rapids.

Seppala has turned the Norsemen into a consistent winner, and that should continue.

They also play Northville, L'Anse Creuse North, Ford, U-D Jesuit, Country Day, Lake Orion, Midland Dow, Skyline, Bloomfield Hills and ULS.

Swimming

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Young excels

The Eastern Michigan University swimming and diving team kicked off Mid-American Conference Swimming and Diving Championship competition Wednesday, Feb. 27, inside Ocasek Natatorium on the campus of the University of Akron.

EMU started its chase for its first conference title since 2007 with a second-place 200-individual medley relay finish, sitting tied for second place overall after the first two events of the championship.

The Green and White's 200 IM relay

squad of junior Claire Young, a Grosse Pointe South alumna, and seniors Delaney Duncan, Dora Vrcic and Stephanie Johnston touched the wall in just 1:38.48, besting their seed time by more than a second. Young marked a career-best 50-meter backstroke performance in the Eagles' relay effort as she recorded a time of 24.90, more than 0.2 seconds better than her previous top effort.

Akron led the team standings with 80 points, followed by EMU and Buffalo with 64.



South's Miles Dingeman launches a shot that scored in the first half of the Blue Devils' season opener against Novi.

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College signing

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Collegiate rower

Grosse Pointe North senior Jillian Peters, center, recently signed a national letter of intent to row for the women's team at Duquesne University for head coach Jenn Langzettel. Joining her at the signing were her parents, Diane and Wayne Peters. The Dukes is a NCAA Division I member of the Atlantic 10 conference. Peters is a member of the Detroit Boat Club, and joins a list of dozens of former members who have gone on to compete at the college level.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK by Bob St. John

Tigers rebuilding

Another spring is upon us and that means it is time for Detroit Tigers baseball.

There is nothing that signifies spring more than Tigers baseball. With Dan Dickerson and Jim Price calling the games on the radio, and newcomer Matt Shepard, alongside Kirk Gibson, Jack Morris, Dan Petry and Craig Monroe on the television side.

I can't wait to attend a few games this summer. The smell of hot dogs, peanuts and roasted almonds makes my mouth water. For me, there is nothing better than sitting at Comerica Park with my family members taking in a Tigers game.

It's going to be another rebuilding year for the Tigers, but I think it's one of promise and growth of the younger players who will be the key to the franchise's success in the future.

Many national baseball analysts have the Tigers losing 100 games. If the young guys play better than expected, I think they can win 75 games. If they struggle, they might lose close to 100.

One key to the success is a healthy Miguel Cabrera. His absence in the middle of the lineup was felt as they struggled to score runs. He enters the 2019 season healthy and ready to contribute.

Another key is the signing of free-agent infielders Jordy Mercer and Josh Harrison. Both played the last few seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates and are familiar with each other when they started at second base and shortstop.

Jeimer Candelario is at third and the outfield consists of Christin Stewart, JaCoby Jones and Nicholas Castellanos. John Hicks is in the mix, too, and he can play first, DH and catch.

Grayson Greiner, another rookie, is the starting catcher. Others who will see playing time are Niko Goodrum, Mikie Mahtook, Victor Reyes and Gordon Beckham.

In the starting rotation, Jordan Zimmerman looks for a bounce-back season. He joins Matt Boyd, Tyson Ross, Matt Moore and Daniel Norris. Michael Fulmer, who the Tigers were counting on to win a lot of games, is lost for the season with an injury.

Shane Greene is the closer and the main set-up guy is Joe Jimenez. Also look for Buck Farmer, Blaine Hardy, Daniel Stumpf and Zac Reininger to come out of the bullpen.

Detroit gets 76 division games against defending champ Cleveland, upstart Minnesota and Chicago, and struggling Kansas City. I give them a fourth-

place finish with Kansas City in the basement.

The American League is top-heavy with New York, Boston, Cleveland and Houston as World Series contenders. Look for Tampa Bay, Minnesota, Oakland and Los Angeles to duke it out for the final Wild Card spot with the first slot going to either Boston or New York.

In Interleague play, the Tigers face Pittsburgh (twice), Philadelphia (twice), Miami, the New York Mets, Atlanta and Washington.

The Tigers start the season in Toronto Thursday, March 28, through Sunday, March 31, for a four-game series before heading to the Yankees for three games.

The game one opener is set for 3:37 p.m. and pits Zimmerman against Marcus Stroman.

The rest of the series matchups are Boyd vs. Matt Shoemaker; rookie Spencer Turnbull vs. Aaron Sanchez; and Moore vs. Clayton Richard.

The home opener at Comerica Park is Thursday, April 4, at 1:10 p.m. against Kansas City.

My prediction for the season is 72-90. Cleveland wins the Central Division at 94-68, followed by Minnesota at 90-72, Chicago at 78-84, Detroit at 75-87 and Kansas City at 70-92.

