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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

## Residents concerned over air quality

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES**

— The proposed new Fiat Chrysler assembly plant set to replace the Mack Avenue Engine plant at Mack and St. Jean, in Detroit, promises to bring nearly 5,000 new jobs. It also will bring more emissions, which could directly impact Grosse Pointe.

FCA's proposal is to convert the existing Mack Engine plant into a

new assembly plant to produce the next generation Jeep Grand Cherokee, a new full-size SUV and hybrid vehicles. It would be the first assembly plant in Detroit city limits in nearly 30 years and the first in Michigan in 13 years.

The \$2.5 billion investment also includes upgrades to FCA's Jefferson North assembly plant.

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**Fiat Chrysler is proposing a new vehicle assembly line to replace the Mack Avenue Engine plant. According to FCA, it will bring nearly 5,000 new jobs; however, it also brings more pollution, which likely will directly impact Grosse Pointe.**

## On the rise

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES**

— Despite receiving less than average precipitation in March, the Great Lakes water levels are expected to stay above average the rest of the year, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or USACE.

Locally, Lake St. Clair is projected to be about 2 feet above average, continuing the trend the last decade of higher-than-average water levels.

Lake St. Clair also rose approximately 2 inches from this time last year to approximately 576 feet above sea level.

Currently, all but Lake Erie are higher than one year ago, according to the

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## Councilmembers up for re-election in all 5 Pointes

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — It may seem like yesterday when the community last went to the polls, but local officials already are preparing for the next round of elections.

While there aren't any major state or national offices up for re-election this year, local city councils have a number of seats up for grabs.

The deadline to get a name on the ballot is fast approaching.

Nominating petitions for local office are due by 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, to a candidate's local city clerk.

In each Grosse Pointe, three councilmembers are up for election and in all but the Woods, the mayor's seat also will be voted on. Mayors are voted on every two years while councilmembers serve four-year terms.

In the City, terms are expiring for Mayor Christopher Boettcher and councilmen Don Parthum, John Stempfle and Andrew Turnbull. There is no

salary for councilmembers in the City.

In the Farms, Mayor Louis Theros and councilmembers Sierra Donaven, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood are up for re-election. The office of mayor carries a \$900 salary and councilmembers receive \$600 per year.

The Park will vote on Mayor Bob Denner's current seat, as well as Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Clark and councilmembers John Chouinard and Barbara Detwiler. There is no salary for councilmembers in the Park.

In the Woods, the seats of Mayor Pro Tem Arthur Bryant and councilmen Michael Koester and Richard Shetler will be voted on. Councilmembers in the Woods receive \$3,750 per year.

The Shores sees seats expiring for Mayor Ted Kedzierski and councilmembers Tina Ellis, Robert Gesell and Douglas Kucyk. There is no salary for councilmembers in the Shores.

For more information on filing a nominating petition, contact the local city clerk.

## Woods city hall redesign proposed

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — City administrators presented city council with proposed options for a redesign of city hall during Monday's committee of the whole meeting.

The pitch follows the March 3 flooding of the city's administration offices, resulting in a two-phase restoration effort. The first phase includes drying out the area, removing asbestos and conducting demolition. The second phase is rebuilding.

City administrators view the second phase of the restoration as an opportunity to redesign the space.

After reviewing the options, council will put a recommendation on the floor for vote during an upcoming city council meeting.

Director of Public Services Frank Schulte described the

options in a March 30 memo to council.

Option 1 would restore the space to its current design.

Option 2 would involve relocating some work spaces for improved productivity and making room for a larger conference room and lunchroom.

Option 3 would expand the area, enclosing the porch space in the rear of the building.

Stucky Vitale Architects submitted a \$17,200 estimate for Option 2 and an \$8,000 estimate for Option 3.

Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick Inc. submitted a \$51,000 estimate for Options 2 and 3 combined.

The administration recommended council accept the proposal by Stucky Vitale Architects.

— Melissa Walsh



Lindsey Buhl, great-granddaughter of Edsel and Eleanor Ford, signs the beam.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Ford House hits construction milestone

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Edsel & Eleanor Ford House recently announced that construction crews are preparing to install the final steel beam to complete the structure of its new administration building and visitor center later this month. In honor of the upcoming milestone, members of the Ford House board of trustees signed the

final steel beam to be installed. Construction continues on schedule with both buildings projected to open in spring 2020. This week, Ford House also re-opened its doors for public tours following a three-month closure for conservation work inside the home. Tours

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**Mark Zapico**  
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## Open for business

The Cracked Egg, 15506 Mack, is open for business in Grosse Pointe Park. Breakfast, lunch and dinner made from scratch are served any time of day. The restaurant also plans to offer gluten-free bread and pancakes. For more information, call (313) 885-1481.

Pictured at its recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Linda Reid, director of membership, Grosse Pointe chamber; James Robson, Grosse Pointe Park councilman; Paulie Duhana, co-owner; Pjeter Duhana, co-owner; Bob Denner, Grosse Pointe Park mayor; Jenny Boettcher, president, Grosse Pointe chamber; and Regan Stolarski, administration, Grosse Pointe chamber.

## Reading Works names Grobbel executive director

Reading Works, a nonprofit dedicated to improving adult literacy and helping build a robust workforce in the community, recently announced long-time civic leader Marita Grobbel as executive director.

Grobbel, of Grosse Pointe Woods, has served in leadership roles in greater Detroit in both business and charitable organizations, including the banking industry. She most recently was director of the banking and finance group at the Clark Hill law firm. She also founded MSG Advisory Services and built her career on innovation, entrepreneurship, relationship management and project implementation.

Her civic engagement has included a variety of volunteer roles related to fundraising, education, services for seniors and health care. She chairs the Southeast Michigan Ascension Hospital Board, has served on the executive committee of the YMCA of Metro Detroit and is immediate past chairwoman of its foundation board.

Grobbel takes the helm of Reading Works from Hilarie Chambers, who resigned late last year to become chief

of staff to Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

“Marita brings with her a strong, successful business background and connections throughout the Detroit area,” said Tom McGinnis, a partner with Deloitte and chairman of the Reading Works Board of Directors. “As Reading Works continues to grow to our next stage of development, I can’t think of a more capable person to lead us.”

Reading Works, founded in 2011, has been integral in collective community efforts to provide foundational skills to adult learners. In 2018, Reading Works was named a key partner in the Detroit Workforce Development system, managing and supporting new efforts to increase adult literacy programs.

“I am excited to get to work with our partners to align adult basic education with job creation,” Grobbel said. “Our unique structure — working with so many adult literacy organizations — allows us to serve as a hub that connects our partners and the adults they serve, so they can prepare to find the kind of employment to make a difference in their lives.”

## Eastside Republicans to host next-generation conservative leaders

Student leaders from Grosse Pointe high schools will share their firsthand experiences standing for conservative ideas and promoting the sanctity of life on Tuesday, April 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sponsored by the Eastside Republican Club, the student panel is scheduled from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Participating students are active in leading local school chapters of Students for Life, Young Americans for Freedom and Turning Point USA.

“We have assembled a stellar panel of young men and women who are standing up for conservative American values. We will hear of the positive

impact they are making and the challenges they face,” club chairman Dave Schumacher said. “In addition to being inspired by their courage and conviction, I’m sure we will get some insight into today’s tolerance for viewpoint diversity and learn ways we can support them.

“This panel is especially timely coming so soon after President Trump’s March 21 Executive Order to promote freedom of speech at colleges and universities,” he continued.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking.

The ERC Forum meets monthly September to May at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

## Woods plans lighting upgrade

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Over the past year, city administrators held meetings with DTE representatives to plan the replacement of outdated sodium streetlights along Mack and Vernier with LED fixtures.

According to an April 1 memo to city council from Director of Public Services Frank Schulte, DTE maintains 1,182 street lights in the Woods and at Lake Front Park and another 153 ornamental street

lights in the medians of Mack and Vernier.

The plan calls for replacing the city’s non-ornamental street lights with Green Cobra Series LED street lights.

DTE provided the city with three options of Acorn Series lights for ornamental lighting replacement: glass globe only; glass globe with ribs; and band and glass globe with full cover, ribs and band.

Schulte is recommend-

ing council accept the glass globe only design.

Rather than replacing the poles of median ornamental lights, DTE is offering the city a stockpile of poles with the installation labor and a credit of \$700 for purchasing additional poles. Each ornamental pole costs \$2,500, according to the memo.

Schulte also recommends the replacement of the 20 city-owned lights with LED fixtures.

In all, the lighting-replacement project would cost an estimated \$406,908. With an estimated \$84,428 annual savings in electricity costs, Schulte said it will take a little more than nine years to recover the replacement cost.

DTE requires 50 percent down to begin the project and 50 percent paid upon completion. To qualify for energy-saving rebates, Schulte added, the project would need to be completed by November.

—Melissa Walsh

## Tootsie Roll drive is this weekend

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Knights of Columbus volunteers will hit the streets this weekend to raise funds for Full Circle Foundation, Kids on the Go, Neighborhood

Club and Special Kids Inc. The Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll drive takes place 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the intersections of Mack

and Vernier and Mack and Cook Road, as well as 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at the intersection of Mack and Vernier.

—Melissa Walsh

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FCA also is requesting an increase in emissions, namely nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds, which combine to create ozone.

Although the area currently is considered in nonattainment for ozone, FCA proposes to reduce emissions at its Warren Truck Assembly Plant in Macomb County to offset the increase in Detroit.

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the increases still will meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and the Air Quality Division is recommending approval of the permits.

But, residents of Grosse Pointe are con-

cerned the increase of pollutants in the area will negatively affect health and home.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Kathy Johnson, at the Park council meeting Monday, April 8, raised her concerns. Johnson said she received a statement from an employee of Detroit’s Building, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department that gave her pause.

“It seems as though (Detroit is) not too concerned about increased emissions in Detroit because they believe that most of the impact will be on the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores,” Johnson said.

Because of prevailing

winds, which come primarily from the west and west-southwest, the emissions from Mack Avenue would come directly over Grosse Pointe.

The direct effect of the proposed increased emissions remains unclear. But, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, along with negative environmental impact, ozone can cause shortness of breath, coughing and sore or scratchy throat, as well as damage airways and increase frequency of asthma attacks, among myriad other issues.

Park Councilwoman Lauri Read said she has been in contact with State Rep. Joe Tate, who will meet with FCA this week, as well as the MDEQ and Detroit, and get back to her with any information.

Read also noted there will be a public hearing at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Southeastern High School, 3030 Fairview, Detroit, with an informational session from the MDEQ at 5:30 p.m.

Public comment also is open until April 18 on the MDEQ website, [deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwarp.shtml](http://deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwarp.shtml) or by attending the public hearing.

“The key is to have concerned people show up at the hearing and make sure the questions are answered to their satisfaction,” Mayor Bob Denner said.

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# Local mom advocates for child-abuse registry

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — In Michigan, those convicted of sexual child abuse are listed in a public offender registry, but not those convicted of physical child abuse. Over the past five years, Erica Hammel has been pushing legislation that would require those convicted of physically abusing children be listed in a public registry.

Hammel and supporters of the initiative known as “Wyatt’s Law” introduced two sets of bills. The second set passed unanimously Dec. 6 in the state Senate. With the bills not put on the floor in the House during the December session, Hammel is preparing to submit a third set of bills concurrently to the state House and Senate.

“The third time’s hopefully the charm,” she said. “Over the past five years, I gained a lot of support, because I’m very persistent. Luckily, we’ve had some new leadership changes.”

As part of getting “all her ducks in a row” for this third push, Hammel met with Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield in February and senses broader bipartisan support for the bills.

Assisting Hammel are former Michigan State Reps. Sarah Roberts and Derrick Miller, who



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERICA HAMMEL

**Erica Hammel’s son, Wyatt, during treatment for injuries sustained from non-accidental brain trauma, or shaken baby syndrome. Right, Erica Hammel and Wyatt.**

helped her write and first introduce the bills in 2015. Prior to serving in the House, Miller was a Macomb County prosecutor involved in convicting a child abuser who would later abuse Hammel’s son, Wyatt.

Wyatt’s Law would require those convicted of first- and second-degree child abuse to be listed in the registry 10 years; those convicted of third- and fourth-degree child abuse would be listed five years.

“Those convicted — and that’s the big key word, convicted — in the court of law would have to register, once Wyatt’s Law passes, as a child abuser,” Hammel said.

Meanwhile, she cares for her son, Wyatt, who suffers from shaken baby syndrome. She has nurtured him through four brain surgeries, two eye surgeries and his battle to

overcome impairments and developmental delays sustained when he became a victim of a twice-convicted child abuser.

According to the latest report released by the state, there were 39,552 child abuse convictions in Michigan in 2016. The identities of these offenders are not released in a searchable public database linking them to their crimes against children.

Hammel said, to protect the rights of vulnerable children, she is fighting to expose the identities of these offenders.

“Most children that die of child abuse are under age 3, because they can’t talk about being abused,” Hammel said.

Hammel’s ex-husband’s girlfriend, Rachel Edwards, was convicted of felony child abuse in 2011 and sentenced in a misdemeanor child abuse



case in 2013, only 10 days prior to violently shaking Wyatt on Nov. 1, 2013.

The abuse sent the 1-year-old to Children’s Hospital of Detroit for emergency brain surgery and a seven-week recovery in the hospital. Edwards pleaded guilty to second-degree child abuse in January 2015. Wyatt’s injuries included broken ribs, brain bleed, fractured skull and detached retina leaving him blind in his left eye.

