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As the snow melts and ground thaws, cities are beginning to prepare for annual roadwork across the communities.

Orange cones migrating north

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK, CITY AND FARMS — There are two seasons in Michigan, as the saying goes: winter and construction.

With the former officially ending last month, cities are prepping for 2019 roadwork.

The Park and City expect work on Cadieux between Mack and Kercheval to begin in June or July, after school lets out for summer and DTE Energy finishes its gas main replacement project, currently in progress on the stretch.

The Park received a federal road grant to resurface both sides of Cadieux. The project includes milling and resurfacing the road, with new curbs and gutters, drainage repairs and upgraded sidewalk

ramps and pavement markings to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The project costs a total of \$555,000, with the Park paying approximately \$101,000.

The Park also plans to complete projects postponed last year after the late-year labor dispute, which affected much of southeast Michigan. Berkshire between Kercheval and Mack, Yorkshire between Jefferson and Vernor and Grayton between St. Paul and Mack all received base layers before last year's work stoppage and will be completed this year.

Also on the list for the Park are Balfour; Devonshire between Jefferson and St. Paul and between Charlevoix and Mack; Whittier;

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Promoting shopping, foot traffic

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Signs and banners posted this week along Mack Avenue announce an initiative to direct shopping and foot traffic to businesses in the Woods.

Local real estate professionals and Woods residents Donna O'Keefe and Mary Rogers launched Avenue in the Woods last fall to pro-

mote Woods retailers and service providers along Mack.

"We just wanted to get the Woods — where we live — more desirable as a shopping area and business district," O'Keefe told the Grosse Pointe News.

She said approximately 50 businesses joined the 501(c)3 association she and Rogers launched six months ago. Members are "a mixed assortment," including a bank and

several retailers and service providers, such as dentists and an audiologist.

"We've done a lot in six months," O'Keefe said. "Right now the focus is getting members to join."

Annual membership costs \$100. "Members must have a brick and mortar building in the Woods," O'Keefe said. Member businesses

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In 1994, Michigan voters approved Proposal A, which drastically changed how schools were funded statewide. The resulting per-pupil funding system put a squeeze on school districts' budgets across the state as enrollment declined.

School funding: How we got here

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

In early 1994, then-Gov. John Engler came to Grosse Pointe Woods to stump for his new school funding proposal. It would be "good for Grosse Pointe," he told a crowd of approximately

100 people, as reported by the Grosse Pointe News.

The proposal promised to lower property taxes and increase school funding. Up until that point, school funding was controlled locally, with school systems requesting millages from their local tax

base. If the local school system came on tough times, it could go to the taxpayers and ask for money to make up the difference.

The results — much to the chagrin of homeowners — often were higher property taxes. The state average for school fund-

ing in 1994 was 34 mills for homestead properties.

The state legislature and governor decided to act in 1993 and eliminated property taxes tied to local school funding.

This forced the legislature to find a new way to fund

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Little League proposes new concession stand

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Youth baseball players and fans may enjoy a significant upgrade to concession services at Ghesquiere Park.

Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League President Melissa Champine presented a proposed redesign of the conces-

sion facility to city council during its committee of the whole meeting Monday, March 25.

Champine told the Grosse Pointe News the league is gathering additional information for the city, so the proposal can be put on the floor for council approval during its meeting Monday, April 15.

This reconstruction project is

projected to begin before the start of the 2019 baseball season. The league would use a modified trailer for concession services until the new facility is completed.

Per the proposed design, the second floor of the concession facility would no longer be used for broadcasting games, as in the previous building, but instead be used as a storage

space. The second floor, therefore, would not require Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility.

Games would be broadcast from a table behind the backstop, Champine told council.

City Administrator Bruce Smith and Director of Public Services Frank Schulte agreed

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Cait Gaitley

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
 All-Conference lacrosse player at Albion College, now mentor as a high school head coach



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The Avenue in the Woods Business Association's Hop Down the Avenue is the nonprofit group's first promotion to increase shopping and foot traffic in the Woods business district.

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cannot be online or home-based. Since launching the association in the fall, O'Keefe and Rogers worked to build membership and plan promotions with an eight-member board of Woods business owners.

"The goal is to turn (the association) over to the business owners, for it to be completely run by the business owners," O'Keefe said.

During the Woods city council committee of the whole meeting Monday, March 25, the association gained approval to hang "Avenue in the Woods" banners within Woods boundaries along Mack. Monday, April 1, and Tuesday, April 2, the banners

were installed, using existing brackets used previously by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Council also granted the association permission to hold meetings in Cook Schoolhouse at no cost, as long as the meetings do not interfere with the city's use of the facility.

April 1 also kicked off the association's first promotion. Hop Down the Avenue runs through Saturday, April 20. Participating members display a pink or blue bunny in a window, signaling the business is offering "some sort of gift basket or prize," O'Keefe said.

The association's next promotion will involve decorative spring flowers, O'Keefe added. Consumers can expect the association to offer another significant promotion in the fall.

Peter Cottontail hops into town

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK, CITY AND FARMS — Break out the pastel colors; it's Eastertime.

To celebrate the spring holiday, cities are hosting a number of events so local kids can get their early-year sugar rushes.

Park

For the second year, the Park is bringing back its popular Marshmallow Drop Saturday, April 13. Sponsored by DTE Energy, the event features marshmallows dropped from the sky by helicopter at Patterson Park, 16006 Essex.

The drop is open to Park children ages 1 to 10 years old. Registration is required and can be done at the Lavins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr. Cost is \$10 per child.

There will be two drops with children separated by age. The drop for ages 1 to 5 occurs at noon and ages 6 to 10 run after their sugary treats at 12:30 p.m.

Included with the marshmallows will be five golden eggs for each age group and those who collect them will receive additional prizes. However, every child will go home with a goodie bag after turning in their collected marshmallows.

During the event, the Easter Bunny also will make its rounds for photos and there will be camel rides, a petting zoo and pony cart rides.

According to Parks and Recreation Supervisor Chad Craig, the event sold out last year at 300 kids and he expects the event to sell out again. Registration is open until Friday, April 12, or until the event sells out.

For more information, visit grossepointepark.org.

City

The City hosts its annual Spring Egg Hunt at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18. The City's children will have the opportunity to collect Easter eggs at Neff Park, 17150 E. Jefferson, to redeem for goodie bags. Golden eggs also will be hidden throughout the park

for special bonus prizes. Cost is \$5 per child and park passes are required for entry.

The event also features Peter Cottontail and a magician.

Bags to collect the eggs will be provided and no outside bags are allowed.

For more information, visit grossepointecity.org.

Farms

At 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13, the Farms hosts its Egg Hunt at Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore.

Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Galatis suggests families arrive by 9:45 a.m. as the egg hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. There also will be chocolate Easter bunnies for the first 250 kids.

Easter baskets will not be provided, so parents should remember to bring one.

The Easter Bunny also makes an appearance to take photos with kids.

The event will go on in rain, shine or snow and is open to Farms residents and their guests.

For more information, visit grossepointefarms.org.

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schools. They eventually came up with Proposal A to send to voters.

On March 15, 1994, the state voted.

It passed resoundingly throughout the state and Grosse Pointe. More than 77 percent of Grosse Pointers voted "yes," as well as 69 percent statewide.

The affirmative vote meant an increase in sales tax from 4 to 6 percent, as well as increases in taxes for cigarettes and other tobacco products, to be used for the school-aid fund, among other increases in tax revenue.

A new property tax was established to be used for school funding; 6 mills

would be assessed for homestead properties and 18 mills for non-homestead properties — a significant decrease for homeowners. That money would be sent to the state to be reallocated on a per-pupil basis, also called a district's foundation allowance.

The change in school funding meant local control of general operations funding was taken away.

The state established three levels of funding: minimum, basic and maximum.

The minimum is the smallest amount a school district is allocated per pupil and brought up the lowest-funded schools to a base amount. The basic foundation allowance is the goal amount of funding the state set and the

maximum is the most the state will allocate to a school district per pupil.

For fiscal year 2018-19, the minimum funding amount is \$7,871 per pupil, with the basic and maximum at the same level of \$8,409 per student.

School districts which spent more than the maximum foundation allowance per pupil in 1995 — which included Grosse Pointe — were "held harmless" by the state, meaning they could levy local taxes to make up the difference.

Today, that additional local money, however, is the same amount that was levied in the mid-'90s and school districts aren't able to increase the amount or levy additional taxes for general operations. It can

only levy money for its sinking fund, maintenance projects — as was the case for the controversial \$111 million bond vote in November — or debt servicing. The additional "hold harmless" levy also is subject to the Headlee Amendment, which restricts the growth of taxable value of property every year to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

In 1994, GPPSS levied approximately 29 mills for local school funding, which meant about \$8,200 per student. Adjusted for inflation, that would be more than \$14,000 per student in 2018 dollars.

Grosse Pointe currently receives approximately \$7,400 per pupil from the state — the 18-mill non-homestead millage revenue is deducted from the state's allowance — and raises an additional \$1,893 per student with the "hold harmless" mill-

age, bringing the total to a \$10,104 foundation allowance.

Grosse Pointe's foundation allowance is one of the most in the state, but with declining enrollment — not only in Grosse Pointe, but across the state — budget cuts still are necessary, evidenced by the current local discussion of closing schools.

The foundation allowance also can only be used for general operations. This forced GPPSS to request the \$111 million bond last November for deferred maintenance on aging buildings, among other projects not able to be completed using the state's school allowances.

To make up for the funding shortfall and because state funding is based on number of students, some districts have opened their doors and become schools of choice or instituted a tuition-based program for out-of-district students. Schools

of choice have the ability to set the number of students allowed, as well as setting academic and disciplinary restrictions.

The idea of making GPPSS schools of choice has never been popular, with the school board historically unanimously voting against its implementation every year. The school board even briefly floated the idea of charging tuition for out-of-district students as recently as 2017, but it was quickly thrown out.

Next fiscal year, in her executive budget recommendation, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has proposed an overall increase of \$120 per student for Grosse Pointe, bringing the overall foundation allowance to \$10,224. Despite the increase, the school district is expecting to lose approximately \$2 million because of declining enrollment and plans to close schools as a result.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 8, in the Brownell Middle School multipurpose room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information concerning Michigan school funding and Proposal A, visit house.mi.gov/hfa/schoolaid.asp.



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City recognizes officers

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Monday, March 18, Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni honored the department's officers "that put their lives on the line every single day they come to work. You never know what kind of issues they are going to deal with. They come prepared, they're studying and working and training all the time to get those skills improved and we so much appreciate it."

Below are the awards officers earned this year.

Officer of the Year

Detective Sgt. Joseph Adams

"We deliberated and there were several officers that have done an excellent job, as you can see tonight," Poloni said, "but at the end of the day staff got together and went through it and decided undoubtedly Officer Adams deserved the award."

Adams worked in the patrol division as a command officer and assisted in the detective bureau — leading numerous complex investigations that resulted in prosecution and conviction. He also acted as the vehicle maintenance officer and information technology officer.

According to Poloni, Adams comes to work early, stays late and routinely works from home on days off.

"Sgt. Adams demonstrates an unwavering work ethic and commitment to the department and serves as an exam-

ple to everyone around him," Poloni said.

Lifesaving Award

Detective Sgt. Adams and Public Safety Officer Christopher Saunders

Responding to a call of a man not breathing at the BP gas station on Mack, these officers used an AED and performed the Heimlich maneuver on the patient. The officers were able to dislodge food and the man was transported to the hospital for further treatment.

"The quick action of these officers certainly saved the life of this individual," Poloni said.

Public Safety Officers Jacob Carpenter and Kenneth Ayres

Carpenter and Ayres responded to the Neighborhood Club on a report of a man who passed out while exercising.

On arrival, an AED was placed on the subject and shocks were delivered.

"These officers performed CPR on the subject until he began to breathe on his own," Poloni said. "Without their immediate action, the subject's outcome would have been much different."

Public Safety Officers Joshua Ina and Dean Turk

Ina and Turk responded to the 17000 block of St. Paul on a report of an unresponsive passenger in a taxi. Upon arrival the officers observed the man, who was turning blue and foaming at the mouth. Narcan was administered and the man regained consciousness. A syringe also was found in the man's leg and was removed.

Department Citation

Detective Sgt. Adams

Alerted about an identity theft case involving fraudulent credit cards being delivered to a vacant home, Adams set up surveillance and arrested the subject who was picking up the fraudulent cards.

After further investigation involving multiple jurisdictions, it was revealed that employees at a local business were compromising customers' information and applying for the cards.

Public Safety Officer Michael Herrgott

Herrgott responded to the 300 block of University on a report of a suspicious individual in the area. The complainant said the suspect asked for directions, but was concealing something in his clothing and acting suspicious.

Herrgott searched the area and found the man near Kercheval and University.

As Herrgott exited the vehicle, the officer observed the man attempt to conceal an object on his left side and saw the barrel of a shotgun.

Herrgott drew his weapon, ordered the man to the ground and placed him in custody.

It was later revealed the suspect had a history of home invasion, vehicle theft and drug-related crimes.

Department Unit Citation

Deputy Director John Alcorn, Sgts. Michael Almeranti and Christopher Cotzias and Public Safety Officers Saunders and

Turk

After a report of a home invasion and stolen car in the 800 block of Notre Dame, these officers responded to the area of Harper and Cadieux where the vehicle had been sighted. The suspect fled in speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour. Officers lost sight of the vehicle but continued to search the area east of Warren and Cadieux. The vehicle was then observed near Cadieux Cafe and five suspects ran from the vehicle. Officers searched yards and garages until all five suspects were taken into custody.