Track & field

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen open season with success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North junior Zoe Madden earned first place in the long jump in last weekend's EMU Huron Relays at Bowen Fieldhouse on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

Madden had a jump of 17-feet, 3 1/4-inches, and sophomore Annaliese Thomas was 21st with a mark of 14-feet, 4 1/4-inches.

Madden also made the finals of the 60-meter dash, taking 16th with a time of 8.54. Seniors Kenny Williams and Walter Walker competed for the boys, finishing 39th and 45th with times of 7.86 and 8.05.

In the 1,600-meter run, the Norsemen were led

by senior Kuvin Satyadev, who was seventh with a time of 4:36.67, and sophomore Preston Navarre placed 18th at 4:52.21.

For the girls, junior Elise Nyquist and senior Sarah Seagram finished 11th and 19th with times of 5:48.90 and 6:09.12.

Senior Zac Ozormoor made the finals of the 60-meter hurdles, placing 6th with a time of 8.76. Sophomore Andrew Peabody was 38th with a time of 11.31.

In the shot put, sophomore Tiara Cherry was seventh for the girls with a mark of 31-feet, 11 1/2-inches, and for the boys senior Zach Hogrebe was 25th at 35-feet, 1 1/2-inches.

Sophomore Cate Gagnier was seventh in

the pole vault, clearing 8-feet, 6-inches, while juniors Tessa Bessette and Eric Cueter didn't register a qualifying height.

In the 800-meter relay, the girls placed 13th and the boys 18th with times of 1:58.59 and 1:42.06, and the girls placed seventh and 15th with times of 10:44.04 and 4:43.04.

The boys placed 17th and 20th in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter relays, finishing with times of 9:13.38 and 3:51.50.

The meet also held a long- and middle-distance relay with competitors running 1,200-, 400-, 800- and 1,600-meters.

The boys placed third with a time of 11:05.55, and the girls were ninth with a time of 14:25.27.

Girls lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Coach happy with team's potential

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Despite the cold temperature and windy conditions, the Grosse Pointe North girls lacrosse team opened its season last weekend, losing 16-4 to visiting Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

The Norsemen played well early, leading 3-1, before Stoney Creek ended the half with a 7-0 run to lead 8-3.

They scored early in the second half to stretch the advantage to 10-3 and the Norsemen never recovered.

"We were really playing well in the first half, especially early in the game," head coach Lauren Nixon said. "We

have to work on playing two solid halves each game. We had the same problem last year. We played well in the first half and psyched ourselves out in the second half.

"We can't have that this season."

Karina Nahra scored two goals to lead the Norsemen. Lainey Aldridge and Zoe Thompson had one goal apiece.

Madalyn Durkee was in goal, stopping 12 shots. She is in for the injured starter, Ally Saigh.

The Norsemen struggled last season, but greener pastures are ahead.

Nixon's other varsity players are Isabel

Weber-Alatorre, Alexis Poulos, Kennedi Batts-Davis, Meaghan McSkimming, Linda Berisha, Isabelle Welke, Morgan Semack, Madeline Dodenhoff, Darianna Gantt, Emma Burney, Brittney Miller, Eva Jones, Emma Andreoli, Demari Foster, Katerina Ropotos and Charity Fells.

The Norsemen's remaining schedule consists of Dearborn Divine Child, Utica Ford (twice), Grosse Pointe South (twice), Detroit Country Day, Utica Eisenhower (twice), Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Farmington Hills Harrison, Troy Athens, Regina and University Liggett School.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils drop opener to Utica

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls soccer team opened its 2019 campaign last weekend, losing at home 3-0 to Utica.

It was a cold, windy evening with temps in the high 30s and with the winds it felt more like 25.

Head coach Chris Bolio and his Blue Devils had scoring chances, but couldn't get on to the back of the net.

The Chieftains scored off a corner kick in the first 10 minutes of the first half, and added a goal at the 34:07 and 16:29 marks of the second half.

The Blue Devils finished 6-10-2 last season,

including 1-6-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

This season, the Blue Devils' MAC Red Division foes are Utica Eisenhower, Macomb Dakota, Anchor Bay, Utica Ford and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

The seniors on this year's varsity squad are Abigail Carolan, Sarah Carr, Margaux Flournoy, Gwyneth Tiderington, Katherine Costello and Lily Adams.

Bolio has a lot of underclassmen, including juniors Hanna Ottaway, Sophia Stann, Jordan Zak and Anna Brieden.

Sophomores are Kennedy Mason, Anne

Reid, Cameron Lundh, Christina Ibanez-Merino, Sarah Rogers, Miranda Ostrowski, Jennifer Crowley and Cailee Corsentino.

Olivia Frye is the lone freshman on the team.

The rest of the Blue Devils' non-league foes are Fraser, Warren Cousino, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Almont, University Liggett School and St. Clair.

This season the Blue Devils head to Dearborn Edsel Ford for the district tournament. Opponents are Dearborn, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Western International, host Edsel Ford and Grosse Pointe North.

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