Wyatt’s abuse occurred during her ex-husband’s court-mandated overnight parenting time. Months prior, Hammel heard a rumor that her ex-husband’s girlfriend, Edwards, had lost custody of her three children. It was a red flag that sent Hammel on a search in Michigan’s Offender Tracking Information System and Sex Offender Registry.

“I didn’t have her birthday, so I came up with

nothing,” Hammel said.

Yet she requested Friend of the Court consider prohibiting Edwards’ presence during Wyatt’s overnight visits with his father. But without evidence to support the request, her motion was denied.

The night of the abuse, Hammel was notified by physicians and police that Wyatt’s injuries

were consistent with “non-accidental head trauma.”

“Wyatt’s case came to the prosecutor’s office as a homicide,” Hammel said. “They did not expect him to survive. So he’s a miracle.”

Hammel went public with Wyatt’s story about a year later, when she sensed the call to protect children from similar crimes with new legislation that would hold convicted offenders accountable by the public.

“I’ve had a lot of moms and caregivers reach out to me from across the United States to ask, ‘How did you get this started?’” Hammel said.

She began with a grassroots drive that included a

petition campaign and letters to local legislatures.

“Wyatt’s story is really compelling,” she said. “I like to think that, after hearing his story, how can you not think that this registry needs to exist?”

Wyatt’s Law was the first legislation proposed in the United States written to protect children from repeat child-abuse offenders. Though it has not yet passed both chambers in Lansing, it was picked up and signed into law in Indiana and Utah.

“I’m angry because it’s not done yet (in Michigan) and it should be,” Hammel said.

She and Wyatt, 6, live with her father in the Woods, in the home she grew up in, as they await moving into “Wyatt’s House of Hope,” a home being built for them courtesy of the Optimist Club of St. Clair Shores.

“By the grace of God, Wyatt is doing pretty good, but I knew I had to do something,” Hammel said. “I knew that I couldn’t let this happen to another child.”

To learn more about Wyatt’s Law and its namesake, join Hammel’s Facebook group “Wyatt the Warrior.”

## The Week Ahead

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee decorates Osius Park for Easter, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Easter Egg Hunt, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Easter Egg Stroll, 10 a.m. to noon at Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson.

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in the municipal court room, 20025 Mack Plaza.  
◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

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are available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

“Completing the steel structure for the new buildings is the next major step toward our vision for the estate,” said Lynn Ford Alandt, chairwoman of the Ford House board of trustees. “It really helps build anticipation to see them taking shape and to imagine the new experiences that the staff are busy developing for guests to enjoy.”

Ford House broke ground on the new facilities in 2017 as part of a long-term master plan to preserve the historic core of the National Historic Landmark estate, while vastly improving and expanding the visitor experience and amenities. The new buildings are the first major construction on the estate in more than 25 years and the largest new construction since the home was built in 1929.

“The expansion is part of our Ford House Forward initiative,” said Mark Heppner, president and CEO of Ford House. “We are making upgrades to the estate in alignment with the stewardship and sustainability values that were important to the Ford family and driving it forward to enrich the visitor experience and strengthen the Ford family legacy.”

Frank Rewold & Son Inc., the project’s construction manager, dedicated much of 2018 working to prepare the site for construction. To set the foundation for its net-zero goals, 16 geothermal wells were dug for an energy-saving closed-circuit geothermal system that will heat and cool the new administration building.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**David Miller, Ford House planning officer, gives an update on construction.**

“The system uses the ground as a natural reservoir for energy. Geothermal heat pumps help moderate the heating and cooling needs by tapping into the earth’s energy,” said Gene Ferrera, senior project manager for Frank Rewold & Son Inc. “The geothermal system is just one element of the project, which was designed by architectural firm SmithGroup, that will help Ford House meet its sustainability goals.”

The new 40,000-square-foot visitor center will be a two-story building designed to LEED Gold to Platinum standards. It will feature dedicated space for enhancing visitor orientation, education and overall experience. It will have space for traveling and changing exhibits to complement and enrich ongoing programming, indoor and outdoor classrooms, as well as an expanded restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating for 120 people, museum store and a 200-seat second-floor event space overlooking Ford Cove with full audiovisual capabilities and food service.

The new 17,000-square-foot administration building will remove Ford House operations from the main house and other historic buildings, allowing the organization to better preserve the his-

toric core. It will enable the relocation of 98 percent of the staff who are stationed within historic buildings, including an area which was historically staff quarters of the main house. To further enhance the visitor experience, Ford House plans to restore these spaces and incorporate them into its tours and educational programming. The administration building is set to be energy net-zero

to net-positive, creating as much or more energy than it consumes. Any excess energy it creates will contribute energy to the visitor center.

The parking lot is being designed to preserve nearby wetland areas. Rows will be separated by bioswales planted with environmentally-beneficial vegetation to help filter and improve the quality of storm water runoff before it enters Lake St. Clair.

Ford House is open during construction. Visitor arrival is temporarily located in the historic garage, with nearby parking provided. Most annual events such as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Ford House, EyesOn Design car show, Michigan Humane Society Mutt March and Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society Pooch Prance continue to be held on estate grounds.

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# From leading a department to lead on paper, Pointer continues to evolve

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

If it wasn't for his mother bringing home a catalog from the College for Creative Studies in the mid-'70s, Mark Zapico might have become a doctor. Instead, he's enjoyed more than 40 years working creatively in advertising as both an art and creative director and professor.

For 30 years, the 63-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident worked on advertising campaigns for companies like Pontiac, Cadillac and the Detroit Lions, and now, for the last 19 years, has taught the next generation of advertising designers at his alma mater.

But it all started with the catalog his mom brought home.

"I saw the pictures of all the faculty in the advertising department. It was all cool guys in turtlenecks and mad men," Zapico said. "And the work was interesting."

When he enrolled, Zapico said the department was focused mostly on design instead of advertising, but a presentation from a couple art directors piqued his interest in the career path.

"Once I really saw them using ideas and concepts and marketing and strategy as a foundation for creative ideas, I knew what I wanted to do was be an art director," he said.

He said the mix between business and creativity appealed to him.

"Having the business bent of marketing and strategy, but then having concepts and coming up with imagery that has a specific message, was something that was interesting to me," he said.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARK ZAPICO

**For almost 30 years, Mark Zapico worked as an art and creative director in the advertising industry, before taking a job at the College for Creative Studies almost 20 years ago.**

"And also the artistic side of being a designer and making sure the aesthetics of the work itself drove the execution."

His first job out of college was at an industrial film house, he said, where he worked on filmstrips, slideshows and multi-projector presentations, but also cleaning up and putting sets together and rolling cable for film shoots. There he was drawn to the moving image.

He then got into the back door at D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles, he said, and worked his way up to the Pontiac Motor Division account.

"That was really the beginning of really heavy duty advertising; catalogs, print," he said, "and then I got into doing broadcast work, which was really exciting for me."

He was the creative

director for the 1984 "We Build Excitement" campaign for Pontiac, which, according to Zapico, was groundbreaking.

Influenced by MTV's music videos, it reflected a change in how people thought about cars coming out of the 1970s gas and fuel embargo. Vehicles began moving away from the pragmatic, like fuel efficiency, and more toward emotion, Zapico said.

"The design of the vehicles themselves began to get more emotional," he said. "So the timing was right for that, the advertising and the product design to really come together to create an emotional message for the brand."

He spent 20 years at the agency working on national campaigns not only for General Motors brands, but FTD, the



"Atomic Intervention." About 10 years ago, Zapico took up the paint brush and began painting as a way of self expression.

American Plastics Council and Dow Chemical. Over his career he earned more than three dozen professional awards.

After leaving D'Arcy, he freelanced for a while, he said. Then he saw a position at CCS open up.

He said the advertising department had lost its "mojo" and, wanting to see his alma mater succeed, took the position.

"It was a definite career change for me to go from being in the industry to being on the academic side, to teach how to do good advertising," he said. "That was definitely a challenge for me in the first couple of years, to kind of get into a whole other way of looking at it, not just doing advertising, but breaking it down to its essentials."

He eventually served as chairman of the department 15 years, before recently stepping down and giving over the reins.

During his time as chairman, however, he rewrote the entire curriculum, introduced new classes and overall revitalized the department.

"The department grew from about 30 students to now we've got over a hundred students in the department that are

doing great work and alumni work all over the country."

The college has received more than 250 awards during his tenure. "We've really become one of the top programs in the country," he said. "Still very little awareness of the program, but a very, very strong program that's tough, but also kids are pretty successful."

And the department is always changing to stay on the forefront of advertising and design, he said.

"Along with the new chair," Zapico said, "we are working to change, to evolve the curriculum into courses and programs that are on the leading edge of contemporary advertising — where it's going, what it's doing and where it's going to be in the future."

The future for Zapico includes retirement. Looking toward that, in the last 12 years, he said he's taken up more personal work, including painting and drawing.

"I needed it for myself to get back into non-advertising type work, really more self expression," he said. "My whole career was spent on communicating what my clients needed or wanted,

what the brand needed. And so this is much more of how can I begin to communicate my own message? And that's still something I'm working on."

His work has been featured in numerous exhibitions and can be found in private collections.

He's currently on sabbatical, working on graphite drawings of barns found in the thumb of Michigan. The project is called "THUMBPRINT."

Inspired by the old — often dilapidated — centennial farms in the area, Zapico documents the struggle of family farmers girded by growing corporate farming and international trade through the buildings that dot the landscape.

Some of the drawings are political, some simply landscapes, but all tell the story of the farming community in the thumb.

"The imagery that I'm doing has a bit more of a message about what's going on in that area today," he said. "It's still thriving and still working, but it's a caution trying to bring awareness to it as well. It's still important that we support those areas and things."

Being able to work in many different mediums is important, said Zapico, especially when working in advertising.

"It's not just doing one type of a medium," he said. "That's what's cool about what we do (at CCS), we make sure that the students can excel no matter what problem and media is put in front of them."

To view Zapico's work, including his paintings and pieces from "THUMBPRINT," visit [markzapico.carbonmade.com](http://markzapico.carbonmade.com).

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

### City of Grosse Pointe Speeding to jail

A 19-year-old Dearborn man was arrested for driving under the influence at 1:15 a.m. Friday,

April 5, on Jefferson at Cadieux.

While running radar on Jefferson, an officer spotted the man traveling 95 mph in a 35 mph zone and initiated a traffic stop.

According to the report, the man stopped in the middle of the Jefferson-Cadieux intersection.

The officer noted the man and vehicle smelled of marijuana as he

approached the vehicle to tell the driver to move forward.

After moving the vehicle, the officer then noted the driver had watery

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eyes and slurred his words.

A field sobriety test was conducted, which the man failed. He refused the preliminary breath test after failing to properly blow into the straw.

He was taken to the hospital for a blood draw.

### Stolen vehicle

A 2001 Jeep Sport was stolen from a driveway in the 800 block of Lincoln between 3 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.

The owner said he parked the vehicle in his driveway, locked and secured, at 3 a.m. When he returned to the vehicle in the afternoon, it was gone.

### Muted

A resident reported fraud at 1 p.m. Friday, April 5, after attempting to purchase concert tickets online and never receiving them.

The resident paid \$280 for the tickets. The unknown seller said he would deliver them via Ticketmaster, but never did. He then blocked the resident's phone number.

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

### Grosse Pointe Farms

#### Suspended licenses

◆ A 31-year-old Roseville man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 4:50 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at Mack and Moross. The man was pulled over for not having a license plate.

After a Law Enforcement Information Network search, it was revealed the man had 21 current suspensions and a number of warrants.

◆ A 20-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 6, in the 19000 block of Mack.

She was pulled over for driving with her high beams on. A LEIN search revealed she had a suspended license and warrants as well as no insurance on the vehicle. She also was cited for open intoxicants after an open bottle of wine was found in her back seat.

#### Thwarted by dead battery

A resident in the 400 block of Moran reported his vehicle tampered with at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

The resident said he parked his vehicle in the driveway Thursday, April 4, with a dead battery.

When he returned to it a couple days later, he discovered the ignition cylinder removed from the steering column.

#### Drunken driving

A 32-year-old Woods woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2 a.m. Friday, April 5, on Mack at Renaud.

While sitting at a red light, an officer observed a vehicle stop in front of a restaurant on Mack and a man and woman exited the vehicle.

The man helped the woman get into the driver's seat of another vehi-

cle. According to the report, the officer said the woman was unstable on her feet and almost fell into the roadway, but the driver held her up.

The woman then drove away.

The officer turned around and followed the woman, catching up to her at Mack and Renaud, and initiated a traffic stop.

The officer noted she smelled of intoxicants, had watery, red eyes and slurred speech.

She failed the field sobriety test and refused a preliminary breath test.

A breath sample was later obtained at the station, which resulted in a .15 percent blood alcohol content.

#### Attempted vehicle theft

A resident in the 400 block of Manor reported her vehicle tampered with at 8:20 a.m. Wednesday, April 3.

She said she parked her vehicle in the driveway, locked, close to her garage at 9 p.m. the night prior. When she went to leave for work, she noticed the vehicle moved 2 feet and damage to the driver's side door handle.

The contents of her center console were strewn inside and the ignition switch was removed.

#### Heroin possession

A 65-year-old Detroit man was arrested for a felony warrant and possession of heroin at 2 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, at Lanoo and Frankfort.

An officer pulled over the vehicle in which the man was a passenger for a cracked taillight. After running him through LEIN, the felony warrant out of Wayne County was discovered.

While searching the vehicle, a small packet of heroin was found, which he claimed possession of.

The driver and other passenger denied knowledge of the drugs and were released at the scene.

#### Whipping it

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and cocaine possession at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, on Mack at Moross.