Deputy Director Alcorn, Detective Sgt. Adams and Grosse Pointe Park Detective Jeremy Pittman

Pittman processed the scene of a home invasion in the 1000 block of Lincoln, later providing identification of the suspect. The officers identified a suspect vehicle and three days later, the Dearborn Police Department notified the City that it was involved in four home invasions in their community. The vehicle was found at 8 Mile near Livernois and surveillance was set up. After a multi-jurisdictional investigation, items were recovered from various pawn shops and eventually a search warrant was obtained. A month later, the suspects were arrested.

While in jail, phone conversations were recorded discussing a van that was impounded and they needed to get it right away. Investigators located the van and



PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Joseph Brennan, back left, with his family and Public Safety Officers Kenneth Ayres and Jacob Carpenter. Ayres and Carpenter were awarded a lifesaving award Monday, March 18, for saving Brennan's life. The officers used an AED and administered CPR after Brennan passed out while exercising at the Neighborhood Club in the City of Grosse Pointe.

found further evidence to incriminate the suspects that had been arrested.

Detective Sgt. Adams and Public Safety Officers Ayres, Saunders and Robert Saleski

Officers located a suspect who fled on foot north of Mack into the city of Detroit, after responding to a report of a suspicious person in the area where a larceny occurred. The officers quickly set up a perimeter and asked for assistance from area departments. The suspect was apprehended by these officers and was convicted. Due to the arrest, multiple lar-

ceny cases were solved and closed.

MADD Award

Public Safety Officer Jacob Carpenter

Carpenter was awarded the Mothers Against Drunk Driving award for making the most operating while intoxicated arrests in 2018.

"He worked the night shift and was diligent in arresting drunk drivers and making the streets safer for our residents and visitors," said Poloni.

Public Safety Officer Mark Yanis and Sgt. Thomas Martindale also were awarded Chiefs Letters.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board meeting, 7:30 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation meeting, 7 p.m. at Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory meeting, 7 p.m. at Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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the city would maintain the restrooms for use outside baseball activities. Concession and storage spaces would be locked and only open for

Little League use and special events.

Champine added the league will replace the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League sign.

In preparation for the April 15 city council meeting, Champine is

gathering scheduling information for the reconstruction and responding to concerns raised about operations of the temporary concession trailer. Council asked that Champine also provide insurance naming the city as an

additional insured.

Smith told council Building Administrator Gene Tutag has no objections to the league's request. Schulte recommended approval, calling the proposal an improvement to the park.

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Harvard between Jefferson and St. Paul and Bishop between St. Paul and Charlevoix.

South of Jefferson, Barrington, Harcourt, Lakeview Court, Grand Marais and Bedford all are on the list to be resurfaced this year.

Projects are expected to start after DTE Energy gas main replacement work is completed in late summer.

At the same time Cadieux is resurfaced, the City will work along Cadieux and Charlevoix, next to Maire Elementary School, to improve signage and crosswalks around the school and move the sidewalk on Cadieux further away from the busy street, among other improvements.

Last year, the City received a \$89,500 Michigan Department of Transportation grant to improve safety around the elementary school.

Along with relocating the sidewalk 9 feet from the curb, the project includes upgrading crossing signals on

Cadieux and Waterloo to include a countdown and placing signage on Notre Dame, Waterloo and Cadieux. It also includes purchasing additional bike racks and an educational component to promote walking and biking to school by Maire students.

The entire safe routes project is expected to be covered 100 percent by the grant.

The block of Charlevoix between Cadieux and Lorraine also will be done as part of the larger resurfacing project.

Along with the block of Charlevoix, the City also put out to bid resurfacing projects for Maumee between Fisher and Cadieux — except for the block in front of city hall while construction of the new Department of Public Works building is in progress — and Lincoln between Jefferson and just north of Maumee.

The City's 2019 resurfacing projects are estimated to cost just more than \$1 million. Returned bids are expected to be considered at the next council meeting, Monday, April 15, with a

start date established around the same time.

The City and Farms also recently applied for an MDOT grant to resurface a section of Fisher Road from Mack to Ridge in 2019.

Tentatively, the Farms

is looking to resurface Charlevoix from Fisher to Touraine and Beaupre from Moran to Kerby, as well as conduct spot repairs on Merriweather, Touraine and Vendome from Grosse Pointe Boulevard to Kercheval.

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Gaitley moves from athlete to mentor

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Cait Gaitley is changing gears, moving from a recent college student-athlete to working professional.

The 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident finished her athletic career as one of Albion College's all-time leading goal scorers last spring and now is a mentor as the girls lacrosse junior varsity team's head coach at Grosse Pointe North High School.

"I like coaching at the junior varsity level," Gaitley said. "These girls want to learn the basics and they are involved in every practice and every game. I absolutely love it and I'm thankful for this opportunity."

She earned All-League First Team honors as a Briton after her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. She was the team's leading scorer her final two seasons.

As a senior, Gaitley played in 16 games, scoring 65 goals with 16 assists for 81 points. She also led the Britons in scoring as a junior, netting 60 goals and three assists for 63 points in 15 games played.

During her sophomore season, she had 42 goals and three assists for 45



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Cait Gaitley, right, talks with her players after one of their junior varsity girls lacrosse games against Divine Child, which was a victory.

points in 17 games, and in 15 games as a freshman, Gaitley had 17 goals and three assists for 20 points.

In four years of collegiate lacrosse, Gaitley had 184 goals and 25 assists for 209 career points.

She also was an All-State lacrosse player at Grosse Pointe North, graduating in 2014. She played for legendary head coach Bill Seaman her first three years and played under current varsity head coach Lauren Nixon her senior season. Nixon was an assistant coach that season.

"I played for a coach who really helped me reach my potential, espe-

cially when I played at Albion," Gaitley said. "Coach Seaman was fantastic and now I have a chance to coach with Coach Nixon to help our program grow."

Gaitley applied for the junior varsity position and found out she was the coach in February.

"I'm looking forward to coaching with Cait this season because she brings a positive attitude and years of lacrosse knowledge to the program," Nixon said. "She

is passionate about the sport of lacrosse and wants to help the athletes improve upon their skills."

Practice began March 11, and with spring break in full swing, she has coached two games for the Norsemen, a win and a loss.

"I want to use my knowledge as a college lacrosse player to help my players learn the basics and grow to get ready for the varsity level," Gaitley said. "I'm



Gaitley

minute. I loved Albion. It was rough my freshman year, but it got easier after that."

She currently works as a behavior technician at Gateway Pediatric Therapy in Sterling Heights.

Gaitley also volunteers for Young Life Grosse Pointe, so her schedule is busy.

She will get a bit of a breather during spring break, but she will be back on the field with her junior varsity squad Wednesday, April 10, against city rival Grosse Pointe South.

Gaitley's father, David, was a college athlete, playing football and lacrosse. Her mother is Christina and she has two older sisters, Erica and Jennifer.

"I get a ton of support from my mom and dad and my sisters," Gaitley said. "I can talk strategy with my dad, which helps me a lot. It helped when I played and now as a coach."

loving every minute of coaching these young ladies. It's a great experience."

"I love teaching this sport and all of my players are anxious to learn," Gaitley said. "It makes coming to the field worth it."

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and a minor in psychology. Juggling athletics and academics made Gaitley maximize her time management.

"Playing lacrosse in college kept me focused," she said. "It was a lot of work, but worth every

Treasurer recognized for budget quality

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Government Finance Officers Association honored City Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts with its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Wednesday, March 6.

The award "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," according to a statement issued by the association.

The award signifies Ricketts' budget presentation satisfied

requirements for the honor. The budget must be rated as "proficient" as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications material.

In January, Ricketts presented a balanced budget to city council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Adjustments included expenditures for increased retiree health-care costs and park maintenance costs.

Mayor Ted Kedzierski commended Ricketts, commenting,

"The credits match the debits."

Award recipients are distinguished as having "pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America," the association's statement read.

Headquartered in Chicago, the Government Finance Officers Association serves more than 19,000 appointed and elected government finance officers.

—Melissa Walsh

City of Grosse Pointe

Drunken driving

A 53-year-old Farms man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 10:45 p.m. Friday, March 29. An officer observed the man run a red light at Fisher and Jefferson while turning north onto Fisher and ini-

tiated a traffic stop.

The officer noted the man smelled of intoxicants. The driver said he was coming from the "DAC," but denied consuming alcohol.

He failed the field sobriety test and a pre-

liminary breath test resulted in .145 percent blood alcohol content.

Stolen vehicle attempt

A 2007 Jeep Liberty was reported tampered

with at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, March 28, in the 900 block of Fisher. The owner said he last used the vehicle two days prior at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 26. The driver-

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side door handle and ignition switch were damaged and the contents of his vehicle were strewn on the inside of the cabin.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Side-swiped

A 28-year-old Farms man reported his rental car damaged at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 30, on Mack at La Belle. The man said he last saw the vehicle undamaged at 7 p.m. The driver-side tail-light and rear quarter panel were damaged. In the street, a gray passenger-side mirror from an unknown make and model vehicle was found.

Suspended license

◆ A 36-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 4:40 p.m. Saturday, March 30, on Mack at Kerby.

Officers pulled the man over for failing to signal while changing lanes.

The man was unable to produce any documentation for the vehicle, but recited his driver's license number by memory.

A Law Enforcement Information Network search showed the man had 22 suspensions and several warrants for his arrest.

◆ A 21-year-old Park man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Mack and Moross.

Officers pulled him over for overly-tinted windows.

A LEIN search showed the man's license suspended.

Can't park there

A 28-year-old Detroit man was arrested on a felony cocaine possession warrant at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30, in the 400 block of Moross.

While checking handicap parking spots at a business, an officer spotted the man sitting in a vehicle parked in a handicap space without proper plate, sticker or tag.

After contacting the man, a LEIN search revealed the warrant out of Wayne County.

Felony warrant arrest

A 30-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested on a felony assault warrant at 3:15 a.m. Friday, March 29, near Mack and Shelbourne.

An officer observed a running vehicle on Stanhope. The officer noted there were no houses in the area and all businesses were closed. Because of a litany of vehicle thefts and larcenies from auto in the area, the officer investigated. A LEIN search of the license plate showed the owner had a felony arrest warrant.

The officer made contact with the driver, who confirmed his identity

and was subsequently arrested. (313) 885-2100.

Stolen vehicle

A work truck was stolen from a residence in the 400 block of La Belle between 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, and 5 a.m. Thursday, March 28. The resident said he parked the vehicle next to his garage and returned the next morning to find it missing. There was no broken glass on the driveway, according to the report.

Field day

A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after driving on the Kerby Elementary School field at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 27.

A parent dropping off his children for school reported seeing a white Suburban drive onto the field and continue for approximately 150 feet before stopping approximately 10 feet away from the building.

When officers arrived, the man was still in the vehicle and officers noted an odor of intoxicants. The man said he had just gotten off work at 7 a.m. in Center Line, had a couple drinks and was on his way home. He also mentioned he had a sleeping disorder.

He failed a field sobriety test with a .111 percent blood alcohol content.

Leave it at home

A 17-year-old Park woman was cited for minor in possession of marijuana at 3 p.m. Monday, March 25, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

A teacher suspected the woman of being high while in class and a vaporizer pen containing suspected marijuana oil was found in her possession.

Police tested the substance, which came back positive for marijuana. She was cited and released to her mother.

— Anthony Viola

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety,

Grosse Pointe Park

Lock your car

◆ A pair of Bushnell binoculars were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked near a garage in the 1400 block of Beaconsfield between 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 24.

◆ Men's clothing was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield between midnight and 4 a.m. Saturday, March 23.

Drive-by smashing

An unknown person damaged a vehicle's driver-side mirror at 8:20 p.m. Sunday, March 24, in the 1200 block of Kensington. A surveillance camera caught the unknown person leaning out of the window of an unknown vehicle and damaging the vehicle, which was parked in the street.

Thief caught

Officers arrested a 40-year-old Detroit man in connection with several larcenies from autos on Thursday, March 28, in the area of Wayburn and Mack.

While conducting undercover surveillance in the area because of a rash of larcenies from autos, officers spotted the man and investigated.

The man was in possession of several items stolen from vehicles and found to be a prior felon with a lengthy criminal history, according to police.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Unwanted visitor

A resident in the 20 block of Lochmoor reported his former girlfriend was trespassing in

his backyard.

Responding officers searched the area with negative results.

When the 41-year-old victim entered his garage to retrieve a photograph of the alleged stalker, the subject was inside his vehicle.

Officers arrested the 31-year-old foreign national for stalking and trespassing.

Legally noisy

Officers responding to a noise complaint in the 40 block of Belle Meade at 3:09 p.m. Saturday, March 30, informed the complainant that her neighbor is allowed to operate his table saw, per the city's ordinance, until 6 p.m.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Bigoted bullying

A 29-year-old Farms resident reported being a victim of ethnic intimidation at a bagel shop in the 19300 block of Mack shortly after noon Tuesday, March 26.

While in line waiting to place her order, a woman standing behind her whispered in her ear, "Chingy chingy chong." When the woman requested clarification, the subject, described as between 50 and 60 years old with salt-and-pepper-colored hair and wearing a red jacket, told her she was commenting on her Asian ethnicity.

The victim of the

intimidation responded, "I am a U.S. citizen and have every right to be here."

An employee on break who witnessed the exchange gave a statement to public safety consistent with the victim's report.

Public safety opened an investigation of the incident.

Strange neighbor noise

A married couple in the 20500 block of Fairway Lane filed a report with public safety at 6:50 p.m. Thursday, March 28, regarding recent incidents of harassment by their 61-year-old neighbor, including knocking on their doors and windows, shouting threats and emitting a high-pitched noise that upsets their dog.

They said the incidents are a resurgence in harassing incidents that they experienced by the same neighbor about two years ago.

The neighbor responded to the accusations, reporting that the couple's 17-year-old son harassed him by hitting the roof of his house with a lacrosse ball and hopping the fence into his yard.

Public safety is investi-

gating the matter.