He was pulled over after an officer spotted him speeding and unable to maintain lane position.

While interviewing the man, the officer noted he smelled of intoxicants. The officer also observed a container of CO<sub>2</sub> canisters in the back seat, as well as a clear jar containing marijuana on the front seat.

He refused to take the field sobriety tests and was handcuffed. He then changed his mind and took the tests, which he failed.

His blood alcohol content was .09 percent.

Cocaine also was found in the vehicle.

—Anthony Viola  
Report information

## RISE:

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USACE, with Erie's level 1 inch lower than last year's monthly average.

The only lake expected to get close to average water level is Lake Ontario, which is projected to reach that level

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

### Grosse Pointe Park

#### Tool theft

Two former employees are suspected of stealing tools from a garage in the 1400 block of Lakepointe between 5 p.m. Monday, March 25, and noon Saturday, March 30. Stolen were a power washer, mitre saw and generator. The victim recently fired one of the suspects. Forced entry was not evident.

#### Larceny from auto

A brown canvas bag containing \$400 Bose headphones was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 1300 block of Nottingham between 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31.

#### Drunken driving

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license at 1:20 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, on Mack at Lakepointe. She was pulled over for speeding.

#### Warrant arrest

A 33-year-old Royal Oak man was arrested for ongoing harassment and intimidation at 1:45 p.m. Friday, April 5, in the 700 block of W. Eight Mile, Ferndale. The Royal Oak man had been harassing his former Grosse Pointe landlord by computer since at least January.

#### Suspended license

A 26-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants at 9 p.m. Friday, April 5, on Mack at Cadieux. The woman was pulled over for speeding.

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

### Grosse Pointe Shores

#### 'Sharewood Forest'

Officers responded to a motorist who called public safety from the 900 block of Lakeshore at 3:23 a.m. Friday, April 5, and said she was "lost in Sharewood Forest."

The 35-year-old Warren woman appeared to be intoxicated.

Officers found her in her vehicle—a 2016 black Kia—parked in a southbound lane of Lakeshore with the headlights off.

They noticed a strong odor of intoxicants and damage to the driver-side front tire and rim.

The driver admitted consuming alcohol earlier, but denied a collision

by September.

The rest of the Great Lakes all will remain well above average, according to projections.

For more information about lake levels and to view the USACE monthly and weekly Great Lakes bulletins, visit [ire.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information](http://ire.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information).

that would have caused the wheel damage.

Failing field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test resulting in .251 percent blood alcohol content, she was arrested for drunken driving.

#### Suspended license

◆ Officers arrested a 29-year-old Detroit woman at 8:35 a.m. Saturday, April 6, following a scan of the license plate of the 2005 black Mercury Mariner she was driving.

The search uncovered the vehicle, owned by her fiancé, was uninsured. She was arrested for driving with five driving suspensions and three warrants.

The traffic stop was in the 800 block of Lakeshore. The woman was dropping lunch off for her fiancé, who was doing work at Osius Park and appeared at the scene.

He showed a clear driving record and registration. His uninsured vehicle was impounded.

◆ Officers arrested a 25-year-old Southfield man after running the plate of his 2000 Ford Expedition and discovering his driver's license was suspended.

The traffic stop and arrest took place at 3:53 p.m. Saturday, April 6, on Lakeshore near Stratton Place.

#### No insurance

Officers arrested a 31-year-old Roseville man at 4:18 p.m. Sunday, April 7, on Lakeshore and Roslyn after running his license plate and uncovering the vehicle was uninsured. The man's driving

record and registration were clear.

The officers held his 7-year-old son at the station, where the boy's mother picked him up at 5 p.m.

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

### Grosse Pointe Woods

#### Napping while driving

A patrolling officer discovered the driver of a 2015 Chrysler 300 asleep while stopped at the traffic light on Vernier and Mack at 2 a.m. Thursday, April 4.

When the officer woke up the driver by tapping a car window, she started to drive off. After the officer directed multiple times for her to stop the car, she did.

The officer noticed the 40-year-old Warren woman was disoriented and smelled of alcohol.

She admitted consuming one shot of tequila earlier.

Having failed field sobriety tests and blowing .181 percent blood alcohol content during a preliminary blood test, she was arrested.

A vehicle search uncov-

ered 1.7 grams of marijuana.

#### Another OWI

Officers arrested a 24-year-old Detroit man for his second operating-while-intoxicated offense at 2:05 a.m. Sunday, April 7, on Mack near Hunt Club Drive after observing the man swerving his 2016 blue Jeep Liberty over the center line divider along Mack.

The driver admitted consuming two drinks about an hour earlier.

Following field sobriety tests, the driver was arrested. He refused a preliminary blood test, but later was required by warrant to submit a blood sample.

#### Storage theft

A resident in the 2300 block of Stanhope reported a box of shoes and two bags of clothes stolen from the storage unit in the basement of her apartment building approximately 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7.

Responding officers noticed the padlock to the storage unit had been pried open.

—Melissa Walsh  
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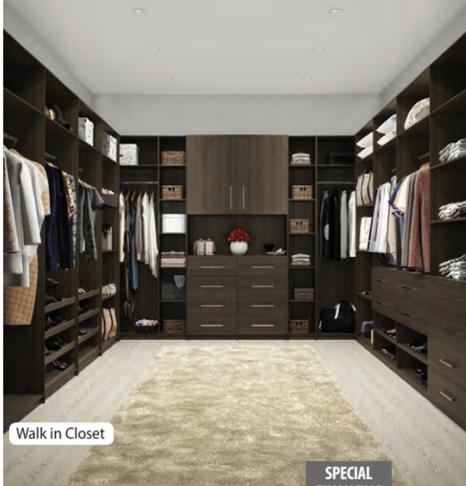
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### OUR VIEW

# Per-pupil aid hasn't kept up with inflation

While the Grosse Pointe schools grapple with too many buildings, the overall question of state funding won't go away, either.

Good stewardship of taxpayer money would require the Board of Education to make the best use of its schools under any circumstances. But the state's rather miserly role in doling out school aid certainly adds to the pressure.

Back in 1994, when Michigan's voters approved a new school funding regime under Proposal A, the clear aspiration was to close the gap in the erratic funding levels that local communities provided to their schools (while also reducing property taxes, which had become burdensome). Money would come into the School Aid Fund from a statewide property millage and an increased sales tax; it would go out on a per-pupil basis, eventually giving every student the same support from the state. (After 25 years, the gap is much smaller, but still not entirely closed.)

Also clear: The long-term goal was to raise funding everywhere to the financial strength of places like the Grosse Pointes and the better-off Oakland County suburbs — not to put every district on an even playing field of mediocrity.

Unfortunately, 25 years later, that's about where school funding stands. Better-off districts have been allowed to maintain some additional millage levies to stay closer to their original funding levels, but the impact of the extra mills has diminished over time. Grosse Pointe's spending of \$8,200 per student in 1994 would be an inflation-adjusted \$14,000 now, as detailed in the April 4 Grosse Pointe News. Instead, the district gets \$10,104. Per-pupil funding also has proved a curse in this era of fewer babies.

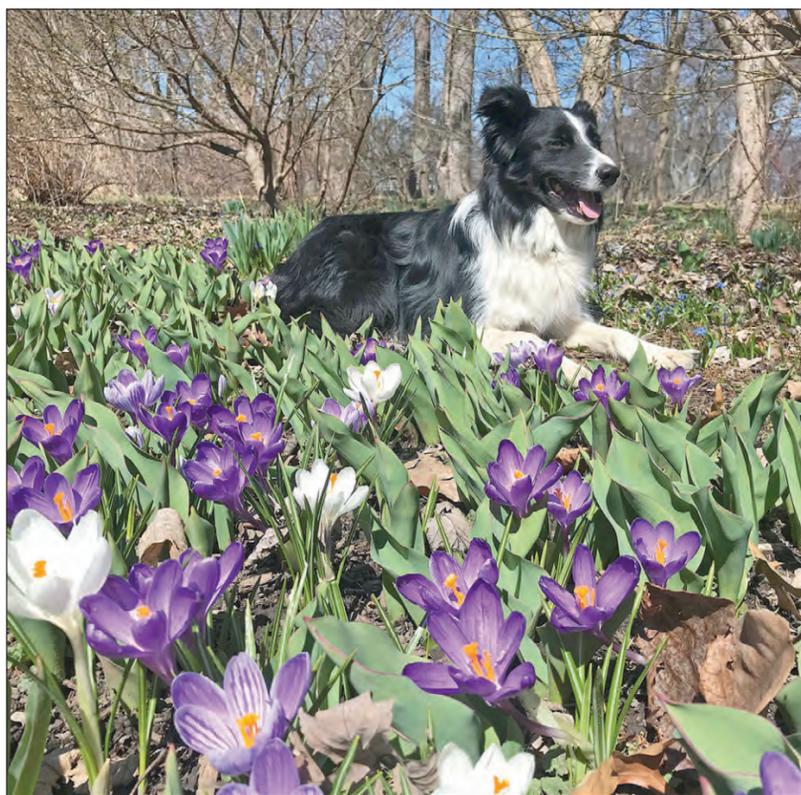
The state, meanwhile, has crammed more and more functions into the School Aid Fund, including pre-K funding, community college support and even a big chunk of university funding. Stabilizing the pension fund for school employees — a major and important goal of former Gov. Rick Snyder — also took a bite.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, to her credit, has proposed taking universities back out of the School Aid Fund. That would allow for a decent, if not spectacular, increase in the per-pupil grants for the next school year. But her plan depends on a chain of budget changes. University funding would fit back into the General Fund only if a plan is dropped to take extra money for roads from the General Fund. And that means Michigan needs a new plan for fixing the roads, such as the governor's 45-cent-a-gallon gas tax.

Gov. Whitmer called for "no more gimmicks, no more shell games" when she presented her budget. Getting road repairs aligned with road taxes comes at a big cost to drivers, though, and faces other problems related to increasing fuel efficiency, for example. But if it can be done, it will be good to remember that, under the governor's plan, it also will benefit schools.

"Our biggest threat is failing the next generation" was how she put it in her budget presentation in March. It will take a lot of heavy lifting in Lansing to counter that threat, as Michigan test scores and other benchmarks sink lower and lower in nationwide rankings.

For the Grosse Pointe Public School System, wrestling as it is with too much brick and mortar, it also may help to think generationally. The immediate pain and disruption of closing a neighborhood school will not diminish, but the long-term target is the best possible learning situation for the kindergartners and first-graders who have their entire school careers ahead of them.



## Pure Grosse Pointe

The grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House are beginning to bloom with flowers such as crocus and scilla. Moss, the estate's goose-chasing dog, sits among the blooms taking a break in the sunshine.

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### OUR VIEW

# Detroit incinerator closure

The Detroit waste-to-energy plant closed, suddenly and unexpectedly, in late March. Now the trucks picking up trash around the Pointes and Harper Woods are heading to Pine Tree Acres, a landfill at 29 Mile Road and Gratiot.

That leaves the cities looking at increased travel time, higher fuel costs and wear and tear on garbage trucks. Grosse Pointe Woods initially sent out an alert, letting residents know there might be pickup delays. But delays have turned out to be minimal. The waiting time at the landfill is shorter and the truck drivers were already familiar with the route: The landfill was the backup destination when the waste-to-energy plant closed for maintenance or repairs — and this appears to be the ultimate closure.

Although the Pointes and Harper Woods vary somewhat in how they handle trash pickup, they have a joint disposal contract. It is negotiated through the Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse

Disposal Authority, even though Clinton Township no longer participates in the waste disposal contract. (The authority dates back to another ill-fated incinerator project.)

Contracting with Detroit Renewable Power did have economic pluses, including its relatively convenient location near the intersection of I-94 and I-75. Its very existence increased the competition when the disposal contract went out for bids.

Now the disposal contract, which goes through the end of 2024, has been transferred to the landfill owner, Waste Management.

Residents, by and large, pay little attention to where their trash goes, and the change back to a landfill will likely go unnoticed unless travel costs escalate. But combined with the fact that the recycling contract for some of the Pointes also is going out for bids this spring, it's another reason to think hard about the two "R"s that come before recycling: Reduce and reuse.

# Breathing a bit easier today

The Detroit Renewable Energy plant offered the Pointes some economic advantages for garbage disposal — but in terms of air quality it was and always has been a disaster.

The people who suffered most are those who live near the incinerator. At its launch back in 1989, the incinerator also couldn't meet standards for mercury emissions, a pollutant that falls back down, washes into the lakes and eventually makes fish unsafe to eat. The incinerator's entire 30-year lifespan has been a litany of air quality violations and bad smells, noticeable on hot summer days even from I-94 near the plant.

The smells may not have made it to the Pointes, but every improvement in air quality helps a bit no matter where home is. Another potential contribution to cleaner air is DTE Energy's announcement that it will gradually close three more coal plants by 2022 in favor of more natural gas use.

A counter trend also is in the offing: Fiat Chrysler Automotive's recently announced assembly plant on Mack Avenue northwest of its current operations. Information from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality suggests it will add minimal particulates to the air, but could add compounds that contribute to ozone formation — for which southeast Michigan has been out of compliance. FCA intends to limit

emissions enough from its Warren Truck assembly plant to keep regional release of ozone-forming compounds at their current level.

Given the Pointes' location in relation to the plant and Lake St. Clair, it would be invaluable to have an air quality monitoring station placed here to measure changes locally. But regionally, FCA appears to have planned appropriately — and the potential growth in jobs and economic activity on the east side is surely welcome.

Plus, the arrival of a new assembly plant doesn't negate the strides in reducing air pollution from generating electricity. The waste-to-energy concept clearly never worked in Michigan (in part because our state turned out to be particularly good for landfills). Now coal is being gradually displaced by natural gas, which burns cleaner.

Critics of DTE's most recent plan barely noted the potential air quality improvements before lambasting the company for lagging on renewable energy sources, such as windmills and solar panels.

They have a point. While DTE's renewable power sources continue to increase, the pace could be brisker.

Still, less coal burned, no trash burned — both are steps in the right direction. And, for those closest to the plants that shut down, there will be real payoffs in better breathing.

# LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

## Please limit noise, fumes

To the Editor:

The robins, chickadees and sparrows may open our spring and summer

mornings, but their prelude is too often followed by the roar of professional lawn care equipment. Gas-powered leaf blowers and outsized lawn mowers blast our

communities into the evening with noise so intense their users wear padded head gear.

Well-kept yards and walkways are pleasing. But must we sacrifice neighborhood peace in favor of landscapers racing through their assignments with seldom a rake or broom in hand? Taking a little more time and choosing quieter tools would make a big difference and one appreciated by many of us now forced to endure the cacophony and engine exhaust.

Our local governing councils must consider ways fair to both resi-

dents and professional landscapers to control the high levels of noise and fumes.

JENNY KING  
City of Grosse Pointe

## A big Full Circle thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of everyone at Full Circle Foundation, we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to the Grosse Pointe community for supporting our Taste of Soup & Art event at The War Memorial, March 20.

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I SAY By John Minnis

# Pointes' 'Greatest Generation'



The term "Greatest Generation" was coined by former NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw in his book by the same name. It describes those who grew up during the Great Depression and fought in World War II or whose labor helped win it. Nationally, in my mind, the Greatest Generation

was not only those who fought and sacrificed during WWII, but also those who molded the post-war world that brought us some three decades of growth and prosperity.

Locally, in the Grosse Pointes, there was an earlier "Greatest Generation" — those who during the Great Depression levied enormous taxes and debt upon themselves in the 1920s and '30s to erect a half dozen schools and build the infrastructure of roads and sewer and water systems that would support us to this day.

I became aware of the sacrifices taxpayers made back then while going

through old bound copies of Grosse Pointe City Council minutes while researching the origins of the City's fire hall and bell. (My research, interrupted by our spring training vacation trip, continues.)

While reading the minutes, I learned that residents voted to tax themselves hundreds of thousands of dollars for new schools, Fox Creek and Black Marsh Ditch enclosures, roads and infrastructure needs.

These were the days when Defer (1924), Pierce (1939), Trombly (1927), Grosse Pointe High (1928), Mason (1929),

Maire (1936) and Richard (1929) were built — all architectural gems in their own right.

Regarding infrastructure, flooding was a major concern, what with drainage land being paved and built over at a breakneck pace.

Prior to development of the Pointes, Fox Creek and the Milk River drained the swampy area in between. During high-water seasons, indigenous people were able to canoe from the Fox Creek to the Milk River.

In 1885, Wayne County dug the Black Marsh Ditch, connecting the two rivers, roughly along

Chalfonte Avenue today.

In the 1920s and '30s, the Black Marsh Ditch and sections of the Fox Creek and Milk River were enclosed as part of the storm water sewer system we have today.

Our pump stations on the Milk River and Fox Creek and on Chalfonte all harken back to the natural drainage systems that preceded them.

All that remains of the Fox Creek and Milk River are the open waterways in Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods/St. Clair Shores.

It should also be noted that, along with the schools and pump sta-

tions, many of our municipal buildings — Grosse Pointe Park City Hall (1918), Grosse Pointe Farms city/fire halls (1919-1924) and Water Filtration Plant (1930) and Grosse Pointe fire hall (1928) — were all built during that time.

I cannot imagine undertaking such massive capital improvement projects today. It would be like all the Pointes building new schools and roads and storm/sanitary sewer systems during the depths of the Great Recession.

Truly, those foresighted Depression Era Pointers were our Greatest Generation.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1944

75 years ago this week

**YOUNGSTERS SNIFF TROUBLE AND POLICE FIND GAS CACHE:** One day last week, three boys were playing in a vacant lot on Buckingham when they were ordered away in no uncertain terms by a gruff looking and speaking man.

The boys were keen enough to report their experience to the Park police and said the place smelled something awful of gas.

Police unearthed 14 large drums, seven of which were filled with gasoline. The full drums contained about 55 gallons each. The others were empty.

Police could not establish ownership of the lot or the containers, but they were stored there for use in violation of the law.

Obituaries: Lt. j.g. James Emerson Bayne

### 1969

50 years ago this week

**FARMS REJECTS FAIR HOUSING PROPOSAL:** At a regular biennial spring election held April 7, Farms electors rejected a proposed enactment of a Fair Housing Ordinance and

at the same time elected the first woman to city council in the community's history.

**HELICOPTERS START SPRAYING OF ELMS IN PARK PROGRAM:** Helicopter-spraying of elm trees in the Park began and will continue about a week. This is the first time cop- ters have been used.

Officials ask that residents bear the temporary inconvenience, especially those who might be asleep at the time, when helicopters, hovering approximately 25 feet above the tree tops, begin operations at 6 a.m.

Every elm tree in the city, both public and private, will be sprayed with methoxychlor, a chemical used by the city the past four years. Previously, the Park had sprayed its trees with DDT, a much more powerful chemical, which is gradually being discontinued because of its deadly affect on bird and animal life.

Obituaries: Runar Martin Anderson, Robert A. Hackathorn, Grace E. Hood, Robert W. Sinclair

### 1994

25 years ago this week

**NO FIREWORKS AT PARCELLS:** What's the Fourth of July without fireworks?

Grosse Pointers will have the chance to find

out this year because the Grosse Pointe Business and Professional Association of Mack Avenue has had to cancel its annual fireworks show at Parcels school in the Woods due to lack of funds.

Association members came to the conclusion they could not raise the \$30,000 needed for the show in time for the Fourth.

**PARK TEEN TO BE SENTENCED IN STABBING:** A 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park youth pleaded no contest in Detroit Recorder's Court to charges he stabbed a Grosse Pointe Woods teen in the leg and back during a fight last fall at Angel Park.

Obituaries: Dr. Robert H. Ambrose, Phyllis Barr, Oliver Newberry Brooks, Mary J. Derenosky, Kathleen M. Drake, Barbara Potts Gallup, Charles Dale Gore, Theodore S. Hicks, Dr. N. Buford Jones, Joseph Palms, Joseph George Rhein Jr., Marcella V. Seymour, Joseph Ralph Ureel

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**COUNCILMEMBER BLASTS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPOSAL:** A \$3.5 million addition to Brownell Middle School could be open in time for

the 2010 school year, but not before district officials make their case this spring at a special meeting of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

Councilmembers want Grosse Pointe Public School System representatives to present plans for the 17,400-square-foot expansion at a public hearing to be scheduled when the building's design is more defined.

Farms leaders are concerned that the addition, described by school administrators as a multipurpose room, is really an 800-seat auditorium in waiting.

**RANDOM SAMPLE LIKELY TO CHECK RESIDENCY:** Grosse Pointe Public School System officials developed a possible plan for

the reregistering of district students that involves a random sample of K-11 households this summer.

Spurred by residents' concerns that several students are wrongfully enrolled in the district, board of education trustee Judy Gafa proposed a resolution requiring students to provide proof of eligibility at regularly scheduled inter-

vals throughout the school year.

Obituaries: David F. Beaupre, Rita Blanche Campbell, Minton M. Clute, Rosemary Czechowicz, George H. Holman, Florence Homan, Robert L. Hozdish, Anna Kolasa, Jo Anne Nicolay, Gerald G. Ricard, Sydney Lee Terry, Patricia McKean vanDusen

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It was a perfect evening for our young adults with special needs to meet the community members who have supported them, to share their art work and microenterprise businesses, and taste 12 delicious soups.

We are grateful to the many people, restaurants, local artists and business owners who made this event possible.

Our event sponsors: The War Memorial, Comprehensive Urology East, Eventlink LLC, Pointe Area Book Club, Rancilio and Associates and Jill and Todd Campbell.

Professional art work was provided by members of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association (each artist donated a piece of art for a silent auction). Exhibitors at the event

included Full Circle student art work and microenterprises (Ferry special needs classes, jewelry and dog grooming), the ARC Foundation and Motown Soup (Social Outreach Ministry).

Our soup donors: Atwater in the Park, Cabbage Patch Café, City Kitchen, Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe South Culinary Program, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Janet Sossi Bercoure (formerly Roma Café), Park Grill, Red Crown, SideStreet Diner and The Helm.

Bread donations: Cornwall Bakery and Breadsmith.

Best soup judges: George McMullen, Larry Dowers and Christopher Boettcher.

Best soup awards went to a chilled corn chowder donated by the yacht club and golden mushroom soup donated by The Helm.

All donations and money raised will benefit our TEAM26 program which provides job and life-skill training for young people who have exited the school system, as well as advocacy assistance for their families.

As the Full Circle Foundation celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, we would like to invite everyone to join us for events planned throughout the year:

Garden planting in May, garden party in July, the Full Circle/Rotary Run in September and our annual gala in November.

Thank you Grosse Pointe for your continued generosity. We couldn't do our work benefiting those with special needs in our community without you!

FULL CIRCLE FOUNDATION'S A TASTE OF SOUP AND ART COMMITTEE

# Redeemer United Methodist celebrates 75 years

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

From humble beginnings, Redeemer United Methodist Church has remained a fixture in the Harper Woods community for generations.

The church, located at Harper and Vernier, celebrates its 75th anniversary with a special service Sunday, April 28. The church invites former and current members, as well as the general public, to “rejoice, renew and remember” those who have made Redeemer the church they love.

Coffee hour begins at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. and a catered meal at 12:30 p.m.

The 75th anniversary service will be attended by the bishop of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Church, event chairwoman Linda Dallas said, and the ser-

mon will be given by the district superintendent.

“We’re looking to fill the pews,” she said. “We usually see 50 people; we want to see 150 people.”

For details, call (313) 884-2035.

## Origins

Redeemer’s first worship service took place April 9, 1944, at the Gratiot Township Club on Roslyn. Monday through Saturday, the tavern was a clubhouse, bar and gambling center, but on Sundays the poker chips, liquor and ice were stowed away so the bar could serve as a pulpit.

“This church started in a bar on Roslyn Road, not far from Harper,” said Sam Dallas, a Clinton Township resident who’s been a member at Redeemer since he was 6.

“The first service was on Easter Sunday 1944. That was about two months before D-Day, putting it into historical perspective.

“You can imagine, they’d come in Sunday mornings before the service to make sure there were no beer bottles, no liquor bottles out in the open, and then they’d hold church with a small congregation.”

The church, then led by the Rev. Ben Hollis, stayed put until the

late 1940s, when it outgrew the Roslyn location. With a \$6,000 loan from the Methodist Union, Redeemer purchased the chapel of St. Paul Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores. Around the same time, it purchased property at Harper and Vernier and the chapel was moved to the site in 1947.

The church grew again in the mid-1950s, when it merged with another congregation and took in several members of a third church.

“The congregation was in a stage of rapid growth,” Dallas said. “There were new homes being built in St. Clair Shores, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe. ... As a result, the congregation outgrew the building.”

The church’s next building — its current location — was built in 1964 to accommodate the congregation and support its growing outreach.

The old church, which parishioners called “the little white building,” was repurposed into The Thrift Shop.

“When it first became a thrift shop, people had two choices — go downtown to Goodwill or come to Redeemer,” Dallas said. “Eventually it fell to vandalism and was burned down by an arsonist.”

That was 2014, a time when thrift stores dotted the landscape every mile or so. It didn’t make sense to build a new one, Dallas said.

The church’s most recent addition came in 1984 in the form of a Friendship Parlor and office suite. The bell from the little white building sits in the church’s



Pastor Marshall Murphy Jr. and 75th anniversary chairwoman Linda Dallas.

Eastpointe also is a longtime member of Redeemer. She joined the church in 1959, after her father began bringing her youngest son there for worship.

“I didn’t want to break up the family,” she said. “So I started coming here. My dad was real active here.”

Houser gives back, too, through her gift of knitting. In the

last year, she knitted a “couple hundred” caps, which she donated to Roberto Clemente Elementary School.

While membership has been a challenge for Redeemer in recent years, perhaps Houser said it best when describing the congregation: “We’re small, but mighty.”

“Jesus said the harvest is great, but the laborers are few,” Dallas said. “We are a few of the laborers. There are needs in the community. What can we do to help?”

## Future

Looking forward, Murphy said the church has been working on a joint venture with Harper Woods City Council to repurpose the land on which the little white building sat.

“We want to do a memorial garden,” he said, “so people see a lovely scenario that will increase the beauty of Harper Woods.”

He said while plans are still being made, he can picture a small organic community garden, gazebo and benches at the site.

“We’re also interested in youth right now — that’s a missing ingredient,” Murphy said, noting Sunday School has been discontinued at the church.

“We’re not restricted to who’s a member of the church,” Murphy said. “We’re not just a one-day church. We have a lot going on on a daily basis — AA, missions, outreach. We’re more than just a celebration of service on Sunday.”

“The founder of the Methodist Church was John Wesley,” Sam Dallas said. “He founded it in the 1700s. He was an Anglican priest who felt the church in England was

“Holly is a spark plug that keeps us moving in terms of what we do for outreach,” Dallas said.

Redeemer also is part of Eastside Co-Op, in which it partners with Mount Hope United Methodist in Detroit, Immanuel United Methodist in Eastpointe and Trinity United Methodist in Roseville to provide Holy Week services.