Stolen Jeep deja vu

A 28-year-old resident in the 1600 block of Prestwick reported his 1998 red Jeep stolen from his driveway between 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, and 7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 28.

Officers found no broken glass at the scene. The victim said the Jeep's door lock was damaged from a prior theft.

Unlicensed

At 10 p.m. Thursday, March 28, a patrolling officer initiated a traffic stop of a 2008 gray Ford Taurus traveling through the intersection of Harper and Allard with significant damage to the front bumper and a defective brake light.

The 16-year-old driver told him she had no proof of insurance, registration or driver's license.

The officer detained the teen and called her mother to pick her up. The vehicle, owned by a 43-year-old Detroit resident, was impounded.

— Melissa Walsh

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



Salon Biondo

Come join Salon Biondo in donating food for the needy for Easter by donating non-perishable food items from April 8 thru April 13.

Food can be dropped off at
Salon Biondo, 17854 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe, 48230 (between Rivard and Washington)

At the end of the week, Saturday April 13, 4-7pm there will be wine and appetizers at Salon Biondo to say Thank you. So please "HOP" on over and help those in need. All new comers will receive a **\$5.00 Gift Certificate** for any services at Salon Biondo.



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OUR VIEW

Newspapermen remembered

Two men with deep roots in eastside newspapering have left legacies that continue. As described by their respective publications, both were consummate salespeople who knew how to connect with people.

John “Gene” Chambers, retired former owner and publisher of The Macomb Daily, died late last month in Port Huron at the age of 79. His newspaper roots dated back to advertising work at the Community News before he joined The Macomb Daily.

More recently, Mr. Chambers came out of retirement to help an old friend, Robert G. Liggett Jr., who had purchased the Grosse Pointe News in 2007. Mr. Chambers served as CEO, later bringing in his son, Scott Chambers, as advertising director and, later, publisher.

At the Daily, Mr. Chambers’ community ties are especially well remembered: getting involved in local activities such as the Special Olympics, spelling bees and high school sports banquets. He also started a banquet for high school honor students. Although his background was advertising, he put an emphasis on increased local news during his tenure as publisher.

According to The Macomb Daily, Mr. Chambers also served in the U.S. Marines and “believed in giving back to the community through charitable events and organizations.”

Perhaps more familiar around here is the product of the patriarch of C&G Newspapers, the Grosse Pointe Times, which most everyone finds weekly in their mailbox.

Gilbert “Gil” Demers, who died in late February, ventured into “shoppers” in 1977, when he began the St. Clair Shores Shopper. According to his obituary on the C&G Newspapers website, he gradually expanded geographically, founded C&G in 1981 and built it into the 19 publications that today reach 600,000 households in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Mr. Demers’ earlier career had involved food and sales. His father owned Demers Market, at Marter and Jefferson. After the Korean War, he worked in sales for food companies, including Campbell Soup Co., and then started his own company, Portion Products of Michigan, to service restaurants. Later, he began selling ads for a local shopper, the Advertiser, only to find the Advertiser was going to be sold. That’s when he decided to launch his own shopper in St. Clair Shores — growing a long list of store owners who became dedicated clients and sing his praises to this day.

Mr. Demers, 89, of Grosse Pointe Park, died at his Florida home. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (the “C” in C&G) and his grown children who continue in the family business.

Both men’s long careers created a deep immersion in newspapering and in their communities. Although news gathering and distribution may be undergoing nearly constant change, Mr. Chambers and Mr. Demers will be remembered as models for the value of local engagement.



Gene Chambers



Gil Demers



Pure Grosse Pointe

Lisa Klick has been a hall monitor at Brownell Middle School 11 years. The past 10 years, she has dressed up in a costume for major holidays — a Christmas elf, Easter Bunny, leprechaun. During October, she dresses up every day of the month in celebration of Halloween. To welcome spring and warmer temperatures, she dressed as a bee March 30, and shared with students what she called bee-isms: bee kind, bee careful, bee amazing and bee good.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

OUR VIEW

All five Grosse Pointes on Top 25 list

Although there may be no doubt in most people’s minds, it’s still good to note that all five Pointes made it into a recent Top 25 list of best places to live in Metro Detroit.

A fair amount of credit surely goes to the schools, which of course are the same for all of the Pointes. Some of the other factors used in the rankings that are largely the same: the cost of living, access to health care and the weather.

The rankings are compiled by Niche, a Pittsburgh company that sifts through massive amounts of data to analyze cities, suburbs, schools and colleges. Other big data points: residents’ education level, housing value and diversity (economic and generational, as well as ethnic). There’s even a category for nightlife, which might be why Grosse Pointe Shores barely made the Top 25, ranking 24th.

But looking at the data really doesn’t answer how places as different as Bloomfield Township and Ann Arbor placed No. 1 and No. 2, respectively. Nor why some Pointes rated higher than others. (For the record, Grosse Pointe Park led the local list, coming in at No. 7 for Detroit area places to live in 2019.)

For most people living in the Pointes, what counts is the full spectrum across municipal boundaries. Everyone uses the same library system, crosses various city lines to shop and has a favorite local restaurant that may or may not be within their own city limits. In that sense, all the Pointes stand together — and also benefit from proximity to Detroit, especially for those who put a premium on nightlife, sporting events and other big-city experiences.

The Pointes also benefit from walkability and access to Lake St. Clair, something Ann Arbor and those Oakland County suburbs will never have. If you seek a pleasant place to live, look about you!

GUEST VIEW By Brad Thompson

More information makes for better public notices

At a time in our democracy when disinformation, half-truths and intentional misdirection are rampant, it cannot be more critical to find reliable methods of maintaining an informed citizenry.

Public notices have served as one such method since before the country’s founding.

Under the current and outdated Revised Judicature Act, foreclosure notices are required to contain only the names of the parties to the mortgage, a description of the property and the current amount due under the mortgage, but it had been a long-standing practice in the industry to include additional non-statutory language to assist borrowers, lenders and the public. In the past few years, however, due to litigation against attorneys placing foreclosure notices, much of that valuable language has been stripped out. The lawsuits claim notices violate the Federal Fair Debt Collection Act when the notices include non-statutory language, even if the language is helpful. This has resulted in foreclosure notices that offer the only barest of information and do not adequately protect the homeowners, potential bidders and other members of the public.

A citizenry is better informed through good public notice and the current requirements for foreclosure notices in Michigan are inadequate toward that objective.

Michigan House Bill 4306 currently in the Michigan House of Representatives would amend the Act to require additional information with the aim of protecting the borrower and potential bidders for the property. The bill would require a foreclosure notice include the following information consistent with the industry’s prior practice and incorporate best practice language from around the country:

- ◆ The street address of the property;

- ◆ Information on how a borrower can contact the lender and attorney for the foreclosing property;

- ◆ Information for borrowers in active military service;

- ◆ The statement: “This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose”;

- ◆ Information on how the borrower can reference the Michigan State Housing Development Authority’s website for information about local resources; and

- ◆ Information about auction sales and bidding process, including closing time.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Triston Cole (R-Antrim County), would align Michigan with a number of other states that require notices contain a range of information critical to consumer protection.

Good public notices are integral to democratic governance and stem from the right to “due process of law” guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions. Due process of law protects Americans’ rights from arbitrary or wrongful actions.

Public notices play a vital role in both substantive and procedural due process because they provide a window into government actions and also afford notice to citizens of actions about to take place, so they may exercise their constitutional right to be heard. Importantly, notification not only informs the individual or entity most directly affected, but also the general public, which has an interest in knowing how public powers are being used.

Requiring more information in foreclosure notices ensures that Michigan residents are more aware and better armed with knowledge to protect their rights. The state legislature would do right by their constituents to pass HB 4306.

Thompson is publisher of the Detroit Legal News.

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Pave paradise, put up a parking lot

To the Editor:

Four of our five Grosse Pointe cities — Grosse Pointe, the Park, Shores and Woods — value the ecology and environment

with their very important trees. All four have been designated as Arbor Day Foundation Tree Cities. Only the Farms is not. It is, however, spending a lot of taxpayer money to destroy more than 35-plus trees in and around Kerby Park. Blue spruces, arborvitae and

other small hardwood trees will be destroyed to “pave the way” for tar, cement and metal for parking lots and driveways. Trees are not preserved, valued or worked around. This is being touted as “improvements” by officials.

Many residents, especially those surrounding Kerby Park, are not interested in a cement city — another Softball City — in the midst of their neighborhoods or even more public driveways and traffic. They are not aware all these trees in a park are to be killed and removed. Several years ago there were many campaigns, objections and overwhelming turnouts at meetings for the proposal. The proposals were simply tabled and

then quietly, when plans were finalized and funding secured, the city moved forward anyway.

Trees provide many ecological and environmental benefits. Storm run-off is absorbed along with carbon dioxide and trees produce oxygen. They provide wind-screens, sound barriers and aesthetics. Hard surfaces do not. Trees are crucial and there are few organisms as important as trees for maintaining the ecology and our neighborhoods.

Let us pause for a requiem of the trees being killed in Grosse Pointe Farms for “improvements.” Then ... pave paradise to put up a parking lot.

BARBARA STONE
Grosse Pointe Farms

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Climate change is changing things



“No more coal, no more oil, keep your carbon in the soil,” the students chanted as they held signs and posters. “Like the sea, we rise,” one poster said. Another said, “Policy change not climate change.” Another poster held by three students said, “We are missing our lessons so we can teach you one.” Right to the point. I like it.

Apparently, it is going to take the younger generation to stand up and speak out to the adults who are contributing to climate change, but not doing much to help fix it.

Over 1.5 million students in 125 countries, who aren't even old

enough to vote, realize climate change is an issue big enough to skip school for and go on a climate strike by marching on Friday, March 15. To call upon adults and say, “Wake up! Help us save our home and our future. If the planet dies, we go with it.” They are hoping to bring attention to the way the climate is affecting their future.

In Washington, D.C., they chanted, “We strike for treaty rights ... animals ... clean air ... clean water ... racial justice ... the planet ... our future ... our lives.” These courageous post-millennials decided to come together to speak out about making a change and deliver a message of urgency many adults seem to be ignoring.

I am inspired by these students because I understand the passion, necessity and urgency of addressing this issue by

being proactive. We need new policies, policy change and open minds in the government. We need to do something. Today. Like, right now.

Government officials need to wake up; everyday citizens need to as well. We cannot leave it to the next generation to fix the problems that we, and the generations before us, created. We have all contributed and now we all need to step up. We need to be the solution by not continuing to be part of the problem. We must add our voices to the voices of these courageous students, because collectively we can make a difference.

Where do people think they can go if it gets too hot, rains too hard, freezes for weeks on end or houses and towns are destroyed by wind, hurricanes, floods, mudslides or another massive fire?

How many times do we have to rebuild or go without power before something is done?

We cannot go on living our lives and ignoring the fact our actions are contributing to harming the climate. I don't have all the answers, but I am working on reducing my carbon footprint.

I recently signed a petition for senators to enact The Climate Change Education Act which, according to the petition language, will equip schools with the tools needed to help students understand the science behind climate change.

I also signed a petition to the Environmental Protection Agency telling them not to allow more dirty, climate-disrupting coal plants and to keep limits on carbon pollution. I wonder why we have to continue to send petitions like this to the EPA. We shouldn't have to tell them

to protect the planet; that is the point of the agency. It's in their name!

Climate change is a security issue, a public health crisis. Air pollution is proving to be dangerous. Temperatures are rising, summers are getting hotter, droughts are creating an issue with being able to grow enough food to feed the world because of these changes.

Ocean temps are reaching record highs and getting more acidic and losing oxygen. You do know the ocean is one of the places we get oxygen from, right? Glaciers are melting and the level of carbon dioxide in the air is way too high. Doesn't any of this make you nervous? No wonder these students are scared. These are your children and grandchildren. They will bear the weight of the effects of climate change.

Don't underestimate these students simply

because they can't vote yet. I'm proud of them for skipping school and going on a climate strike to ask that greenhouse emissions be cut by the same adults who dismiss them for their age. I wouldn't want my future decided by adults who aren't doing anything. These students want to survive.

Last fall, not long after school started in cities around the country, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report with a dire warning that we only have 12 years to cut carbon pollution enough to meet the Paris global action plan goal of 1.5 degrees Celsius. Twelve years is the same amount of time it will take this year's first-graders to graduate from high school. These courageous marchers are the wise voices of the future. They are the future. Let's give them one.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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75 years ago this week

KERFUZZLE IN PINE WOODS: The Anzio beachhead was a quiet place last Saturday compared to Pine Woods at the end of Lothrop Road in the Farms.

According to police reports, everything from BB guns to .38 caliber revolvers were rushed into action by the small fry of the Pointe and nearby Detroit districts. Three different times scout cars were steered to the battleground either by complaining residents or the sounds of warfare.

No casualties occurred, but police report that one lad toting a .32 caliber automatic with 15 rounds of ammunition in his cartridge belt took a pot shot in the general direction of a rival group just to hurry them along.

1969

50 years ago this week

POLICE ASK HELP OF PUBLIC TO CUT THEFTS FROM CARS: Car stereo-tape playing is becoming increasingly

popular, as more and more motorists appear to enjoy this form of listening pleasure and install tape-recorder players in their vehicles. Also enjoying this listening, or do they, are the thieves who are becoming a big headache to law enforcement agencies.

Park Det. Sgt. James LaPratt said that thefts of car stereos are on the increase. In some cases, the owners practically invite the thieves to help themselves, when the owners fail to lock their automobiles.

To help cut down the number of thefts, make sure that all doors of vehicles are locked.

YOUTH ATTACKED, ROBBED BY FOUR: A 12-year old Grosse Pointe Woods boy was the victim of an unarmed robbery.