“We make contact with our sister churches,” Murphy said. “Together we make an impact in the community.”

“It’s been a glorious time,” he continued. “This church is very loving and goes under the radar with their commitment to community. There are a lot of activities that take place in this church.

“My personal joy is the fact this congregation goes beyond loving. It’s so open to really helping reach out and develop relationships with Christ.”

## Reflections

Grosse Pointe Woods residents Larry and Betty Bennett have been members since 1957.

“We just love it,” Betty Bennett said. “We came here because our kids were little. They grew up in this church. ... We love the people in the church. We have so many friends. All of our best friends are in this church.”

Since joining, they’ve been active in the congregation, with Larry Bennett contributing his handyman services to build, repair and restore just about everything in the building, including all the woodwork in the church’s basement kitchen. The 95-year-old also can be seen trimming bushes along the property in warmer weather.

“Larry has done so much to build things in the church,” Betty Bennett said.

Louetta Houser of See REDEEMER, page 9A



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Clockwise from top, Pastor Marshall Murphy Jr., Louetta Houser, Linda Dallas, Betty Bennett, Larry Bennett and Sam Dallas.

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# Harper Woods debuts SOUP micro-granting dinner

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Ernestine Lyons' family moved to Harper Woods from Detroit in 1997, she instantly felt at home, she said.

After living abroad while earning her degrees, Lyons moved back to the area she calls home, but an economic downturn and other factors had caused that community spark to fizzle.

"We need to rekindle that flame that's been extinguished," she said.

Enter Detroit SOUP, a micro-granting program that's been bringing individuals together in support of entrepreneurs for several years. For a \$5 donation, patrons get dinner — soup, bread and salad — and a vote. Before dinner, four entrepreneurs get 4 minutes each to pitch their ideas about art, urban agriculture, social justice, education, technology or other topics. Each presenter answers four questions from the audience, then votes are cast for the best ideas.

Every dollar brought in goes to the top vote-getter.

"It's an affirmation that what they're doing mat-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERNESTINE LYONS

**Ernestine Lyons invites the community to Harper Woods SOUP on April 28.**

ters," Lyons said. That's why Lyons is bringing the concept to Harper Woods. The community's first SOUP event takes place Sunday, April 28, at the former Burlington store at Eastland Center, 18000 Vernier, Harper Woods. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., followed by proposals at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The top vote-getter is announced at 8:30 p.m.

"Harper Woods could really use something like

this," Lyons said, "something where we get together and support a new business.

"The vision comes from the understanding that the retail landscape has changed," she continued. "It was overdeveloped. And with income levels changing, people working longer hours, shopping has gone from a pastime to an inconvenience. Busy people prefer to shop online and people want more locally sourced items.

Millennials value craftsmanship over value. We want to support home-grown businesses and see new and innovative ideas flourish."

Lyons was turned onto the concept by her friend, Cornetta Lane, who pitched her Pedal to Porch concept to Detroit SOUP. Thanks to a matching grant from Shinola, Lane was granted \$2,000 and her concept soon turned into reality.

"I was in awe," Lyons said. "The community really came together and rallied — young, old, black, white. So I kept going to SOUPs."

An entrepreneur herself — she pitched her startup, Linglobal, at a SOUP event — Lyons said she understands how difficult it is to start a business.

"Entrepreneurship is not easy," she said. "It's a labor of love; you lose sleep, you miss meals, but with the support of the community, we can definitely see something new happen. ... I want to create a grassroots movement of scrappy folks who can get out there and make things real, to catch this movement, this feeling of community

and spirit of can-do.

"Ideally I'd like home-grown entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas if the idea revolutionizes Harper Woods, but everybody is welcome — Oakland, Macomb, Wayne."

To make that happen, Lyons has promoted the event to city councils in Grosse Pointe Woods, St. Clair Shores and other communities.

She said she hopes to see pitches that reflect the growth she's seeing downtown. The five-year Harper Woods Planning Commissioner also works for the city of Detroit as an inclusion analyst.

"We've seen firsthand things come and go in Harper Woods," she said. "We want to encourage things coming in."

That's partly why Eastland was selected to host the event.

"It's the first place I wanted to see an event like this," she said. "It once was something people sought to come to. I'm hoping to have people re-examining the way they look at the old retail space, that it's something we can use in a positive way.

"We're a small town of

14,000 people, but we can mirror the success I've seen in Detroit. ... We are looking for people who want to be inspired, who are seeking community and who want to change the world with a great idea."

Lyons said she hopes to host another SOUP in six months that will feature a follow-up presentation by the winner of the April event.

"We want to encourage them as a community to come back and present how they've gotten along and what was done with the funds that were raised," Lyons said.

Should Harper Woods SOUP find success, Lyons hopes next year to make it quarterly. During door-to-door promotion of the event, she was encouraged by positive responses of community members.

"This community is special," she said. "We're in a location central to everywhere, it's quiet and peaceful, we have great city services in addition to that. ... I want people to be reintroduced to this charming town."

For more information, email harperwoods soup@gmail.com.

## Upcoming events in Harper Woods

The Harper Woods Beautification Commission is gearing up for its third annual Earth Day Community Cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27.

"Volunteers will go to several of the city's major streets and municipal grounds to clean up and repair the areas," said organizer Mary Kingston. "We will be picking up litter on Kelly and Harper roads and we hope to work on the city hall and library grounds. After we complete our work, we will have a fellowship time at Salter for all the volunteers."

Volunteers should meet in the library parking lot appropriately dressed for the weather. The city will provide supplies, so volunteers need only register to participate. Students interested in earning community hours also are welcome.

"It is important to have pride in your community," Kingston said. "We all need to slow down a little bit and take an interest in our community and our neighborhoods. It is so easy to say, 'It's not my problem' or 'I didn't throw that litter on the street.' It only takes a few minutes to make a difference — pick up that discarded pop can or water bottle — to take an interest in your environment."

Call (313) 343-2505 to sign up. Next up, the second annual Harper Woods Flea Market takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Johnston Park, 20221 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods. Tables still are available for

rental for \$15, cash only, on a first-come, first-served basis. Table rentals are non-refundable; the deadline to rent is Thursday, May 9.

"This rounds out the spring cleanup — the whole two weeks of spring cleaning in Harper Woods," said flea market organizer Margaret Poynter.

For more information or to rent a table, call Harper Woods City Hall at (313) 343-2500.

Also around the corner, the 23rd annual Harper Woods Beautification Commission Perennial Plant Exchange takes place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18, at Salter Memorial Park, 19430 Harper.

The event has become a popular way for local gardening enthusiasts to share perennial plants and their love of gardening. Participants are asked to bring up to 10 healthy, pest-free perennial plants — no trees or annuals — in separate containers, marked with the type of plant it is and whether it loves sun or shade. For each healthy plant, the gardener will receive a ticket that can be swapped for a perennial contributed by another participant.

Master gardeners will be on site to help check and identify plants and offer advice. In addition, door prizes and snacks contributed by local businesses and schools are available.

For information, call Mitzi Giles at (313) 884-0297 or the city clerk's office at (313) 343-2510, or email llombardi@harperwoods.net.

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not really reaching out to the people it should be reaching out to. So he went to bars and jails and to those in need.

"It's in our DNA here to want to reach out and

help people," he continued. "We're doing that in a number of ways."

"We are not exclusive, even though we are Methodist," Murphy added. "We do believe in ecumenical collaborative efforts. It's important we go to different faith leaders in the community ... so

we have a kind of united front. We see God and that's the perfect thing — to see God first so the community sees that."

For a closer look at Redeemer's history, visit [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com) for historic photos and a timeline of important events.

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# A historical perspective on school closures

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

If history tends to repeat itself, a look through Grosse Pointe News archives may shed light on things to come. A series of articles in 1983 and 1984 on proposed school closings reveals a pattern of enrollment decline, a superintendent and school board's efforts to reconfigure the district and a lengthy process drawing opposition and community division.

According to the lead on the front page of the Oct. 13, 1983, Grosse Pointe News, "Several hundred chanting, placard-carrying parents Monday heard Supt. Kenneth Brummel recommend a much-reduced school reorgani-

zation plan and cheered when one school board member announced his opposition to closing any elementary schools."

Brummel originally proposed closing four elementary schools—Barnes, Defer, Mason and Monteith. This was in response to an enrollment decline of more than 40 percent in a decade, from a peak of 13,529 in 1972 to 7,358 in 1983. Furthermore, enrollment was predicted to drop to 6,267 in three years.

Part of the plan was to relocate students in those four elementary schools to Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools, prompting concerns from parents about housing young elementary students in the same building with

older middle school teens.

A second, revised plan would have closed Barnes, Mason and Monteith and redistributed those students to the nearest elementary schools. It also proposed closing Pierce Middle School and transferring students to Brownell Middle School. Parents opposed this plan primarily due to the greater walking distance for students.

The final plan—closing Barnes and moving sixth-graders into the middle schools in fall of 1984—passed 6-1 at the Nov. 14, 1983, school board meeting, "drawing cheers and jeers from a crowd of more than 400 at the North High Performing Arts Center," according to a Nov. 17, 1983, article.

Barnes, which opened in 1956, reached its peak enrollment of 488 students in 1970, but dropped to 191 students, the lowest enrollment of any building in the district. While the building was slated to close, trustees pledged not to sell the property.

The vote divided the community, with one group—the Committee for Neighborhood Elementary Schools—collecting signatures to recall board members who voted for the proposal and another group—Citizens Against the Recall Effort, or CARE—vowing to "fight any attempt to remove trustees from office."

Voting yes on the proposal were Board President Joan Hanpeter and trustees Catherine Brierly, Ernest Buechler, Jon Gandelot, Dorothy Kennel and Vincent LoCicero. The lone no vote was cast by trustee Roger Mourad, who was quoted as saying, "The fact is, the community

doesn't want elementary schools closed."

The day preceding the vote, trustees found on the doorsteps of their homes black boxes containing white Stetson hats with a note attached urging them to "be a good guy and vote against school closings." The hats were from a Barnes parent group, according to the article.

*Are we going to retain the historic neighborhood elementary school character of this community?*

ROGER MOURAD  
Trustee, 1984 Board of Education

The committee formed to recall school board members opted to target only Brierly, Buechler and Gandelot, according to a Nov. 24, 1983, article. Hanpeter was not targeted because she announced earlier she would retire at the end of her third term in June. Kennel and LoCicero were dropped because they were not eligible for

recall under the statute until Jan 11, 1984, when they would have served six months in office, according to the article.

Formal petition language for a recall was approved by the Wayne County Election Commission Dec. 13, 1983, and the anti-recall group, CARE, "hit the streets of Grosse Pointe Dec. 10 with 279 volunteers," according to that week's Grosse Pointe News, in support of the trustees under threat of recall. Henry Clay led the charge as chairman. At an earlier board meeting, according to a Nov. 10, 1983, article, Clay urged trustees to hold their ground.

"Contrary to what you may be hearing, Grosse Pointe did not invent this problem (of declining enrollment)," Clay said. He said prestigious school districts across the nation have been forced to close schools because of shrinking family sizes."

Meanwhile, the recall group, headed by Grosse Pointe Park resident

David Easlick Jr., "publicly asked the school board to put the question of school closings to a vote of the public. In exchange, he said he would drop the recall campaign."

The trustees earlier rejected a request for a referendum, "saying it would be shirking their responsibility as elected officials."

The group kicked off its recall efforts Jan. 21, 1984, ultimately collecting 8,400 signatures—2,000 more than needed to put the issue on the June ballot. Running for re-election on the school board at the same time were Hanpeter, who decided to run after all due to the controversy over the approved plan and recall efforts, and Mourad, the only trustee who voted against the plan.

"I don't see the campaign as a Barnes issue," Mourad said of his decision to run for a second term, according to a March 29, 1984, article. "It's a total reorganization issue. Are we going to retain the historic neighborhood ele-

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## Sixth-grade switch

According to a Dec. 1, 1983, Grosse Pointe News article, advantages to moving sixth-graders from elementary into middle schools included access to swimming pools, intramural sports programs and fully-equipped gyms.

The 10- and 11-year-olds also would "get a chance to experiment in science labs and use special art and music rooms and far more extensive libraries than they are accustomed to in elementary schools."

The school day would be a half hour longer and while sixth-graders would lose recess time, they would gain more instruction in math, science, social studies and art, along with courses such as foreign language. Teachers were to be assigned to these courses according to

their specific training and expertise.

Parents who opposed the switch claimed sixth-grade students were "not mature enough to handle the demands of changing classes each hour and the large size of the middle school buildings," the article stated.

Robert Welch, secondary curriculum director, addressed parents' concerns sixth graders would be exposed earlier to drug and alcohol abuse in middle school.

"The middle schools are not the dens of iniquity people say they are. I am in them regularly and I know. They may be exposed to more, but there is also more of an effort to offset that kind of influence through extracurricular activities and physical education," he said.

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### Stephanie Erhard



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**Nominated by:** John Kernan, principal  
**Principal's quote:**

"Mrs. Erhard is new to our school this year, but hasn't let that deter her from making an immediate impact. Whether it is working with our readers, creating opportunities to celebrate our successes or running professional development for our staff, she makes a difference every day. We have been lucky to have her with us at Richard this year and are excited to continue to learn with her."

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

There are so many things I enjoy about teaching, but building relationships and capturing "magical moments" by far take the top. I look forward to making connections with my students every day. Building positive relationships helps foster an environment where my students

can feel free to take risks yet know they are supported. I also love moments when I see a child's eyes light up and a wide smile of internal pride from understanding something new. My hope is that all the "magical moments" I have navigated my students towards can last a lifetime.