While walking on Sunningdale, the boy was approached by four boys. He ignored the group and continued walking. One of the four came up behind him, grabbed him by the coat and threw him to the ground and took his wallet. He was warned not to follow or he would be beaten.

The wallet contained a \$1 bill and two pictures.

Obituaries: Rose B. Andries, Charles Bommarito Sr., Frank O. Cole Jr., Janet Currie, Clara Gaensbauer, Rose Annette Hillenbrand, Saleem J. Metry, Vilena N. Moran, Dorothy S. Sadler, Adolph Steinke, Lester J. Sholty, Frank Vanderbush, Joseph M. White

1994

25 years ago this week

WOODS OKS FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME: Diverting youths from a life of crime is a worthwhile investment, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council decided.

The council voted 6-1 to fund the Children's Home of Detroit's Youth Assistance Program to the tune of \$7,440.

Obituaries: Phyllis Barr, Barbara Lee Bockstanz,

Julienne Chapman Henkel, Eric Irvine, Frederick Charles Kaess, Richard S. Kray, John Mazer, Marion W. Pahl, Joseph J. Saad, Arthur Henry Schaupter, Charles Porter Strother, George M. Van Lokeren

funding and the ever-increasing costs of staff health care and retirement benefits, the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration is weighing the likelihood of laying off nearly 60 school employees.

2009

10 years ago this week

DISTRICT LAYOFFS LIKELY TO CURE BUDGET SHORTFALL: Faced with reductions in state

Personnel expenses make up about 85 percent of the budget.

Obituaries: Jean G. Bridge, Bud Draper, James S. Fazio, Marian Kelly Ferr, Robert Boyd Hunter Jr., Fritz Salden, Keith Armiger Scripps, C. Wallace Toles, Maerose N. Walton

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Brownell hosts first career day

Community members share professional tips, offer range of career paths

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Live your best version of yourself. Pursue your passion. Believe in yourself. Timing is everything. Never quit.

These were only a few of the messages delivered to Brownell Middle School students during the school's first career day March 22.

Heather Catalo, anchor and award-winning investigative reporter for WXYZ-TV, opened the morning with a message all sixth- through eighth-grade students could relate to.

"My message was make your passion your profession," Catalo said. "You have to love what you do, because if you don't love what you do, how miserable."

Middle school was an important time in Catalo's life to discover her own passion. For example, she took forensics public speaking classes because she "was really, really shy and I was really, really bad at it. But because I kind of just fell in love with it, I kept going with it and that got me into drama and into broadcasting ultimately. It was really middle school that for me was the path to ... my job."

She also stressed the importance of writing, in particular "good writing and truth-telling" in addition to "being able to withstand controversy in this day and age of social media and all the pressures kids and adults have to deal with."



Captain Omar Davidson with the Detroit Fire Department, pictured with K9 Pasta, talks about the role of an arson dog to sniff out accelerants while Chandra Baker, in the background, listens. Baker shared with students insights into her job as an assistant prosecutor.

After Catalo's opening talk, sixth-grade students reported to the gymnasium for adolescent health class, while the seventh- and eighth-graders attended four career sessions, two of which were their top choices, according to Principal Rodger Hunwick. Sixth-graders rejoined career day in the multipurpose room with Donnie Cook, owner of Lou's Pet Shop and the entire student body closed the day with a presentation by Cook.

Career day was "the brainstorm and the work of the counseling department," said Hunwick. "... All credit goes to them; that's where it belongs." It grew out of the counselors' desire to connect a real-world application to what students do at school, he said.

"It's always been (our counseling department's) effort, their passion to put together a day where we bring in the community and people that we know to share their experiences with their kids of a real-life application of a career," Hunwick said. "And here it came together and the outpouring from the community, the parents, everything has been just out of this world, to the point where we had more people than we

could accommodate to present to kids. It was unbelievable. We have some top-notch people and careers all over the place. It's been a really good job. It's been really neat, from foods to what it's like working in the transportation or trucking business. Lawyers, doctors, even my own sister."

Hunwick's sister, Heather VanPoucker, is executive director of the Ferndale Housing Commission.

Staff spouses also got into the action, including school secretary Judy Etsios' husband, Dean Etsios, a litigation attorney, and English teacher Shelley Garland's husband, Jeff Garland, a commercial architectural photographer, who stressed on-the-job learning and the importance of timing, particularly in the photography profession, where shoots are scheduled to capture the best lighting.

One presenter — Robert Nahra, owner of Encore Catering and Banquets and local TV celebrity chef better known as Chef Bobby — was a childhood classmate of Hunwick's, having attended the same school kindergarten through grade 8.

Nahra imparted life lessons to the students in his sessions extending well beyond cooking, according to life skills teacher Taylor Barczyk. "I think he brings that perspective of hard work and giving back to people..." Barczyk said. "And that when you're a hard worker, you end up creating a really successful life and visualizing what you can do."

Giving back was an important part of his message. Nahra and his culi-



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Chef Bobby serves tortellini and shaved vegetables to the students.

'You can never quit. That's the mentality you have to have.'

CHAD GRUENWALD
Michigan State Police, Special Operations Division

nary team, along with his family, often donate gourmet dinners for raffle to local charities.

"I pray that you guys live the best version of yourselves every day," Nahra said to the students, adding, "As you get older, just remember, your strength is never for status, it's always for service."

One piece of advice for the students was to "learn to take criticism from people; it's OK. You know your work, you know what you're capable of doing and you know what's important in life. You know you have your mission."

"It's very important for me to be here so you can learn," Nahra added. "I have 48 years of experience. It's not always easy listening to adults. At your age you think you're impervious... My advice to you is if you can take just a little bit of what I'm telling you today ... it'll pay you dividends for years to come."

Anita Shina, an attorney and litigator, walked

the students through the legal process using talking in class as an example, from discovery through to settlement.

Students had an opportunity to ask questions. "Did you ever know a defendant

was guilty and still have to defend them?" turned into "a constitutional law discussion about human rights and people's rights and prisoners' rights and guilt and innocence," Shina said.

"Everybody has a specific job. That's what you hope for in a democracy," she added.

She also discussed with students skills they were developing already to become good attorneys.

"You're working on your organizational skills," Shina said. "Folders, notebooks. Binder checks? Huge. It's really important. So is time management — knowing how to balance soccer and everything else. You're reading for all subjects, but you're reading differently for each subject. Writing is very important. ... A contract turns on one word."

"Negotiations," she continued. "You guys are proving and disproving claims right now, especially in science. Is this

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Student reviews are in

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is kicking off a new program for sixth-graders and at the Board of Education regular meeting March 25, a few of them weighed in.

Lucy Gobel and Alex Robinson from Brownell Middle School, Evan Hathaway and Audrey MacGillis from Pierce Middle School and Donell James and Sarabeth Thomas from Parcels Middle School took to the microphone to share their experiences with the district's new Bring Your Own Device program, citing advantages such as easy access to their work, making studying for tests

more fun and allowing collaboration with partners on projects both at school and home.

Beginning in January, sixth-graders bring a computer — 10-inch screen or bigger — with a lid and keyboard to school with them to use in class. The program will expand to seventh- and eighth-grade students in fall 2019 and high school students in fall 2020.

One of the things that has really been helpful ... is having our own learning management system," said Director of Instructional Technology Chris Stanley, who invited the students to speak as part of his update on the program to the school board. "As you are aware, Schoology is something

that we implemented at the beginning of the year. The secondary-level students are using it not only just for grades, but teachers can add to their content. Teachers can deliver instruction and students can turn in their assignments that way too."

In the fall, sixth-grade teachers were trained on BYOD classroom expectations and given the opportunity to create digital learning targets within their departments, Stanley said.

"We always want to focus on what the learning is and how could technology assist with that," Stanley said, from formative assessments and getting immediate feedback to "exit tickets" to assess comprehension.



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Sixth-graders Nola Keith and Maryn Smith use their Chromebooks to take an open book science test. Previously in class, students used their devices to share projects and play Quizlet Live, according to teacher Susan Jordan.

Another focus area — for BYOD and technology in general, Stanley said — is to have that conversation about finding a healthy balance.

"The more we do bring technology into the classroom, there's many great powerful ways that we can enhance our learning, but we also want to have conversations about what screen time should look like and how often students should be looking at a screen and when it's time to close it," Stanley said. "Quality versus quantity more than anything else."

Gobel described to the board how having her own device made completing classwork more convenient, allowing her to access her assignments and begin working on them right from her desk. She gave examples

of posting soundtracks on Schoology in music class, then using her Chromebook to review the music and work on songs. In math class, she uses her Chromebook to access Imagine Math, an online math program, and in science class she uses her device to research her passion project topic, finding information and videos right from her desk.

"I can pull up Google slides and create a presentation, submit it electronically and share it quite easily," Gobel said, adding she uses her Chromebook in social studies and science classes to take tests and in Spanish class to study for tests playing informational games.

"In the first semester, BYOD wasn't in effect and now that it is, completing homework is so

much easier," she said. "I simply have quicker access to instructional information and can present what I have learned pretty much seamlessly."

Robinson said having a Chromebook at school helps him take notes and keep them organized, use less paper, and carry fewer books and binders.

"Having a device also provides a better way to be able to communicate with my teachers as well as be able to submit assignments and take tests," he said. "Having a device that can be used at school and at home has allowed me the opportunity to work on a partner project for science class about volcanoes. My partner and I were able to share ideas and work on the project both at

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Teacher of THE WEEK

John Theisen

School: Grosse Pointe South High School
Years at South: 25
Grade/Subject: AP chemistry and honors chemistry

Nominated by: Moussa Hamka, principal
Principal's quote:

"John Theisen is a legendary South teacher who has been inspiring students for over 25 years. John possesses an unparalleled mastery of chemistry that is complemented by his unwavering commitment to students. This allows him to push students to new levels by providing the support and guidance needed to excel. John is also a man of strong character who is a wonderful role model for our students. It's not uncommon for students to sign up for AP chemistry simply so they can have Mr. Theisen as a teacher. He is also a mentor and source of wisdom for other chemistry teachers in the building."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Watching students grow from an apprehension of studying chemistry to confidence that they can succeed, sometimes to the point of choosing chemistry as a career path, something they previously had not even considered.

Describe a teaching accomplishment

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

Hearing back from (many) former students now at the university that a) they were well prepared for college chemistry, often so much so they are choosing chemistry or chemical engineering as a major, and b) they are achieving success regardless of the path they pursue.

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

Two people, former science teachers at South, both now retired, had the greatest impact on my teaching. Frank Martin taught me that there is no substitute for content knowledge, but it must be expressed and explained



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in such a way that is accessible to a teenage mind. Karl Geisler taught me that teaching itself is not just a job, it is a profession, and unless you approach it with the appropriate seriousness and intentionality, neither you nor your students will be successful.

Favorite quote:

The mantra in my classroom: "What's in your dish?"



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St. Paul DI teams head to states

St. Paul Catholic School's Destination Imagination teams are four for four.

All four St. Paul teams, competing at different levels among 90 teams at the regional tournament held at Henry Ford II High School in Utica on March 2, qualified for the state tournament at Michigan State University on April 13.

Destination Imagination is the world's largest organization of competitive creative problem-solving. Students were presented with a series of team challenges in addition to an instant challenge.

For the scientific challenge, students were asked to write an original performance about a human character who has the symptoms of a real or imaginary disease. They needed to build a working physical model of the affected part of the human body powered by technical methods from the fields of physics, chemistry or electronics.

The elementary team, Santa Snoozers, told a story about Santa Claus suffering from narcolepsy. Their model of the human brain used pneumatics to show the shrunken hypothalamus region and a hobby motor rotated a Styrofoam eyeball to simulate REM sleep.

The middle-level team, GENE-uses, shared the real-life story of one of their teammates and her struggle with Friedrich's



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St. Paul Catholic School's four Destination Imagination teams celebrate strong performances at the regional tournament March 2.

Ataxia. The sixth-graders were the only team awarded the tournament's Spirit of DI award recognizing exceptional spirit, teamwork volunteerism and sportsmanship.

For service learning, students were asked to choose a cause, host a fundraiser to support the cause and write an original performance about someone related to the cause escaping from something.

The elementary team, The Care Crew, told about their dedication to funding Friedrich's Ataxia research, raising \$2,000, and their unwavering support for their friends diagnosed with this disease.

In structural engineering, students were asked

to build a structure and place weights on it. Then they had to remove the weights without breaking the structure. They also wrote an original performance telling the story of a monster.

The elementary team, Coral Reef, told a humorous story about sea monsters while placing 200 pounds on their 45-gram structure.

In addition to these team challenges, each team completed an Instant Challenge, which is unknown to competitors until they enter the room, providing an opportunity for them to think on their feet and exhibit dynamic teamwork.

—Mary Anne Brush

Concert benefits autism

Brownell Middle School choirs are hosting a concert to raise funds for autism services at the Children's Center in midtown Detroit. "Awesome Music for Autism" is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in Brownell's multipurpose room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"As a school, we focus on kindness during the month of March and autism awareness in April," said vocal music teacher Carolyn Gross. "I wanted to teach my students that we can use our music for more than just personal enjoyment or

entertaining others. We can use our music to help raise money for those affected by autism. Kids' voices are powerful instruments, especially because they can be used to help others."

As part of a partnership with the Children's Center, two behavioral technicians from the center came to Brownell to give a short presentation to students on March 26. The next day, Gross took 10 students on a field trip to the center to learn more about the services it provides, its applied behavior analysis pro-

gram and how Brownell's fundraiser can help.

"Our students came away with a sense of purpose to try and to aid in the center's mission of helping and healing kids," Gross said.

The concert features choirs from Ferry, Kerby and Richard elementary schools, Grosse Pointe North High School's all-male a capella group, AcaFella, and information about autism services at the Children's Center.

Tickets are available at gpschools.seatyourself.biz.

—Mary Anne Brush

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real? Can this exist? Can you prove it? Is there a hypothesis?"

Finally, she shared with the students her own experience when a high school counselor told her she was not a good fit for law school due to her gender and ethnicity. It was Shina's personal drive and belief in herself that enabled her to pursue her career of choice in spite of these stereotypes.

Chad Gruenwald, Michigan State Police, Special Operations Division, Emergency Support Team, focused on time management and resiliency. He took the students through the rigors of Police Academy



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Keegan Morris and Walter Charuba help out Marcis Jansons, an associate professor of mechanical engineering, with a fluid mechanics experiment.

training, emphasizing an important message to the students regardless of what profession they pursue: "You can't quit," he said. "You can never quit. That's the mentality you have to have. And they teach you that at the Academy."

Counselor Angie Niforos described the event as "overwhelmingly positive," with 30 presenters from a diverse set of careers bringing their expertise to the students with a range of interactive activities, about half of them parents and others community members.

"It was heartwarming to see them all interacting, connecting, networking and praising the kids and the staff," she said. "Overall we are thrilled with how everything turned out."

Niforos and fellow committee members Hunwick, assistant principal Holli McNally, counselor Corinne Kadjan and teachers Barczyk and Sarah Rabaut worked for months to plan and prepare for the event, she said.

"It was nice to showcase a positive event we're all proud of at Brownell," Niforos said. "We'd like to do this again in two years. I already have parents who said they'd absolutely love to return. They enjoyed it that much."

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school and at home."

Having fun in French class with Gimkit, using an interactive notebook in social studies class, keeping track on Schoology of assignments and study guides — formerly printed pages easily lost in transit from school to home — and game-based assessment tools like Kahoot and Gimkit are other pluses the student related to board members.

Advantages teachers cited, according to Stanley, were less reliance on paper, an increased understanding of Schoology, more student-centered assignments providing instant feedback, more data to analyze assessments and drive instruction and less time in the computer lab.

Stanley recognized teachers for their creativity in adding technology into their lessons and thanked the students for their input and the board for its support.

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Right on track

Keen attention to detail shows in elaborate ‘trainscape’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

To call Bill Rennold’s train collection a hobby is an understatement.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident is passionate about his menagerie of shiny, colorful train cars. It’s a love he’s fostered for decades.

It all started with a German-made train called the LGB when Rennolds was in his 20s.

“Lionel made pre-war trains in the ‘20s and ‘30s that were standard gauge,” Rennolds said. “I saw them more as art than I did toys. They’re not scale. They have bright enameled colors. They’re pretty. ... But during that time period, nobody had a house big enough to run something like that.”

After World War II, Lionel stopped making standard gauge and switched to O gauge. Rennolds has plenty of



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Bill Rennolds spent four months constructing an entire room dedicated to his beloved train collection.

those as well.

He estimates his collection into the hundreds — too many to count, though he does keep an inventory in a series of binders.

“I collected for years and years and never had a layout,” he said. “I was buying all that and it sits in boxes and boxes. What’s the point?”

“I went on a mission

nine years ago to build a layout,” he continued. “How do you get a layout when you can’t build up? You take the roof of the house off.”

He means that literally. Designing the train room was one thing; adding a third floor to his house to accommodate it was another. It started with an idea.

Rennolds and his wife, Mary Jo, were dining at Da Edoardo when he sketched the concept for his layout on the back of a napkin.

“I wanted it to wrap around,” he said. “I wanted to be able to sit in the middle of it.”

The process progressed from there.

Rennolds said it took four days to tear off the roof of his house, add an addition — the train room — and put on a new roof. The rest of the project took four months to complete. No detail was missed in the planning or execution.

Rennolds enlisted help from John Albert, a teacher at the College for Creative Studies and former automotive stylist at the GM Tech Center, to build models of the room.

“It was quite an involved process we went through,” Rennolds said, noting various cardboard models were constructed,

then when a plan was finalized, a quarter-inch foam core model of the room itself was built.

Great Lakes Woodworking fabricated the millwork, Rennolds said, and Jamie Mertz of Mertz Design was enlisted to sketch the layout and make 3-dimensional models.

“Another guy did architectural renderings — watercolor paintings of the home, what it would look like with a third floor,” Rennolds said.

Albert and a couple friends helped Rennolds construct the room.

“This was the first time I ever built a train layout,” he said. “It was a collaboration; I can’t take all the credit.”

The details

A cloud-filled-sky painted ceiling slopes over a detail-driven motif. Rennolds, who is in the electrical business, installed fiber-optic cables behind the ceiling that when lit look like stars in the sky.

Beneath the sky is another world, featuring a cityscape, diner, campgrounds, mountain with

waterfall, carnival and more.

Nearly every inch of it is automated.

In the city, signs flash on businesses, like a coffee house and a dating service. Rennolds installed headlights and taillights on cars. Traffic lights are timed, switching between green to red.

Elsewhere in the layout, the tip of a man’s cigar periodically glows red; Boy Scout and hobo camp fires flicker; the “wind” blows open the door of an outhouse to reveal a man reading a newspaper; a child takes a ride on a tire swing.

The carnival is complete with working rides — spinning tea cups, kids playing tug-of-war, air-balloon rides and mid-way games.

A mountain — made of foam and plaster — features a forest area. The keen eye will spot Sasquatch amidst the trees, but he’s not the only mythical element.

“Several years ago, Lionel had a Route 66 line with replica models of all the restaurants on

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An elaborate carnival includes operational rides.



An overview of the train room, complete with a centered seating arrangement.



Mel’s Diner not only has a soundtrack, but also is rigged so cars can pull up to order.



A worker installs a billboard in Rennolds’ ‘trainscape.’

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Fourth annual 'Laughs for The Lake House' slated April 11

Thursday, April 11, The Lake House hosts "Laughs for the Lake House," featuring Los Angeles comedian Ivan Decker, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

All proceeds benefit The Lake House and the programs it provides to those who have been touched by cancer.

"Laughs for The Lake House" is a great time for the community to come together for a wonderful evening and support those touched by cancer," said The Lake House Director Madeline Bialecki. "We're especially excited about our comedian headliner, Ivan Decker, who was named a 'Comic To Watch' by TBS at the New York Comedy Festival."

Tickets are \$60 per person in advance, \$70 at the door, and include one beer or wine ticket. To purchase tickets, call (586) 777-7761 or visit milakehouse.org/laughs-for-lake-house.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with silent and live auctions, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar.

The Lake House has helped many people and has grown each year since opening its doors in 2011. In 2018 alone, The Lake House served 508 members.

Sponsorships are needed at various levels: Headliner, Side-Splitter, Hoot, Chuckle, Giggle, Snicker and Smile. Sponsorship packages include free tickets, logo placement on event collateral, promotional space and more. Those interested in pursuing a sponsorship should contact Bialecki at director@milakehouse.org or (586) 777-7761.

Current sponsors include the Cotton family, The Friends of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Communities, Brian and Connie Demkowicz, Roy O'Brien Ford, Shorewood Kiwanis, Ginger Serbymink, Kathleen Fulgenzi, James Lamoureux, Eastpointe-Roseville Chamber of Commerce, Alan and MaryJo Harris and Jan and Tom Treuter.

To learn more, visit milakehouse.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, April 5, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Rick Cadez, security and training director for Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, 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, April 5, 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 10, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 5, at Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers meet at 1 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the home of member Mary Dennehy, who presents "What Family Stories will our Families Tell?" After the presentation, members will share their favorite stories about their own families. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at Ram's Horn Restaurant, 23815 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Reservations are not required.

GPAAS

The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society sponsors a pancake and sausage breakfast fundraiser 8 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 6, at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods. Funds assist the Harper Woods K-9 Program. Admission is by voluntary donation. The event includes a gift card raffle.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Piekielek at (313) 884-4201.

Crisis Club

The Grosse Pointe Crisis Club presents its 26th annual Spring Sports Night, "The Road to Minneapolis," at 6 p.m. Monday, April 8, at The Vintage House, 31816 Utica, Fraser. Cost is \$85 and includes raffles, 50/50 drawings, dinner, premium open bar and more while watching the NCAA men's college basketball championship game. Space is limited to 400. To reserve seats, call (313) 882-6139 or email jmflannery@comcast.net.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets

at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Richard Rogers, dean of the College for Creative Studies, speaks.

100 Women

The next meeting of 100 Women Who Care-Grosse Pointe takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at WaterMark Bar & Grille, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. For information about this organization, visit 100womenwhocare-grossepointe.org.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Khrist Mapp of the Mount Clemens-based 501(c)3 that provides clothing for children from broken or low-income homes, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Beaumont

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe's medical director of community health, Asha Shajahan M.D., presents "The Arts Wellness Connection"

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National Library Week is April 7-13

The Grosse Pointe Public Library joins libraries across the country to celebrate National Library Week, April 7 to 13. National Library Week is

an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and communities.

"The Grosse Pointe Public Library is one of the cornerstones of our community, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "We also foster civic engagement and collaborate with a variety of organizations."

In 2018, the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosted more than 800 programs attended by 39,000 people. Programs included early literacy story times; book clubs;

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math programs; puzzle tournaments; author events and more.

The library also offers a variety of online databases so cardholders can download books, movies and music, as well as access different research and learning resources.

During National Library Week, the Grosse Pointe Public Library is hosting the following events and programs:

◆ Coffee & Bagel Bites — Monday morning at all branches, courtesy of the GPPL Librarians and Support Staff Association.

◆ Cookies with the Friends — Tuesday at

Central, Wednesday at Ewald and Thursday at Woods, courtesy of the Friends & Foundation of GPPL.

◆ No Fines Day — Wednesday at all branches.

◆ Restaurant Raffle — All week at all branches.

◆ Rainbow of Books "Photo Booth" — All week at all branches.

◆ Instagram Contest — April 1 to 30. Use hashtags #THEGPPL and #GPPUBLICLOVE.

◆ Ventriloquist Richard Paul — Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Woods, for children of all ages.

◆ Skype with author Dan Gutman — Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Central, for elementary and middle school students.

◆ Wild Super Powers with Howell Nature Center — Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Woods, for children and families.

◆ Cardboard Challenge — Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Central, for ages 6 and older.

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The Encore Years: Joe Alff

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's bounty in balance and City of Grosse Pointe resident Joe Alff is reaping the rewards of a balanced life.

While he enjoys relaxation in retirement, he also appreciates activity.

"I'm trying to not just keep busy, but keep it meaningful," Alff said.

A voracious reader, sports enthusiast and family man, Alff has made the most of his retirement years volunteering at Ascension St. John Hospital's Acute Care for the Elderly Unit, or ACE, the last year and a half. His volunteerism came after receiving treatment at St. John.

"I have stage 4 cancer," he said. "I started with breast cancer two years ago."

The disease has moved into his lungs, but is under control, he said.

"I tell myself, I don't have cancer; I have a ministry," he said. "I'm a devout Christian. I told the Holy Spirit, 'I'll make you a deal. You guide me and I'll walk through the doors.'"

Alff felt led to volunteer at the infusion center, where he continues to get shots as part of his treatment.

"I said to the head of volunteer services, Cindy Boeneman, I'd like to vol-

unteer, but not shuffling charts and escorting patients; I want to interact with patients," he said. "I was there for a shot and I said, 'I hope to volunteer here soon.' They said if you're a patient here, you can't volunteer (at the infusion center)."

But he could volunteer in the ACE Unit, which he does one afternoon a week for four hours. He carved out his role, which is unlike most volunteer roles at the hospital.

"I go into a room with my blue jacket on," he said. "I say, 'I'm Joe Alff and I'm a volunteer, a friendly visitor. Would you care to chitchat?'"

Even patients who say they have nothing to talk about end up chatting away — about their family, job, interests, why they're in the hospital.

"I was a psychiatric social worker," Alff said. "I'm good at this. I'm good at getting people to talk about themselves. I ask open-ended questions and offer reflective listening. Everybody has a story."

Each week when he leaves his house, he tells his wife, Marge, "Somebody's going to touch my heart today. And they do."

"I don't know if I touch people's hearts, but I can see they're very grateful," he said, adding that they

usually thank him for listening.

He said he doesn't offer up much about himself; he might comfort a cancer patient by telling them he has cancer, but he doesn't get into conversations with patients. He lets them do the talking.

"Everybody's doing something for a patient," he said of doctors and nurses. "I don't do anything for people; I just sit and ask questions and listen. I can see their transformation, as brief as it is."

"It relieves a lot of pressure on them," he continued. "The power of listening ... is so sorely needed in this polarizing age. It's the best thing I do all week. ... Everybody wants to be heard. The opposite of love is not hatred; the opposite of love is being ignored. I am moved by what they tell me. I affirm people. I tell them I admire their courage, the way they're getting through things. I validate and affirm."

But he keeps his boundaries. He doesn't give advice and he leaves the medicine to the doctors.

"I'm fortunate with my cancer," he said. "I'm a devout Christian; I don't worry about dying. To me it's a gateway to heaven, if I make the cut. It gets my mind off of it and I

don't get preoccupied with my cancer. Keeping focused on other people is always my key to happiness. ... It's been a real blessing. I can't thank the Holy Spirit enough for leading me here."

Apart from volunteerism, Alff kicked off his retirement by writing two books, "The Secret of Living a More Fulfilled Life" and "Joe's Gift." Each one starts off with a question.

In "The Secret of Living," Alff asks, "What is the most important thing for good mental health?"

"I lay out why people are unhappy — egocentricity, self-consciousness; we need the world to revolve around us," he said. "It starts in adolescence and we never shake it. We spend a lifetime trying to get people's approval. ... The answer is contrition and humility. God loves a contrite spirit and a humble heart."

"Then I go into how you can do that," he continued. "It's hard because it runs against the grain. I say there are three things to remember every day: I'm not as smart as I think I am, I'm not as nice as I think I am and I'm not as honest as I think I am. That's the thesis of the first book."