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

An accomplishment that I am most proud of is when I turn non-readers into readers; non-book lovers into book-lovers; non-writers into authors of their own stories; the "I can't" to "I'll try!" Every year I'm faced with students who have a preconceived notion about how they are as readers, writers or learners. When I see that I have made a difference and have shifted their thinking, there is no greater accomplishment.

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

Hands down my number one supporter and inspiration is my husband. He has encouraged me to pursue my passion and follow my desire to focus on literacy instruction while helping me be my best self. But Lucy Calkins and Kathy Collins are my most influential authors over the years. I still weave a thread of content knowledge from Lucy Calkins' "Units of Study" and Kathy Collins' "Growing Readers" through everything I do.

**Favorite quote:**

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# On the road again

## South's solar car team revs up for new season

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

After a two-year hiatus, Grosse Pointe South High School's solar car team is gearing up for competition this summer.

Tristan MacKethan and Chris Fowler founded South's first solar car team — and one of the first high school solar car teams in the state — during the 2012-13 school year. Both went on to attend the University of Michigan after graduating from South in 2013.

The program continued through 2015-16, when it ceased due to lack of funding and space. This year a group of students has gotten the Sun Devils Solar Car Team back on track with the help of corporate sponsor Red Crown, the Mothers' Club Parent Organization and the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

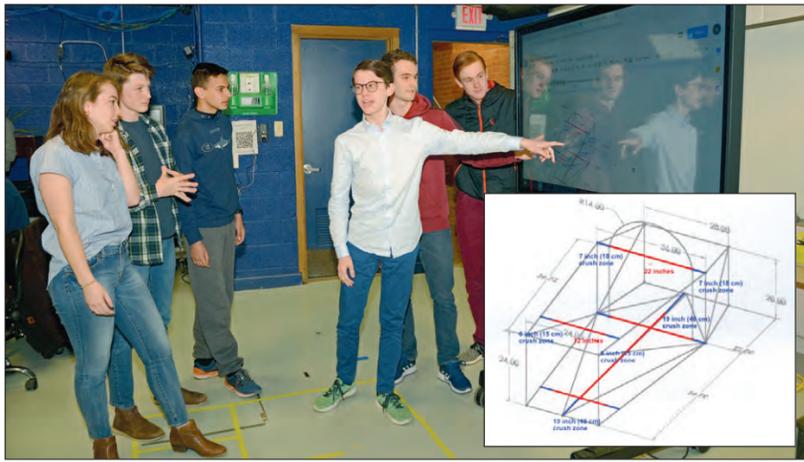
Also critical to the team is the Cotton Innovation Center, a space for South's series of innovation classes as well as home to the Sun Devils.

Team captain Lucy Burgoyne said she contacted science teacher James Adams at the end of last school year to see if it was possible to revive the team in preparation for the 2019 Solar Car Challenge at the Texas Motor Speedway in Dallas. The four-day race runs Monday, July 15 to Thursday, July 18.

Plans picked up in the fall and Burgoyne began assembling a team, with Adams as faculty mentor. Junior Alex Bower and freshman Ronak Parikh were among the first to commit, with others jumping on board.

"I'm really excited with the group of students we have here," said Bower. "They're really committed and they're really passionate about this stuff. I'm excited for where the program can go, especially since we have this permanent space in the (Cotton Innovation Center). I think this could be something that lasts for a while. I think the Cottons' donation won't simply be an investment in the current students, but hopefully a group of students for many years to come."

Earlier in the year, Bower wrote 15 grants for a total of \$60,000 and contacted local businesses. Red Crown and



From left, team members Lucy Burgoyne, John Kyle, Ronak Parikh, Ian Plansker, Alex Bower and Austin Wright look at a mechanical drawing of the Sun Devils 2019 solar car design (inset box).

the Cotton family stepped up with a \$25,000 donation, making it possible for the team to purchase a trailer to house the car during the build and transport it to the Texas Motor Speedway for the competition, in addition to purchasing parts.

Next was designing the frame. They even have the help of a professional welder, 2018 South graduate Donovan Dunham. However, they're reluctant to order parts until they have mentors in place to help guide them.

"There really isn't a 'how to build a solar car' (manual)," Bower said. "In order to make sure we're purchasing the right things and have the right game plan, we want to have the right expertise."

"We're super lucky because we live in the Motor City, which means there's tons of automotive expertise and engineering, both mechanical and electrical," said Parikh. "Because this is an electric car that works off the sun, having someone with expertise in batteries and solar systems would be really nice."

Due to the time commitment involved — the students expect to start logging in full days building and testing the car once school lets out for the summer — an ideal mentor would be "someone who is recently retired and has time on their hands," Parikh said.

MacKethan agreed mentorship to provide technical knowledge and logistical support is critical. He recalled receiving support from Kyle Watson, the uncle of one of the original team members, and former South physics teacher Scott Brunner.

"The project wouldn't have been successful without their commitment of time to the team," MacKethan said.

Another critical part of the experience for him was fundraising.

"Learning what it took to cold call people and businesses, 'going for no,' and how to sell an idea were really valuable skills I took away from my fundraising campaign that brought in \$33,000 to get the team off the ground," he said. Project management, entrepreneurship and team leadership were other skills invaluable to him in college and his career, he added.

Overall, MacKethan is "really glad to see the project is still going. I had a blast launching the team with Chris. It was my first introduction to engineering and is something I am proud to still have on my resume. The Solar Car Challenge, like FIRST Robotics, offers high school students a unique and unmatched opportunity to get hands-on experience in engineering and learn what the design-build-test process that underpins all engineering and science processes is about. This kind of education is critical to have available to students in high school."

At U of M, MacKethan and Fowler worked on the Formula SAE team where they designed, built and raced a Formula 1 style vehicle each year. For MacKethan, this experience led to a six-month internship at Apple in California, which turned into a current full-time position in Apple's special project group in the product design division. Fowler, who also lives in California,

works in aerospace development at Space Exploration Technologies.

"For students interested in engineering who participated in high school Solar Car, this is the logical next step for growing engineering skills while getting to build cool stuff," MacKethan said. "Other valuable university student project teams are Solar Car and Baja Racing. Most engineering schools around the world have at least one of these teams. There is no faster way to learn valuable applied engineering skills and no better way to get a job after college. SpaceX, Tesla, Apple, Ford, GM, Chrysler — all recruit directly from these teams because of the valuable skills students learn."

Community members interested in helping mentor South's solar car team should contact Adams at adamsj@gpschools.org.

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mentary school character of this community?"

With the three-member recall looming and two incumbents on the ballot, the district faced the prospect of five newcomers joining the board.

Ultimately voters spoke and recall efforts failed.

"Recall fever fizzles, flops" was the headline above the fold on the Grosse Pointe News front page June 14, 1984.

"Voters handed the Board of Education a decisive pat on the back in the June 11 election by defeating recall proposals against three members, returning the incumbent president to office and removing the one board member who voted against the majority," the article stated.

Newcomer Fred Adams, who had opposed the recall, won the seat formerly held by Mourad.

Also defeated were challengers William Brownscombe, who helped organize the fight against school closings, and Robert Radnick, who also opposed closing schools.

"Now we must begin to heal the wounds," said Gandelot in the article. "There has been so much bitterness."

Meanwhile, in April, Brummel announced he was leaving Grosse Pointe July 1, 1984, to serve as superintendent of the Orange Unified School District of California. That year marked Brummel's third leading GPPSS.

While Brummel's year-long study of the district's enrollment decline and

## Week Ahead

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

◆ The blue ribbon committee, tasked with developing reconfiguration options for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, meets 6 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. This meeting was postponed from an earlier date. Observers are welcome. For more information, contact Rebecca Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org.

◆ Brownell Middle School choirs host "Awesome Music for Autism" at 7 p.m. in Brownell's multipurpose room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds benefit autism services at the Children's Center in midtown Detroit. Tickets are available at gpschools.seatyourself.biz.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

◆ The blue ribbon committee reconvenes 6 p.m. in Brownell's multipurpose room to preview recommendations to be presented to the Board of Education at the April 22 meeting. Observers are welcome. For more information, contact Rebecca Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org.

resulting three proposals to close schools and consolidate programs made him the target of attacks by parents, he said "it was the opportunity to advance his career, not disillusionment with the Grosse Pointe position that swayed his decision," according to an April 5, 1984, article.

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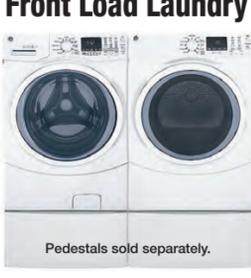
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## Too much! Purdon Studio to give audiences funny/sad/offensive/crazy night out

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Theater audiences should expect the unexpected when they attend Purdon Studio Theatre's performance of "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," set for April 26 to May 5, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

Cast members themselves called the production emotional, funny, surprising, confusing, exciting and strange. They expect audience emotions to run the gamut.

"The play came out of Chicago; it had a 1988 premier," said Nick Marinello, who directs



Stephanie Stoiko and Ron Bernas rehearse.

and performs in "Too Much Light." "It ran suc-

cessfully for 30 years or so. It comes out of the neo-futurist movement — the same movement that gave rise to dadaism — which asks the question, "What is art?" In that question, the art is revealed.

"It's an exploration of 'What is theater?'" he continued. "All the plays are designed to be plays — they all have stage direction, lines, actors. We're playing with the concepts of: What is theater? What does it mean to be an actor? How does

the audience matter? Some of the plays are interactive, so the audience is crucial. During the play, the audience is the engine that drives us forward."

The cast — 10 in total, including Marinello and assistant director, Leta Chrisman — performs 30 plays in 60 minutes each night. The plays are performed in random order night to night and include audience participation. At the end of each night, 15 plays are removed and replaced with 15 new



Mike McDowell-Parker, left and Kevin Fitzhenry rehearse a portion of "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind."

plays for the next performance.

"We have 45 plays prepared," Marinello said. "Each night we perform 30 of them, with 15 of them chosen by the previous night's audience."

If it sounds confusing, well, it can be.

On stage each night is a clothesline with the numbers 1 through 30 printed on pieces of paper. That's what the audience sees.

On the flip sides of those papers is the title of a play. Play titles include such gems as "Tableau for Three," "Read Me

Like a Book," "The Art of Acting," "Service with a Smile" and "This Play Does Not Exist."

Audience members shout out a number from the "menu," a cast member pulls the number from the line and reads the title aloud, then whichever ensemble members are in that play perform. At play's end, a performer says, "curtain," and a new number is selected.

"The plays are 3 seconds to 3 minutes," Marinello said. "Usually,

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From left, Joanna Delpaz, Sara Shook and Ron Bernas perform before director Nick Marinello.

### The details

**WHAT:** Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre presents "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," 30 plays in 60 minutes.

**WHEN:** 2 p.m. matinees Sunday, April 28, and Saturday, May 4; and 8:00 p.m. performances Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, and Friday through Sunday, May 3, 4 and 5.

**WHERE:** Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Parking is free.

**TICKETS:** \$15 each. Call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org for more information.

**BONUS:** Sellouts get take out. Sold-out audiences receive free pizza.

## Spring break in the suburbs St. James on The Hill hosts Vanderbilt students

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Vanderbilt Alternative Spring Break has been a tradition at the Nashville university for 32 years. It was the first alternative spring break program in the country.

"It originated as, instead of going to Florida or Mexico or wherever, students would spend the week doing meaningful service," said Sue Stieber, a parishioner at St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Currently, more than 400 Vanderbilt students participate each year, choosing from 35 service locations. The past nine years, Detroit has been among those options, but this March marked the first time St. James hosted the alternative spring breakers.

"We ended up doing it because my daughter, a

2015 South graduate, attends Vanderbilt," Stieber said. "She's been participating in this since her freshman year."

Marisa Stieber, who graduates next month, brought the idea to her mother and asked if St. James would consider hosting. After church council approved, plans were put into place.

Eleven students drove up from Nashville, arriving Saturday, March 2. They started the week working with Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, cleaning up public spaces in the community with the intention of removing litter and helping citizens see their community for how beautiful it is. They also contributed to its after-school program by helping students with homework and playing, as well as renovating a property at



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Vanderbilt Alternative Spring Break students pause for a photo at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Cornerstone Jefferson-Douglass Academy to use for after-school programs.

For a short time, students cleaned out a portion of the Heidelberg Project, though inclem-

ent weather put a damper on that outdoor activity. They ended the week volunteering with Nortown Community Development Corp., assisting with various tasks along Eight Mile

such as cleaning up and providing lists of resources for residents.

After volunteering each day, students came back to Grosse Pointe for a meal and "reflective time" in the evening.

"It's a very bonding experience, very motivating," Stieber said. "For us and for St. James, it was great. There was so much participation from people. We let them know we'd be happy to host again. It was a wonderful group of young people."

At St. James, spring breakers slept in two upstairs youth rooms and used a kitchenette. Parishioners also brought in occasional meals. Students went to the YMCA for showers.

The students each signed a commitment for a substance-free visit. They followed other strict rules set in place by faculty at Vanderbilt.

"One thing I was happy with is they have a more mature adult manning things back in Nashville," Stieber said.

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## Neighborhood Club hosts underwater egg hunt

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, welcomes children up to age 12 to its underwater egg hunt Thursday, April 18.

Children will have the opportunity to collect eggs from the bottom of the pool and turn them in for tasty treats. While collecting their prizes, they're invited to hop over and say hello to the Easter Bunny. The event also includes open swimming, a bounce house, face painting, goodie bags and arts and crafts.

The event is free for members, \$5 for non-

members.

Time slots are available at 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. All times are open for any age group for registration.