The opening question of "Joe's Gift" is "How



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Joe Alff

does anybody become somebody?"

"We do want to be distinctive, noticed, have a life that has some merit," Alff said, "so we explore positive self-talk, achievement, but at the end of the day we still don't believe it. The answer is, when you're loved. When you're loved, you become somebody."

Alff, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., moved to Michigan in 1968 after his military service. He met his wife at Wayne State University; they moved to Grosse Pointe in 1971. They have two children and five

grandchildren.

While he doesn't advise patients in the hospital, Alff said if he had to pass along any words of wisdom to the next generation, they are, "Love Jesus. Make him a huge, huge part of your life."

"As far as secular advice goes, be humble, be contrite," he continued. "If you're wrong, admit it. Don't be so sure of yourself all the time. Learn from other people. Ask more questions. ... Keep an open mind and have faith. Trust the Lord. And in the game of romance, make each other laugh."

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

ASK THE EXPERTS By Lori Warner Ph.D.

Smart parenting 101

Q: My daughter's school has an online "parent portal" where I can see her grades and assignments. How often should I check it? What should I do if I see something is missing?

A: Some schools limit updates and give families and students guidelines of how best to use this tool. Helping your daughter take ownership of and responsibility for her own learning experience and relationships with teachers is crucial. When we swoop in and "handle" something for our children, rather than discussing, supporting and coaching them through handling it themselves, we communicate to them that we don't think they can do it. The exact frequency of checking the portal is up to you, but multiple checks per day is likely excessive and will lead to stress for you, your daughter and her teachers.

Q: My son is constantly on his phone texting friends, watching videos, posting on social media. I've heard about kids using secret messaging or social media accounts. Should I be worried?

A: Social media is no substitute for social interaction IRL (in real life). Research finds that increased social media use correlates with lower self-esteem and higher physical and mental health issues. It may be a downward social comparison: We think others are happier, more attractive or more successful than we are. Remember, we are viewing through a selective lens online and compare what we see there with our knowl-

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edge of the real ups and downs of our own life. As for secret accounts, they can occur, though they are not typically as dramatic as you may see in the media. However, many useful and interesting things are available online and there is nothing inherently wrong with interacting with the digital world. Make sure real-time relationships, daily responsibilities and activities are emphasized, balancing screen time and real-world face time. The best way to deal with your concern is to connect with your teenager and keep communication lines open.

Q: When I was a kid, no one had smart phones or online maps. Somehow, we survived. Now, I can pinpoint the exact location of my kids' phones, I'm notified if they are late for class or absent and it feels like every small detail of their lives gets posted online for everyone to see. How can I help them be self-sufficient yet safe and not over-rely on my oversight?

A: This can be a tough path to navigate. With so much information available, we may feel pulled or even obligated to constantly check up on our child. Each family must

make its own decisions about how to use online grade portals, locating apps, how much to monitor social media or browser histories, what sites, movies or shows to limit, etc. There is no one right answer, but we can set our kids up for success so if the map app is incorrect or they have a concern about a grade, there is no cell service or their phone dies, they know how to handle the situation without the use of a smart phone or computer. I sometimes make a joke about learning how to do it "the old-fashioned way" just in case and I keep a paper map in my car.

Warner is a clinical psychologist, board-certified behavior analyst, director of the Center for Human Development and the Ted Lindsay Foundation HOPE Center at Beaumont Children's and associate professor for Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. She can be reached at (248) 691-4744 or visit beaumont.org/services/childrens/ted-lindsay-foundation-hope-center. Beaumont Health is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Joan Patricia Bartoszewicz

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joan Patricia Bartoszewicz, 89, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

She was born March 1, 1930, in Detroit, to Frank and Marie Gardzinski and graduated in 1947 from Dominican High School in Detroit. She earned a bachelor's degree from Siena Heights College in 1950 and a graduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1955. She was a second-grade teacher at Wilkens Elementary School in Detroit and librarian at St. Ambrose School in Grosse Pointe Park.

Joan was an avid bridge player, loved to cook and read and was a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. Most of all, she loved and was loved by her many family and friends.

Joan was actively involved in the community. She was a member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church for over 50 years; Sodality at Our Lady Queen of Heaven; the Christian Family Movement at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church; vice president of the Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club; two-term president of Detroit District Dental Auxiliary; president of the Michigan State Dental Auxiliary; president of the Bon Secours Hospital Auxiliary and served as the gift shop and Sunshine chairperson. She also volunteered with Pregnancy Aide in Detroit and Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe Farms, and was an election commission volunteer/precinct delegate for 33 years in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Joan is survived by her daughters, Paula Barth (Clifford), Lisa Shull (Bart), Tecla Sweat (Matthew), Andrea Montague (Tony), Regina Stormes and Amelia Conlan (Harold); sons, Dr. Leonard Bartoszewicz (Diane), Lawrence Bartoszewicz and Michael Bartoszewicz (Tanya); grandchildren, Michelle, Sarah, Lauren, Robbie, William, Matthew, Michael, Katie, Andrea, Allie, Lizzie, Trevor, Chase, Matthew, Cody and Keely and great-grandchildren, Julia, Emily, Anna, Matthew, Emma, Hannah, Addie, Rowan, Harrison, Ilah, Laney, Ellie, Marley and Lela.

She also is survived by her sister, Margot Dodge.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Leonard J. Bartoszewicz.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Custom Hospice, 888 W. Big Beaver Road, No. 900, Troy, MI 48084 or The Helm Life Center (formerly S.O.C.), 158

Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

John Paul Shanle

John "Jack" Paul Shanle, 81, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident of 50 years, died Saturday, March 23, 2019, from complications related to Parkinson's disease, with his loving family by his side.

Born June 27, 1937, to Paul and Hazel Shanle, of German and Irish descent, Jack grew up on the south side of Chicago. He attended Mendall High School run by the Augustinian priests, where he played football, developed his love of education and was proud to be a member of the school's first graduating class.

It also was at Mendall where his desire for something greater and his love of God led to his calling to join the Augustinian order. While in seminary, he not only developed his faith, but earned numerous degrees from Villanova University including philosophy, theology, English and European history. While an Augustinian, Jack preached at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and taught at Austin Catholic High School.

While his faith never wavered, Jack felt another calling — that of marriage and family. After being officially laicized by the pope, Jack found a lasting love of 50 years when he wed Marion Polizzi. A devoted father to his children, he spent time coaching their sports teams at the Neighborhood Club, attending their games and concerts at University Liggett School, teaching them to skip stones on Lake St. Clair and enlightening them with neverending esoteric facts.

The consummate educator, Jack was a dedicated teacher for 42 years in the Grosse Pointe Public School System at North and South high schools. His family said there was not a place they went in the Grosse Pointe area where they did not hear from someone that Jack had been their teacher — that he was one of their favorites, pretty strict and tough, but one of the best.

Jack was an active member in the community serving on many organizations, his favorite being the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. He also served as a religious education director at several Detroit-area parishes.

Jack had a contagious enthusiasm, curiosity and zest for life. His family said he was described by many as "a good man." He was authentic, brilliant, humble, hard working, a voracious reader, quick-witted, a world traveler, active gardener and lover of astronomy. He embodied and taught the lessons he held most dear: love of God, family and friends, passion for learning,

deep faith, courage and sparkling sense of humor.

Jack is survived by his wife, Marion; sons, John Samuel (Meredith) and Daniel Joseph (the late Evgenia); daughter, Amy Rose; grandchildren, John Brady, Daniel Yakov and Mary Tatiana; brother, Charles (Sandi); and sister-in-law, Cheryl Keys (Joseph).

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 26 at St. Joseph's Oratory in Detroit.

Donations may be made to Midwest Augustinians, at midwestaugustinians.org; St. Joseph Oratory at institute-christ-king.org/detroit/; or Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College at smwc.edu/giving.

Leonard Nicholas Naumenko

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Leonard Nicholas "Nick" Naumenko, 49, passed away peacefully after an illness Thursday, March 21, 2019, surrounded by family and friends.

Born Feb. 25, 1970, at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, to Leonard and Claire Naumenko, Nick spent his formative years and virtually all of his adult life in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nick graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1988. He attended the University of Michigan, where he played on the intramural tennis team and graduated in 1993, before earning his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1996. He spent his career as an attorney building a thriving private law practice.

Nick enjoyed many years of league tennis and social activities with his Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club group. His greatest joy was spending time joking and laughing with his family and friends. He endeared himself to so many with his loyalty and big heart, always taking time to listen, talk and offer his help. He made those around him feel valued and special. Nick will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

Nick was predeceased by his mother, Claire Naumenko and grandmother, Baroness Barbara DeHenning.

Nick is survived by his father, Leonard Naumenko (Sheri); sister, Tanya Bartoszewicz (Michael) and dear nephews, Chase and Matthew Bartoszewicz. He also is survived by his aunt, Renee Rogers; cousin, Dawn Mitchell and her three children, Bobby, Makenzie and Michael, as well as his aunts, Tanya Anderson and Nina Naumenko.

A Celebration of Life will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 10 at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Great Room, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.



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John Palffy

John Palffy, beloved father, loving husband, brother and friend, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2019, at age 60, after nearly a year-long battle with cancer. John, as described by his family, was a family man first and foremost. In his daughters' eyes, he will forever and always be a hero, strong and wise.

Born July 28, 1958, in New York City, to Raoul and Mary Rose (nee Santo) Palffy, John graduated from Kenyon College with his "brothers from the heart forever," the Delta Kappa Epsilons. John earned an MBA in finance from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and completed work toward a Ph.D. in economics from George Mason University.

John spent more than 30 years as an investment banker, business consultant and entrepreneur. John began his private sector career as vice president of corporate finance at Johnston-Lemon & Co. before returning home to Michigan as vice president of corporate finance for First of Michigan. In 1991, John formed JMP Financial Inc., an independent boutique investment banking firm.

John's professional career truly began in Washington, D.C., where he was a Walker Fellow in economics for the Heritage Foundation. He was recognized, while at Heritage, by the chamber of commerce as the go-to expert on conservative budget policy. John also was chief economist to Dan Quayle through whom he first proposed legislation for price-indexed Treasury bonds. He finished his political career as a senior political appointee in the Reagan Administration USDA. He also served as adjunct professor in the graduate schools of business at Wayne State University and Walsh College.

As a lifelong Grosse Pointer, John loved sailing on Lake St. Clair, kayaking in his backyard, playing hockey and baseball, and sunny days in the hammock with his golden retriever, Reagan. He lived for his family, and he always supported his daughters' adventures and achievements.

John was predeceased by his parents, Raoul and Mary Rose. He is survived

by his wife, Carla; their three daughters, Jessica, Amanda and Torie; son-in-law, Douglas and brother, Robert.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Detroit's own RecoveryPark at recoverypark.org/in-memory-of-john-palffy. RecoveryPark is an urban farm with a mission to create jobs for people with barriers to employment. John served as COO of RecoveryPark, a place where the mission, team, and work brought him incredible joy.

Cynthia Clotilde Bowen

Cynthia Clotilde Bowen, nee Book, of Omena, passed away Friday, March 29, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. She was 95.

Cynthia was born Nov. 27, 1923, in Grosse Pointe, the daughter of Herbert and Eleanore (nee Everard) Book. In 1947, she married Julian P. Bowen Jr. at her parents' home in Grosse Pointe.

Cynthia had a great love of literature, art and nature. At a young age, she enjoyed touring art museums and took up painting. She created beautiful oil paintings effortlessly. If she wasn't reading, she was painting.

Cynthia is survived by her children, Perry Carroll (James), Melanie Bowen and Everard Bowen (Rhonda) and grandchildren, Christina Carroll and William Carroll.

She was predeceased by her husband, Julian P. Bowen Jr.; daughter, Eleanore Bowen; son, Julian P. Bowen III and siblings, Eleanore "Betty" Kennedy, Herbert V. Book Jr., Vivienne Jahncke and Everard Book.

Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201; Leelanau Land Conservancy, P.O. Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654 or Dennon Museum Center, 1701 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Leelanau.

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Margaret M. Lynch

Margaret M. Lynch, 92, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

Born Feb. 14, 1927, in Detroit, to Dr. Edward J. and Margaret (nee Scallen) Lynch, Margaret was raised in Grosse Pointe Park, where she attended eight years of grade school at St. Clare of Montefalco. A Dominican High School graduate, she then went to the University of Detroit. Employed in the business world for many years, she retired after 34 years at Deloitte Touche as an administrative assistant.

Margaret lived in the family home in Grosse Pointe Park until 1989, when she moved to a condominium in St. Clair Shores. She remained a loyal and active member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church parish as a lector, commentator and Eucharistic minister until 2009, when she had to move out of the area to be near her sister.

Margaret was generous, providing assistance to others and an enthusiastic volunteer in many charitable organizations throughout her life. She enjoyed golf, sailing, bridge, entertaining family and many friends (a lot of them life long) to whom she was devoted.

Margaret is survived by her sister, Julianne Roesch (the late Carl); brother, Edward J. Lynch (the late Sue); nieces and nephews, Carlene Roesch, Mary Anne Williams (Dan), Joseph Roesch (Gillian), Julie Snider (Stan), Nancy Lomber (Jeff), Meaghan Duly (Jeff), Caitlin Jonson (Steve), Edward Lynch (Janet) and Malrin Lynch and 19 great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, John T. Lynch (Marilyn) and nephew, John T. Lynch Jr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 30 at St. Clare of Montefalco.

Donations may be made to St. Clare Montefalco Parish, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park MI 48230.

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Lois Lamdin Davenport

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Lois Lamdin Davenport died Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Born in Detroit, to Edward and Louis Lamdin, Lois graduated in 1957 from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in early education specializing in speech and hearing. She earned a master's degree from the University of San Francisco. She worked in the speech and hearing department of the Detroit Public Schools.

Lois enjoyed photography, tennis, skiing, bridge and backgammon. She was a member of the Junior League of Detroit and the Detroit Federation of Teachers. She also loved music and was a supporter of the Metropolitan Opera.

Lois is survived by her husband, Bruce T. Davenport; daughter, Elizabeth Ann Davenport; son, William W. Hoey; stepdaughter, Barbara Barrett and stepsons, Bruce T. Davenport Jr. and Paul Davenport.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Sara "Muffie" Hoey and sister, Janet Wojak.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



Pauline K. Bontekoe

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Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Pauline K. Bontekoe, 95, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2019.

She enjoyed many games including pinochle and euchre, but Pauline's game of choice was bridge. Pauline enjoyed sharing her knowledge with the Grosse Pointe community where she taught the game for many years and excelled at gaining friendships.

Pauline enjoyed dining out and spending time at the lake house in Pinckney with her family. Most important to Pauline was spending time with her family and friends.

Pauline was the beloved wife of 32 years of Eldert, who passed away December 1981. She was the loving mother of Eldert II, Paul (Sue) and Leslie Michlazuk (Ken); beloved grandmother of Jaime, Jessica (Dave), Ken (Lauren) and Kevin (Amanda) and great-grandmother of Lily and Isaac.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 5, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 27777 Franklin, No. 1150, Southfield, MI 48034 or at heart.org/en/.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "St. John Passion," by composer Bob Chilcott and featuring the church's choirs and orchestra, at 3 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 14. A pre-concert lecture begins at 1:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be collected. Call (313) 885-4841.

Grace Community

The Women's Ministry at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit, presents a live simulcast event with Going Beyond Ministries featuring bestselling author, actress and Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer

on Saturday, April 6. The full-day event, which invites women age 16 and older for teaching and worship, will be livestreamed. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Childcare is not provided. Register online at bit.ly/2OvRub4.

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 pre-

serve 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.

Redeemer United Methodist

Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods, 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.

Author plans visit to Memorial Church

Educator and author Barbara Newman visits Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 13. Newman will present, "God's Amazing Spectrum: Welcoming Children and Youth of Varied Abilities."

The session begins with discussion about God's design for each person, enabling partici-

pants to understand areas of disability such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder, cognitive disability, sensory processing disorder, reading and writing difficulties, physical challenges and more. Practical ideas for including children and youth in church, school and home settings addressing each disability type will be

explored.

The workshop is free; the community is invited. Childcare is available.

Request childcare or make a reservation by emailing lturner@gpmchurch.org or calling (313) 882-5330, Ext. 135.

Additionally, from 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, April 14, the church presents "Attitudes and Adam," in Barbour Chapel.

Adam's story, which

includes a famous NFL quarterback, allows one to think about the ways they view and relate to people with varied abilities. Pairing Adam's story with "The 5 Stages — Changing Attitudes" will lead to discovering ways to imagine, strengthen and celebrate inclusion of people with varied abilities.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Sustainable gardening tips just in time for spring

If the world of gardening had rock stars, Dutch landscape designer Piet Oudolf would be one. His gardens look dreamy and romantic, but are built with an emphasis on sustainable, sensible plantings.

And like a rock star needs great musicians to back him up, Oudolf needs information on the native plants essential to his aesthetic and philosophy of supporting wildlife like bees, butterflies and birds.

For his upcoming project in Detroit, Oudolf could turn to a floristic quality assessment done by Patrick Judd. His report carefully describes the distribution, number, type and relationships of plant species on Belle Isle where Oudolf's

much anticipated garden is planned.

Judd also is an expert in biophilic design principles and ecological resiliency, which are central to sustainable landscapes. He joins Stephen Hansen and Rodney Girolami at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, to discuss creating sustainable landscapes.

Hansen owns an award-winning landscape and waterscape design company that specializes in sustainable gardens. Girolami retired as a powertrain and manufacturing engineer at Ford Motor Co., to become head gardener at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. He will share his experience with the park's rain gar-

den.

James Ridgway, involved in water run-off planning for the Chandler Park Conservancy in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood, moderates.

This is the third of four lectures in the Your Old Mansion lecture series, organized annually by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. Proceeds fund the association's programming for military veterans, promising artists from area high schools and senior citizens and their caregivers.

Tickets are \$20 for GPAA members, \$25 for non-members. Walk-ins are welcome, but advanced registration is appreciated.

To register, visit grossepointeartcenter.org or call (313) 881-3454.

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Route 66,” Rennolds said. As such, the UFO Cafe sits on the outskirts of his layout.

The diner and the carnival each have their own soundtracks. With the push of a button, guests to Rennold’s train room can hear burgers being ordered, playful carnival music, even a child feeling sick after a ride.

And, of course, the tracks hum to life and trains ride the rails through all of it.

Rennolds controls the room through a Lionel application called iCab. With his cellphone or iPad, the miniature world in his train room comes alive.

Beneath the landscape, shelves display more of Rennold’s collection. One floor below that, inside a lighted display case, are the standard

gauge cars he first fell in love with.

“I could have worse vices,” Rennolds said. “I’ve collected for 30 years. ... I’m still collecting.”

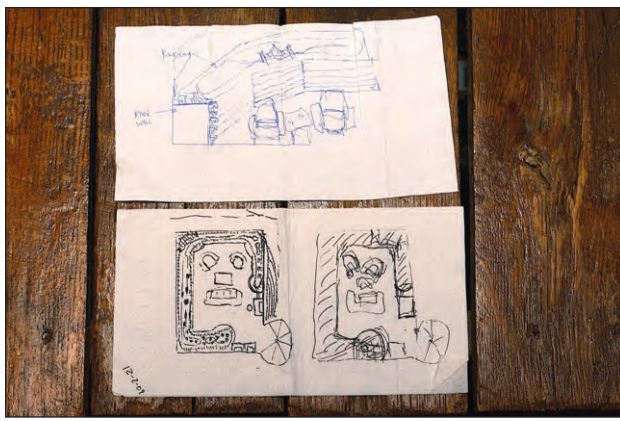
Twice a year, Rennolds and some friends go to a train show in York, Pa. — the largest train show in the world.

“You can see hundreds of trains and none of them look the same; they’re all different,” he said.

Rennolds, who changes out his trains so boxed cars get viewing time, said he spends three or four hours upstairs every night.

With all the moving parts, Rennolds said he fine-tunes the layout regularly. But he doesn’t mind it one bit.

“I spent so much time thinking this through,” he said. “The journey was as fun as — if not better than — the end product. Getting here was a great ride.”



Left, Bill Rennolds still has the Da Edoardo napkins on which he sketched his original layout. Below, a showcase features some of the standard gauge train cars that started Rennolds’ collection.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



EVENTS:

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6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. The public is welcome to this free event. Call (734) 374-3232.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following classes and exhibits at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ “Detroit: Celebrating the City from all Angles,” exhibited 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, through Sunday, April 14.

◆ “Painting Cigar Boxes with Laura Reed,” 5 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 10 to 24.

◆ “Impressionistic Landscapes: A Workshop with Vienna Szabo,” 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14.

Family Center

The Family Center presents “Addiction Intervention: How to Help Someone you Love,” with Debra and Jeff Jay, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register online at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 447-1374.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center presents Jo Ellen Meyer Sharp, “The Hoosier Gardener,” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Sharp, a nationally renowned garden writer and director of Horticultural Society at Newfields, presents “Growing with Life’s Changes.” She plans to offer tips for envisioning a garden when it is time to downsize or rethink the garden’s space. Tickets are \$5 for Garden Center members, \$15 for non-members. Register at (313) 499-0743 or pggarden-center@outlook.com.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Thursday, April 11, at the home of member Karen Kolp. The club will have its April meeting, followed by a Derby Party lunch provided by Kolp and co-hostess Mary Dennehy. Members are encouraged to wear their favorite Derby hats.

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. David M. Backhurst, a retired professor, historian, journalist and traveler, presents the video, “A Journey through Vietnam.” Admission is free and guests are welcome, including spouses. For information, call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Tom Jantz at (586) 772-6703.

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Baseball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North debuts Martin-era with win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys baseball team started the David Martin-era with a bang, crushing visiting U-D Jesuit 12-2 in five innings early last week.

"It was big to put four runs on the board in the first inning to help our pitchers out," Martin said. "We had a few first-game jitters, but once we got through those, we played a good game."

The Norsemen bats were booming, even on a cold afternoon with game-time temperatures in the mid 30s.

In the four-run first inning, senior Matt Mazzola singled.

He was in scoring posi-

tion when senior Dominic VanDoorne singled him home to make it 1-0. Senior Chad Lorkowski was hit by a pitch to put two runners on.

Senior Jack Kensora doubled home two runs, and he came around to score on a sacrifice fly from senior Louis Cardinale.

They added four more runs in the fourth inning and put the game away with a four-run fifth.

In the fourth inning, senior Ryan Shanley singled, Mazzola singled and VanDoorne delivered a two-run double. Kensora also singled home a run and Cardinale had a second sacrifice fly to make it an 8-2 game.

The Norsemen had a two-run single from Lorkowski in the fifth, followed by a game-ending two-run double from Cardinale.

Martin's squad finished with 11 hits, walked four times and reached base four times by getting hit by pitches. They had a lot of traffic on the base paths.

Shanley, Mazzola, VanDoorne and Kensora had two hits apiece. Kensora and Cardinale drove in four runs apiece, while VanDoorne had three RBIs.

Sophomore Nic Good also had a hit for the senior-heavy Norsemen.

On the mound, senior Nik David earned the win, pitching four innings. He gave up only

two hits, walked three and struck out four. Kensora pitched one inning, giving up one hit, walking one and striking out two.

"It's not bad when we were able to send out two pitchers throwing in the 80s," Martin said.

The rest of the players on the varsity are seniors Dominik Hadley, Owen Rossmann, Joey Rheaume, Foster Dodge and Jackson Hall; juniors Danny Duquet, Joey Tedesco, Drew Henderson and Brendan Cwiklinski; and sophomores Chris Marshall and Brett Arseneau.

Martin takes over for hall-of-fame head coach Frank Sumner, who had more than 1,000 career victories.

Martin, who has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Windsor, has worked in baseball at Henry Ford Community College, Miami, Fla., Bowling Green and Eastern Michigan University.

He is a self-proclaimed "student of the game," and is coaching at the high school level for the first time. He also has coached in the Great Lakes League, Northeastern League, Frontier Professional Baseball League and the Cape Cod League with the Chatham A's, now the Anglers.

Martin also is a certified scout for Major League Baseball and is owner of the Martin Baseball Group, which

consults professional baseball teams on baseball operations, coaching and player procurement processes, as well as creating fan experience environments.

He also is the founder of the Michigan Expos, a travel baseball program.

He took the job at North because he wanted a new challenge and a chance to help players enjoy the sport.

He says he is firm, fair and consistent when dealing with players. His ultimate goal is to win a Division 1 state championship at North.

Martin and his long-time wife, Theresa, have three boys, Casey, David and Matthew, and live in West Bloomfield.

Soccer

NORTH & SOUTH

Teams open with splits

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls soccer team kicked off its 2019 season last week, beating visiting St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 1-0.

The Norsemen had two goals disallowed. They scored early in each half, but the officials waved off each tally.

For head coach Olivia Dallaire, her Norsemen played well on a cold season opener. It took a while to get the first-game jitters out of their system, but once they did the home team played well.

Just when the game seemed destined to end in a scoreless tie, senior Meghan Gallagher scored the lone goal with only 5:50 left in the second half.

Gallagher is one of several seniors on the squad. She joins goaltender Hannah Martin, Maddie Mills, Ava Stander, Sia Nezeritis, Katelyn Louwers, Mary-Ann Essakj and Jessica Gieseck as seniors on Dallaire's varsity squad.

Juniors are Meg Pangborn and Michelle Bodnariuk, while sophomores are goalie Markie Gieseck, Meadow Venet, Ashlyn Senter, Maddie Kohler and Molly Bennett.

Dallaire also has some freshmen — Josie DiSanto, Ryleigh Ward, Katherine Ignagni, Eleanor Bernas and Bella Stephanoff.

North finished 15-8-1



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe North's Meg Pangborn heads downfield during the Norsemen's game with Lake Shore.

overall and 6-3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, good enough for second place behind Macomb Dakota.

This season the Norsemen moved up to the MAC Red Division and face Utica Eisenhower, Anchor Bay, Dakota, Utica Ford and city rival Grosse Pointe South in league battles.

In other non-league action, the Norsemen play Detroit Country Day, Stoney Creek, Troy and University Liggett School.

During last season's success, the Norsemen won a district title and beat Anchor Bay 1-0 in a shootout in a regional semifinal at Troy Athens. Their season ended with a 5-0 loss to Troy in a regional title game.

This spring, the Norsemen travel to Dearborn Edsel Ford for the district tournament, facing Dearborn, Dearborn Fordson, Edsel Ford, Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Western International and Grosse Pointe South.

North also played Chippewa Valley in a non-league game last

week, losing 4-0 to stand 1-1 overall.

South results

The Grosse Pointe South girls soccer team endured a busy opening week to the season.

They followed the season-opening game with Utica with three games on back-to-back-to-back evenings, finishing 1-1-1.

They tied Fraser 2-2, beat Warren Cousino 5-0 and finished with a 2-0 loss to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

In the Fraser game, the Blue Devils trailed 1-0 at the half. They came out and played a strong second half.

Junior captain Jordan Zak and senior Abby Carolan scored the second-half goals to give the visitors a 2-1 lead.

The Ramblers scored late to tie it, but the Blue Devils rebounded with a convincing victory over the Cousino.

It was scoreless at the half, but in the final 40 minutes Zak scored off a corner kick to net what would be the game winner.