Space is limited, so early registration is suggested. Visit neighborhoodclub.org to register.

In advance of the event, a swim test is conducted at the Neighborhood Club from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Those interested should visit neighborhoodclub.org or the front desk for guidelines for children who have not passed the swim test.

For more information, call (313) 885-4600.

## Patriot Theater joins lineup of venues for Freep Film Festival

The War Memorial's Patriot Theater was added to this year's list of venues participating in the sixth annual Freep Film Festival, which runs through Sunday, April 14.

Among the films slated there are "Tough Guy: The Bob Probert Story," "My Turn" and "An Armenian Trilogy."

◆ "An Armenian Trilogy" — Much of metro Detroit music composer Dan Yessian's career was built upon his ability to create catchy commercial jingles — like his Detroit TV classic tune for a Dittrich Furs advertisement. But his life took a dramatic turn when he was asked to write a classical composition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, in which 1.5 million Armenian citizens were murdered by the Turkish Ottoman Empire in 1915. The film — the world premier — follows Yessian's creative

path and the piece's triumphant debut by the Armenian National Philharmonic Orchestra in Yessian's ancestral homeland of Armenia.

◆ "My Turn" — Scott Matzka was in peak physical condition — a member of the University of Michigan's 1998 NCAA champion hockey team and a 13-year professional player for teams like the Grand Rapids Griffins and Kalamazoo Wings. After receiving an ALS diagnosis at age 36, Matzka grapples with plans for the remainder of his life while relentlessly advocating to find a cure for the terminal disease.

◆ "Tough Guy: The Bob Probert Story" — Geordie Day's film adds heartbreaking complexity to the Red Wings enforcer and all-time penalty leader, who died in 2010 of heart failure. Off the ice, Probert emerges as a kind, flawed soul who loved his wife and kids while

battling the demons of addiction and neurodegenerative disease.

Nearly 90 films and 100 programs, parties and performances highlight this year's five-day festival, which plays out at multiple locations in and around Detroit. Other highlighted films include "Miles Davis: The Birth of Cool," "Detroit Tigers: The Roar of '84," "Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win" and the double feature "I am Richard Pryor" and "Blue Collar."

Apart from the Patriot Theater, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, Freep Film Festival venues include the Detroit Film Theatre inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, Cinema Detroit, Fillmore Detroit, Ant Hall, Wayne State University, Detroit Historical Museum, Redford Theatre, Beacon Park, Third Man Records and Emagine Theatres in Royal Oak.

Individual tickets are on sale at freepfilmfestival.com.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, April 12, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. John Gallagher, business writer for the Detroit

Free Press, 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 12, 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 17, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

## Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins at 7 p.m. Jennifer Braatz of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service discusses Humbug Marsh, an

essential part of the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge. The public is welcome to this free meeting.

## NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

## The Helm

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

◆ "Ask the Housing Specialist," 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, with Rachel Nagorsen of Lakeshore Senior Living.

◆ Third Thursday Book Club, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 18, with Grosse Pointe Public Library outreach librarian Kathleen Gallagher. "A Gentleman in Moscow," by Amor Towles, is discussed.

◆ Alzheimer's Caregivers Support

Group, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, with Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited and Marian Battersby of Home Instead.

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

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Register online at redcrossblood.org.

## Tuesday Musicales

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit hosts its annual Student League Prizewinners concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

## Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, April 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Following lunch, Peggy Hayes,

executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center, speaks. Guests are welcome and reservations are required by Saturday, April 13. Call Helen Roberts at (586) 944-0299. Cost is \$14. For information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

## Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Mary Bednar, director of public services for Green Infrastructure-Municipal Approach, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

## Family Center

The Family Center presents "Smart Parenting: When Does Normal Monitoring Become Unhealthy Prying?" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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She noted on their drive to Michigan, students had to be a certain age to drive and they had to switch drivers at certain time intervals. They also were required to check in with Vanderbilt every three hours.

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was effective and who wanted to broaden their perspectives. Vanderbilt ASB is centered around what we call 'the triangle,' composed of three sides which form an effective alternative break: education, service and reflection. I chose to commit all four of my college spring breaks to this organization because it taught me that effective service requires much more than just showing up and volunteering. By showing me the importance of educating myself on the topics I was engaging with and reflecting on the service I was completing, Vanderbilt ASB shaped me into someone who is constantly pushing myself to become more engaged with issues in my community and the world."

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**Maundy Thursday – April 18**  
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

**Good Friday – April 19**  
7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Cross

**Easter Eve – April 20**  
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Saturday, April 13, 4:30 pm and  
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Monday, April 15, 7:00 pm ~ Lenten Penance Service

Holy Thursday, April 18, 7:30 pm ~ Mass  
9:00 to 11:00 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 19, noon ~ Stations of the Cross  
1:30 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 20, 9:00 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:00 am  
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April 19 Liturgy at 12 Noon  
Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
April 20 Easter Vigil at 8:30pm

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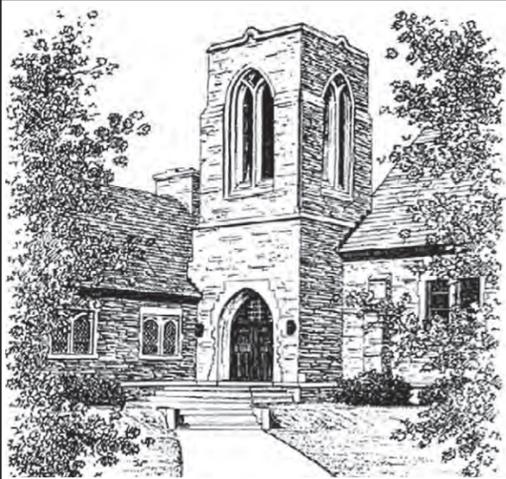
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**Maundy Thursday, April 18 11:00am**  
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Palm Sunday Mass – 8:30 a.m.  
Palm Procession and Mass – 11:15 a.m. beginning at the Academy building

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18 — HOLY THURSDAY**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.  
Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church until midnight

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19 — GOOD FRIDAY**  
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon in the church  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.  
Ecumenical Stations in the Street - 4:00 p.m. beginning on the ARK plaza  
Lenten Dinner in the ARK - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20 — HOLY SATURDAY**  
Blessing of Easter Food - 12:00 noon  
**THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21 — EASTER SUNDAY**  
Mass at 8:30 a.m. – Hospitality after both Masses in the ARK  
Mass at 11:15 a.m.

# OBITUARIES

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

## Marianne Q. Pear

Grosse Pointe Park resident Marianne Pear, 89, passed away peacefully Friday, March 22, 2019.

Marianne was a dynamo who loved life, both professionally and personally, leaving a lifetime of love, drive and accomplishment behind her.

Marianne had deep roots in the metro Detroit community. She was the beloved wife of Robert Pear, a Chrysler financial executive, daughter of Gerald and Lucille Queen, entrepreneurs and granddaughter of Harry Beecher, proprietor of Beecher, Peck & Lewis, a paper company.

Marianne is survived by her sons and their families: David and Sandy Pear of Darien, Conn., and their children, Alexandra, Channing and Zachary and Charlie and Grace Pear of Harrison Township and their children, Natalie, Matthew and Christine. She also is survived by one brother, Doug, her brother-in-law, Dick, and nine nieces and nephews.

Marianne was a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1947 and the University of Michigan in 1952, where she lived in the Martha Cook Residence Hall for young ladies. She married the love of her life, Robert Pear, in 1953, and enjoyed 58 years of marriage until Bob died in 2012.

After earning her teaching certificate, Marianne taught sixth grade, bringing a passion for learning to her young charges. After her two boys were born, Marianne focused her full-time efforts on raising them. As her oldest son neared college, Marianne pivoted to selling real estate, becoming a top producer and earning the funds to pay for a substantial part of her boys' college educations.

Marianne instilled drive in her boys. She engaged them in games and mental challenges to build their competitive spirit while questioning them on topics of the day to help them learn to think for themselves. She demanded and obtained excellence academically.

With an effervescent personality, Marianne's warmth and caring forged meaningful friendships. Initially raising her two boys on Mt. Vernon Avenue, Marianne built lifelong relationships with surrounding families, many with similarly aged children. Her extensive circle of friends formed the basis of many social, charitable, intellectual and competitive activities that enriched her life. Marianne lit up the room.

Marianne championed the underdog and helped

people achieve their best. She could be counted on to help others in need and push those around her to strive to improve themselves.

An active volunteer, Marianne participated in many charities. Notably, she played a lead role in sewing and fitting concert gowns for the girls in the Grosse Pointe South band and orchestra in the 1970s.

Marianne's mind is what her family remembers best. An active puzzler, she regularly filled her free time with mental challenges. An avid bridge player, Marianne competed at both the rubber and duplicate levels. And she was a perennial member at various book clubs, each chosen so interesting topics of the day could be discussed and dissected among friends. She could always be found with a book. Marianne was interested in life.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Ann Fleming Crighton Fraser Hakim

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ann Fleming Crighton Fraser Hakim, 89, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2019, after a short illness.

Born June 18, 1929, in Kirkcaldy Fife, Scotland, Ann left home at age 16 for Red Cross nurses' training in Edinburgh. Ann served with the British Royal Navy throughout the United Kingdom during the Korean War. Upon her honorable discharge, Ann moved to London and worked in an office, but it was a chance meeting with a friend that brought her to America in October 1955.

Upon arriving in the United States as a young, single woman, Ann traveled throughout the country and would eventually settle in Detroit, where she worked as a lab technician at Detroit Memorial Hospital. It was at a lunch counter along Woodward Avenue where she met John Hermiz Hakim, an engineering student from Iraq. Both Ann and John epitomized the new wave of post-war immigrants searching for a better future and life for themselves and their families.

Ann and John married in 1956 and had two sons, Lawrence and David. Through their hard work and dedication to their family, Ann and John embodied the American Dream for which many immigrants strive. John owned a successful corner grocery store, The Food Basket of Grosse Pointe, while Ann was a dedicated homemaker. In 1968, the family settled in

Grosse Pointe Woods, where Ann and John had the opportunity to provide their sons with a good education and introduce them to art, music, literature and other pursuits to broaden their lives. Ann and John wanted to provide their children with experiences and advantages they hadn't had themselves.

Ann was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, John Hakim. She is survived by her sons, Lawrence Hakim (Pamela) and David Hakim (Michelle) and grandchildren, Hannah Meintasis (Timothy), Lawrence J. Hakim II, James Hakim, Benjamin Hakim, Jonathan Hakim and Andrew Hakim.

She will be missed by those who knew her.

A funeral service was held April 7 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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## Robert Hague Ollison Jr.

Robert Hague "Bo" Ollison Jr., of Washington, D.C., died suddenly Thursday, March 28, 2019, from complications of type 1 diabetes, while traveling overseas for business. He was 46.

Born July 27, 1972, in Detroit, to Bob and Dempsey Ollison, Bo graduated in 1990 from Grosse Pointe South High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and political science from Miami University (Ohio) in 1994, and an MBA from University of Detroit Mercy in 1998.

Most recently employed by Qorvis Communications, Bo had worked as vice president of external communications for the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, at the departments of State and Commerce, the Export-Import Bank and for both the Bush-Cheney and Dole-Kemp presidential campaigns.

Bo had two significant moments that shaped the man he was. The first occurred Sept. 10, 1984, when he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. While living with this disease was a constant challenge, he was determined to live his life to the best of his abilities. The second was when he met the love of his life, his fiancée, Kathryn Phelps, in Washington, D.C. Kathryn changed Bo's entire outlook and pushed him to be a better person. She was the one person able to put a smile on his face and in his heart. She gave him the best years of his life.

Bo is survived by his fiancée, Kathryn Phelps, of Washington, D.C.; parents, Bob and Dempsey Ollison of Sarasota, Fla.; siblings, Hague Bing (Eric); Ici Ollison, Torrey Stackpoole (Harold), Fitz Ollison (Kilian) and Tophier Ollison (Amanda) and nieces and nephews, Kelsey and Lindsay Bing, Elle Bojarczyk, Blake and Kylie Stackpoole, Lily and Kingsley Ollison,



Marianne Q. Pear



Ann Hakim



Robert Hague Ollison Jr.



Louise Webb



Mary Lou T. Willetts



Nelson Leze

and Eliza, Charlie and Theo Ollison.

A memorial Mass was celebrated April 6 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Washington, D.C.

Donations may be made in Bo's name to Diabetes Solutions at [diabetessolutions.org](http://diabetessolutions.org).

## Louise Webb

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Louise Webb, 86, died peacefully Monday, March 25, 2019, at Ascension St. John Hospital surrounded by her children and grandchildren in her final days.

She was born Louise Anne Wahlenmaier on her mother's birthday, July 26, in 1932, in Columbus, Ohio, and raised in Upper Arlington with her sisters, Alice and Kathie. After graduating from St. Mary of the Springs Academy in 1950, Louise studied fine arts and home economics at The Ohio State University until her marriage to Jack Webb in 1953.

She raised her two oldest daughters out east, moving several times due to her husband's career. She settled down in South Bend, Ind. for more than 30 years, where she raised her two youngest children as a single mother. After retiring from the University of Notre Dame, she lived in Florida for 11 years before moving to Michigan to be near her youngest daughter.

Known affectionately as "Weesie," she always managed to have room for ice cream or chocolate. Weesie loved animals — especially furry ones — whether they were real or toys. She loved to travel, including experiencing Broadway shows in New York, Florida beaches, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, exploring Great Britain, canoeing on Lake Louise and parasailing in Hawaii. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

Her family said her laugh was the best, vitality and resilience strong, and faith even stronger.