Sophomore Sarah Rogers scored, off assists from Sarah Carr and

Annie Reid, and made it 3-0 on a goal off a long shot from freshman Olivia Frye.

Sophomore Christina Ibanez tallied the final two goals to complete the Blue Devils' scoring.

"Today we went in honestly tired and beat up against a talented Lake Shore group and came up empty handed with a 2-0 loss," head coach Chris Bolio said. "The girls were very obviously exhausted and the game was kind of flat. If we played them fresh legged we would have been fine."

Bolio also dealt with a coaching change at the last minute as Joe Pratico left the program, leaving a void at the junior varsity level.

Taking his place are Richard Jacob and Grosse Pointer Shannon Sugamele.

"With the last-minute changes, there's been some shaky moments, but all situations considered, RJ and Shannon are doing a wonderful job and I can't wait to see them develop the group," Bolio said.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-2-1.

Softball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils start with 9-2 win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South head coach Bill Fleming enters the 2019 season with a lot of optimism since the core of his district-title squad returns from a year ago.

Last week, the Blue Devils started the season with a 9-2 win over host Sterling Heights.

Adriana Agosta earned the win, going four innings with one hit against, four walks and three strikeouts. Caroline Gallagher tossed the final three innings on the slab, giving up only one walk while striking out four.

Offensively, the visitors scored four runs in the third inning, one in the fourth, two in the fifth and two in the seventh.

Kendall Volpe led the way with three hits, while Julia O'Halla and Agosta had two hits apiece. Gallagher drove in a team-high three runs to power the Blue Devils in their season opener.

South traveled to St. Clair Shores Lakeview to battle the Huskies. They lost 11-3.

"We have to get more consistent, and get everyone on the same page," Fleming said. "We have several freshmen who made varsity, and it will take them time to get used to varsity softball and playing with our veterans. We will get there."

The Blue Devils led 1-0 when O'Halla singled in the top of the first inning. She went to third on a single by Agosta and came around to score on a wild pitch.

The Huskies scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take control. They added two more in the sixth to conclude the scoring.

Gallagher suffered the loss, pitching three innings, and Agosta pitched the final three innings.

"I like playing Lakeview because I know they are a good team and it prepares our girls for later in the season," Fleming said. "We didn't play particularly well, but we had some bright spots we can build on."

Volpe and O'Halla each had two hits to lead the offense as South is 1-1 overall.

The other varsity players are Lauren Sicklesteel, Regan Sherry, Margaret Kramer, Meredith Kramer, Shannon Dame, Katie Drew, Ellie Budziak and Peyton Grieser.

The Blue Devils start their Macomb Area Conference Blue Division slate when they return from the break, traveling to Marysville Wednesday, April 10.

Their other division opponents are Warren Cousino, Port Huron Northern, Fraser, Marine City and Port Huron.

"I think Port Huron Northern is the favorite since they have a lot of returners and a pretty good pitcher," Fleming said. "I like our team, and I would like to think we can make a run at the division title."

The Blue Devils were 0-9 in the MAC Blue Division last season. They won it in 2015.

Hockey

EASTSIDE HOCKEY CLUB

Craig named girls hockey director

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The girls hockey program for the Lady Bulldogs and Eastside Hockey is under the tutelage of 24-year-old Hailee Craig.

The new girls hockey director currently has five teams in three age groups, two at 10U, two at 12U and one at 14U. They will have a sixth team next season.

"I'm honored to get this position and help this program grow, and help the girls grow as complete hockey players," Craig said. "I have a lot of hockey playing

experience to help me teach all areas of the game to the girls. I want to make them better hockey players."

Craig played hockey throughout grade school before earning a scholarship to play at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H.

She played winger for the Ravens.

During her travel hockey days, she played for Victory Honda and Little Caesars growing up in Canton.

Craig earned a bachelor's degree in sports and recreation management, and is using that in her capacity as girls



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hailee Craig, far left, is the new girls hockey director for Eastside Hockey.

hockey director.

Tryouts for the 2019-2020 season are in May and the new season starts in September. Girls will have a chance to skate and play games once a week during the summer to keep active in the sport.

"I support the girls playing other sports, especially in the summer," Craig said. "It's

good for them to use other muscles and meet new people other than their hockey teammates."

University Liggett School's McCann Ice Arena is one of the rinks the girls use for practice.

If interested in joining the Lady Bulldogs or have questions for Craig, send an email to info@bulldogshockeyclub.org.

Lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Girls, boys drop tight contests

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys and girls lacrosse teams had one more opportunity to play games before taking a week off for spring break.

The girls dropped a heart-breaking 13-12 home game to Dearborn Divine Child.

The Norsemen trailed 7-5 at the half.

Senior Lainey Aldridge scored three goals and senior Karina Nahra had two as the Norsemen were right on the Falcons' heels. Nahra's second tally came with only 20.1 left before the half, giving the home team all of the momentum.

The Falcons scored the first three goals of the second half, leading 10-5, but the Norsemen chipped away at the deficit.

Junior Emma Burney scored at the 19:54 mark, and Nahra tallied her third goal to make it a 10-7 game with 16:14 left.

Burney had the hot hand, scoring the Norsemen's next three goals to cut the deficit to 11-10 with 9:15 remaining in the game.

The Falcons inched ahead 13-10, but Nixon called a timeout to rally her players. Everyone was behind the girls, cheering them to what would be a comeback to tie or win it in regulation.

Nahra scored at the 2:41 mark to make it 13-11 and with 1:56 left junior Lexi Poulos had a goal to bring the home team within a goal, 13-12.

With all of the momentum and overtime a possibility, the Norsemen couldn't get the tying goal. The Falcons were able to grab possession with 15 seconds left and ran out the clock.

For North, it dropped them to 0-2 overall, but the moral victory is what the program needed heading to the break.

Nahra and Burney had four goals apiece, followed by Aldridge with three and Poulos with one.

Junior Madalyn Durkee played well in net again, making more than a dozen saves.

The boys also lost a one-goal game, 9-8 in overtime to L'Anse Creuse North.

The host Norsemen led 3-0 after the first quarter and 4-1 at the half.

They were out scored 4-3 in the third period and 3-1 in the fourth to send the game to overtime. They had an 8-7 lead and had possession of the ball with 60 seconds left, but a turnover gave the ball back to the Crusaders who tied it with a goal with less than 20 seconds left.

In OT, the Crusaders scored in the first minute. For the Norsemen, senior Chris Lorelli had three goals, followed by junior Connor Obermök with two. Senior Ben Hartley, junior Will Weiss and freshman Jason Michalski had one apiece.

North also lost 9-5 to Northville's "B" team to stand 1-2 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE GATORS

Gators end season with state titles

As the short course swim season winds down, the Grosse Pointe Gators sent 24 swimmers to two state meets and brought home five state championships.

During the second weekend in March, the 2019 Michigan 12U Short Course State Meet was held in Jenison. Ten-year-old Mischa Eng, a fifth grader at Kerby, is this year's state champion in the 9-10 100 backstroke and 100-breaststroke. Eng also placed second in the 100-individual medley, third in the 200-IM and fourth in the 100-butterfly and 50-breaststroke. By the end of the meet, Eng received third place in the 10U High Point category.

"Mischa has grown so much over the past two years," says Coach Tony Grice. "She's worked hard and will only continue to grow."

On the boys' side, seventh grader Troy Liu, 12, from Brownell was the state champion in the



PHOTO BY ROGER E. SCHAAF

Kieran Rahmaan won a state championship in the boys 13-14 100-butterfly in the 2019 Michigan 13/14 & Open SYC State Meet.

boys 11-12 200-backstroke. Liu also placed fourth in the 100-backstroke, fifth in 100-freestyle, seventh in the 50-backstroke and ninth in the 50-freestyle.

Teammate Connor McMahon, 12, a seventh grader at Parcels, was state champion in the boys 11-12 50-breaststroke, while also finishing second in the 100-breaststroke; third place in the 100-IM, 100- and 50-backstroke; and fifth place finish in the 200-IM. Liu and McMahon, along with CJ Schindlbeck, a seventh

grader at Pierce, and Kiernan Tague, a sixth grader at St. Clare, raced as a team in the boys 11-12 200-freestyle and 200-medley relays, finishing second in the state in both events.

"You'll find Connor and Troy in the pool, side by side," says Grice. "It's not surprising to find them on the podium as well."

A week later at the 2019 Michigan 13/14 & Open SYC State Meet, 14-year-old Kieran Rahmaan, an eighth grader at Pierce, was the state champion in the boys 13-14 100-butterfly. Rahmaan also placed eighth in the 100-backstroke. Sixteen-year-old

Sophie Housey, a junior at University Liggett School, finished second in the girls open 200 freestyle.

"I've been working with Kieran for several years now, and his swimming is amazing," says head coach John Fodell.

Several swimmers also placed in the top 10 throughout both meets, including Sophie Schuetze, eighth grader at Pierce, who finished sixth in the girls 13-14 200-butterfly and seventh in the 100-butterfly. Renee Liu, a senior at South, finished fifth in the girls 200-backstroke and seventh in the 200-freestyle.

The Gators finish up their short course season with trips to ISCA TYR Junior National Championship and NCSA 14 & Under Championship, both in Florida. Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club is a year-round competitive swimming team offering professional coaching and technique instruction for swimmers of all ages and abilities. For more information, visit gpgatorsswim.org.

— By Beth Newhart
Special Writer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils lax teams split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls and boys lacrosse teams took the field one more time before spring break.

The girls, playing their first game of the season, edged visiting Troy Athens 11-9.

Three girls scored two goals, seniors Kristen Eschbach, Isabelle Adams and Jacqueline Mercier.

Scoring one goal apiece were seniors Rose Williamson, Julia Gigante and Margaux Schaller, and juniors Anna Stumb and Hannah Blanzly. Junior goaltender Hadley McSunas made 15 saves to help the Blue Devils beat the Red Hawks to move to 1-0 overall.

Others on the varsity squad are senior Emery Mathews; juniors Kylie Stackpoole, Sumner Verlinden, Olivia Stricker, Kristin Williamson, Mia Rancilio, Caitlin Rionda and Gray Rahm; sophomores Hope Whitney, Mary Fannon, Alston Smith and Adrienne Byarski; and freshman Abigail Keane.

The boys dropped a heart-breaker, 10-9, to visiting Clarkston.

The Blue Devils led 9-8 after a goal by senior James Rauh midway through the fourth quarter.

The home team held that slim lead until the final minute when the Wolves tied it and then scored the winning goal 20 seconds later.

For head coach Justin Macksoud, it was a tough loss against a good Clarkston squad.

The Blue Devils trailed 2-1 after the opening quarter, but outscored the Wolves 4-3 in the second period to tie it 5-5 at the half.

It was tied 8-8 after the third quarter as the teams traded one-goal leads.

Sophomore Henry Shields scored the Blue Devils' first goal and added a second tally early in the second quarter.

Rauh, senior Turner Sine and senior Mickey Kuchta also scored in the second period.

In the third quarter, senior Miles Dingeman, Sine and Dingeman again scored goals as each team prepared for what would be a pressure-packed fourth quarter.

Senior goalie John Coyle was a wall in net, stopping a couple dozen shots.

Clarkston was able to grab possession of the ball late in that fourth quarter and put two goals on the board to earn the one-goal victory.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-2 overall.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CITY OFFICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the City Charter and the Michigan Election Law of 1964, as amended, Tuesday, April 23, 2019 is the last day for filing Nominating Petitions for the following City Offices:

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Derrick Kozicki
City Clerk

GPN: 04/04/19

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input on the distribution of the special assessment levy.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk's office prior to the hearing date.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

Posted: March 5, 2019
Published: GPN, April 4, 2019

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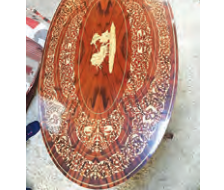
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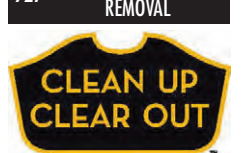
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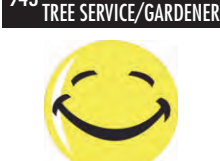
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- ACROSS**
- 1 \$ dispenser
 - 4 " — Miserables"
 - 7 Trounce
 - 12 Commonest English word
 - 13 Matterhorn
 - 14 Worn unevenly
 - 15 2012 movie bear
 - 16 Savage
 - 18 Midafternoon, in a way
 - 19 Long-legged shorebird
 - 20 Pull an all-nighter
 - 22 Freudian concept
 - 23 Use a key-board
 - 27 Moreover
 - 29 Rodeo outcries
 - 31 Strong adhesive
 - 34 Meal for Oliver Twist
 - 35 Moral principles
 - 37 Larry's pal
 - 38 Runs from the fuzz
 - 39 Shooter ammo
- DOWN**
- 1 Storage story
 - 2 " — Finest Hour"
 - 3 TV, radio, etc.
 - 4 Chemistry classrooms
 - 5 On cloud nine
 - 6 Parsley serving
 - 7 Vegan's no-no
 - 8 Bobby of hockey
 - 9 Luau side dish
 - 10 "Born in the —"
 - 11 Corral
 - 17 Huff and puff
 - 21 Long skirts
 - 23 Pitched
 - 24 Second person
 - 25 "Ulalume" writer-
 - 26 Immigrant's study (Abbr.)
 - 28 Big Apple letters
 - 30 Past
 - 31 Moray or con-ger
 - 32 Sch. org.
 - 33 Resistance measure
 - 36 Practice pugilism
 - 37 Sweet Spanish wine
 - 40 Proclamation
 - 42 Jack
 - 43 Go in
 - 44 Irritable
 - 45 Glaswegian girl
 - 46 Novelist
 - 47 Bagnold
 - 48 Varnish ingredi-ent
 - 49 Under the weather
 - 50 Life story, for short
 - 51 Tatter

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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