She is survived by her children, Linda Stowe (Mark), Sue Jessup (John), Bill Webb (Irina) and Kathy Eisengruber (Bill); granddaughter, Kristin Rosenthal (Dan) and grandson, Connor Webb. She also is survived by her sister, Alice Cullers and several

nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, George and Catherine Wahlenmaier and sister, Kathie Wallace.

A private funeral Mass and interment will be Monday, May 27, at the University of Notre Dame. A celebration of life with friends will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org).

## Mary Lou Thibodeau Willetts

Longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident Mary Lou Thibodeau Willetts died suddenly Saturday, April 6, 2019, with her daughter, Sue Karell, holding her hand.

Mary Lou had retired four years ago to Hilton Head Island, S.C., to be near her twin sister, Patricia Peck.

Mary Lou was born Feb. 13, 1930, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Violet and Leo Thibodeau and graduated from St. Paul High School in 1948. She attended Michigan State University until she married May 5, 1951.

Mary Lou had boundless energy as can be attested to by the numerous organizations in which she participated and her willingness to try anything from scuba diving to parasailing for her 70th birthday.

She loved to play bridge, read, cook and entertain and will be remembered for her wonderful fashion sense and ability to sniff out a deal. Her family will remember her as a woman of strength and grace who took on life with a smile even in the face of tragedy.

Mary Lou was a member of Ixex and the Suburban Women's Golf League. She volunteered for the Beaumont Hospital Assistance League, St. Paul Altar Society, St. Paul Widows Society, Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe Carmelites and the League of Catholic Women.

Mary Lou was predeceased by her husband, Stanley "Guy" B. Willetts Sr.; son, Guy Willetts Jr. and brother, Robert Thibodeau. She is survived by her sisters, Joan Frear and Patricia Peck;

daughters, Sandra Kroeger, Jane Bolton and Sue Karell; son, Thomas Willetts; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Hilton Head Island, followed by a celebration of life at "The Seabrook" where she resided. Mary Lou will be laid to rest in the columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, in June.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Salvation Army, an organization that was dear to Mary Lou, at Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075-5218 or at [salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org)

## Nelson Leze

Nelson Leze passed away suddenly Saturday, March 30, 2019.

He was born June 13, 1940, in Detroit. After a career in the retail food industry, he enjoyed being creative with many hobbies and "Mr. Fixit" for his neighbors in Grosse Pointe Woods, where he resided since 1984.

He and his wife of 53 years traveled around the globe with the Nomads and other travel groups. He used his various talents volunteering at The Parade Company, Habitat for Humanity and the Detroit Zoo. His love of cars was a source of enjoyment, traveling to various shows and museums.

Nelson leaves behind his wife, Janet (nee Spanich); sister, Yvonne Barney; niece, Linda Baldock and nephews, John and Mark Lappin. He will be missed by many extended family members and friends.

A prayer service was held April 5, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Macomb Habitat for Humanity, c/o Baker College, 34950 Little Mack, Clinton Township, MI 48035 or The Parade Company, 9500 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48211.

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Lois Lamdin Davenport

The memorial service for former Grosse Pointe resident Lois Lamdin Davenport will be 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

## OBITUARIES:

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### John A. Roach

John A. Roach, 87, of Bennington, Vt., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park and Crystal Lake, Ill., passed away Monday, March 11, 2019, from complications due to a hip fracture.

John was born July 26, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Edward Thomas Roach and Mayme Turner Roach. His wife of 54 years, Nancy Bird Roach, passed away in 2007.

After graduating from Dearborn High School in 1949, where he was an all-state track and cross-country runner, John attended the University of Michigan. Upon commencement with a degree in communications, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, which sent him to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, to become a mechanic with the 6th Armored Division. While transiting to Korea, an officer in Seattle noticed his broadcast training and rerouted him to Japan, where John managed the Armed Forces Radio station, known then as the Far East Network, at Miho Air Base. He was joined by his wife, Nancy, who accepted the job as the base school teacher, where she was given privileges to the Officer's Club, while her husband, an enlisted man, could only accompany her as her guest.

After leaving the service, John worked in radio and television in Saginaw and Cleveland directing local shows. Cleveland's Tim Conway's audition tape for Carol Burnett was among several notable projects. To earn extra money, John worked weekends as a cameraman for CBS football broadcasts and golf tournaments across the Midwest.

In 1968, John became a director and producer for the Detroit advertising firm, W.B. Doner, where he helped create legendary campaigns and com-

mercials such as Dow's "Scrubbing Bubbles," Ball Park Franks' "Plump When You Cook 'Em," Faygo's "Remember When You Were a Kid," and, most famously, Tootsie's "How Many Licks Does it Take to get to the Center of a Tootsie Pop?"

From the mid 1970s through the turn of the century, John founded two companies, Roach and Rheinhardt and Roach Communications. His biggest client was General Motors Corp., which he assisted in the creation and implementation of the jointly developed Quality Network, the GM/UAW Total Quality Management system. He officially retired in 2001.

Aviation was the great passion of the second half of John's life. After earning his private pilot's license, he flew small planes more than 30 years. During retirement, John volunteered thousands of hours a year for the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, Wis., living at the airport half the year working in the Fab Shop and museum, as well as helping introduce kids to the joy of flying via the EAA's Young Eagles program.

He was known for his hangar parties at Wittman Regional Airport during the EAA's annual AirVenture convention, where he stored and worked on his 1940s era Erco. His last convention was in 2016.

John was predeceased by his wife, Nancy; brother, Thomas Roach and sister, Marilyn Rossmesll.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Nancy Roach of Hood River, Ore., John P. Roach of Minneapolis, Minn., Catherine Ballew of Woodland, Wash., and Greg Roach of North Adams, Mass.; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Sally Janke and Marti Roach and brother, Michael Roach.

A remembrance gathering will be held later this year in Oshkosh.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

### Effie Pappas-Gehlert

Effie Pappas-Gehlert, 92, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019.

She was the wife of the late Arthur G. Pappas and John Gehlert; sister of Thomas Costaras and the late Athena Panourgias and is survived by nephews, John Panourgias (Lisa), Nicholas and Steve; nieces, Kristina, Michelle, Eugenia and Alyssa and grandchildren, Kayleigh, Julia and Jack. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



John A. Roach



Effie Pappas-Gehlert



Richard Kenneth Gross



Karen Tysell Hryciuk



Frederick A. Williams



Johanna T. Carion

### Richard Kenneth Gross

Richard Kenneth Gross, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, died Wednesday, April 3, 2019. He was 92.

Richard was a World War II veteran and retired from DTE Energy after 43 years of service. He volunteered many hours for the Red Cross for apheresis donations, his children's schools, various scouting activities and later with the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Elza; children, Karin, David (Lynn) and Neal and grandchildren, Matthew, Lauren and Kenneth.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund at detroitgoodfellows.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

### Karen Tysell Hryciuk

City of Grosse Pointe resident Karen Tysell Hryciuk, 60, passed away Monday, April 1, 2019.

Born Oct. 19, 1958, in Detroit, to Lennart and Helen Tysell, Karen graduated in 1981 from Central Michigan University. She began her career as an assignment editor, writer and producer at WXYZ Channel 7, then did media relations for Sinai Hospital and then physician marketing for St. John Hospital before choosing to become a stay-at-home mom. She also designed jewelry.

Karen was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Gamma Rho sororities.

Karen is survived by her husband, Robert; daughter, Aly Hryciuk; son, Andy Hryciuk; sisters, Barb, Monica and Inger and brother, Ken.

She was predeceased by her parents.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse

Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Frederick A. Williams

Frederick A. Williams, 71, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019.

He was the loving and kind husband of Jayne and dear brother of Howard Williams and Brooke Williams. He also is survived by six sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law and many loving nieces and nephews.

Fred was intelligent and a natural athlete. He was a member of Mensa and the Detroit Athletic Club, where he played squash — his passion. He also loved sailing.

Fred attended Grosse Pointe High School and both Michigan State and Wayne State universities. He was a highly decorated employee of the U.S. Department of Defense.

He will be missed by those who knew him.

Visitation will be from

5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

### Johanna T. Carion

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Johanna "Jennie" Carion, 91, died Thursday, March 28, 2019.

Born May 27, 1927, in Detroit, she was the loving wife of Mickey, who predeceased her; beloved mother of Lisa (Randy) and Christopher (Michelle) and nana of Heather, C.J., Jennifer, Jackson and Katelyn.

Jennie often mentioned to her family how blessed she felt to have been married for 60 years and to have been a mother and a grandmother.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at the church at 9:30 a.m.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

## PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Sean Motley

# God is love, no matter what

My wife is very interested in the weather. She likes to know in the morning before she goes to work what the weather conditions are and the forecast for the day. So, I purchased a weather station I found on sale. The weather station is a little tablet-sized device that receives data from some sensors at the house and through the internet and displays outdoor and indoor temperature, barometric pressure, the daily forecast and the wind speed and direction. One of the sensors is an anemometer that I attached on the gable end of the roof, of course in winter, the best time for doing this.

Putting this up reminded me of the story of a salesman who had stopped by a farm trying to sell a new fertilizer. The man was a devout

Christian and noticed the farmer had a weather vane on top of the barn that read "God is love." The salesman was upset about this weather vane and instead of trying to sell his product, he chastised the farmer. "What is with that weather vane? Are you trying to say that God's love is constantly changing like the wind? Are you saying that it is always variable and sometimes it might be strong or sometimes weak or not even present?"

The farmer was a bit taken aback by this man's interrogation, but he calmly responded, "No, sir. What that weather vane means is that no matter which way the wind blows, no matter what is going on with the weather, if there's a tornado or thunderstorm or calm sunny day, God is

love. No matter what is going on around us, God is love."

For me, seeing the wind speed read out on this little weather station is a reminder that no matter what is happening around me, no matter how the wind blows, I am assured that God is love. I know that in the storm and in the calm God is there, God has always been there and God will always be there.

As you face the spring storms and bright sunny days, when you feel the gentle breeze upon your face or watch strong winds bending the branches of the trees, know that God is love, God loves you and God is with you.

Motley is the pastor at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## CHURCH EVENTS

### St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Friday Family Faith Night from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 12. A Knights of Columbus fish dinner fundraiser supporting Pregnancy Aid and St. Paul Homeless Week takes place 5 to 7 p.m., followed by "Navigating Modern Media in Family Life," from 7 to 8 p.m. Email clo11@albion.edu or call (313) 885-8855 for information.

### Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover at a Family Seder for members and their guests Saturday, April 20. It is at the Seder, the festive meal, where the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt is told. The Seder also is a celebration of the importance of religious freedom. The council strives to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of the Jewish religion and culture and provide an

educational and social forum for members. This includes a Sunday School for students, adult education classes and religious services throughout the year and on the High Holidays. For membership, call (313) 882-6700.

### GP United Methodist

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts an Easter egg hunt 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 14, for children up to fifth grade, separated by age. The event includes an Easter story time, Resurrection eggs and a selfie area for photos. Call (313) 886-2363.

### 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.

### 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.

### St. Paul Evangelical

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

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets 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.

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# St. Clare hosts funeral Mass for those without families

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There are seven Corporal Acts of Mercy in the Catholic Church: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit prisoners, give alms to the poor and bury the dead.

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park, in partnership with Chas. Verheyden Inc. funeral home, is making sure the deceased without known families are getting the burials they deserve. Nine such people received a proper funeral Mass at the church April 10.

The practice started at the church in 2015, which was declared the Year of Mercy by Pope Francis.

“Father Andrew (Kowalczyk) wanted to do some Corporal Acts of Mercy for the parish,” said Gina Serraiocco, co-chairwoman of St. Clare’s

Bereavement Ministry. Kowalczyk met with then-chairwoman Sue Buckley, who had been following a news story about a house fire in which the homeowner, Frank Douglas Risse, died. Buckley reached out to his neighbors, who said they’d been trying to get his body released from the coroner to no avail.

Through Buckley’s persistence, and with help from Verheyden, a court order was granted and the body released. St. Clare hosted a proper funeral Mass for Risse.

“After the first funeral, there was media coverage,” Serraiocco said. “One of his best friends found out about it.”

The following year, Mass was held for John Tomasiak, a homeless man who frequented the warming center at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit. A year later, a relative got in touch with the church.

## Laid to rest

- CAMPBELL, Margaret — June 16, 1930, to Jan. 14, 2019
- CHESTER, Kathy — July 19, 1953, to Dec. 17, 2018
- DeLAROSA, Daniel — March 7, 1952, to Oct. 29, 2018
- HAMILTON, Sharon — June 20, 1940, to Oct. 15, 2018
- KONVINSKI, Dennis — Aug. 24, 1950, to Jan. 14, 2019
- KOUKOIANNIS, Spyridon — Feb. 25, 1942, to Dec. 6, 2018
- MCDOWELL, Herbert — March 13, 1942, to Nov. 4, 2018
- ROGERS, Albert — March 29, 1950, to March 6, 2019
- WILLIAMS, Geraldine — Nov. 5, 1949, to Dec. 5, 2018

This year brings a change to the program, noted Adrianna Schnell, funeral services manager at Verheyden.

“We’ve been so successful finding families, we asked this year if we could include multiple people in our care that had no family or next of kin,” Schnell said. “Through legal channels, we asked for help with disposition. We have nine cremated remains this year, so Father Andrew is going to have a funeral Mass, hoping some family or friends will see this and reconnect

with their loved ones — or at least know they’re not forgotten.”

“We as a parish work with Verheyden,” Kowalczyk said. “You can’t just go and claim (a body). Verheyden is instrumental in providing legal help and all that is necessary to provide a funeral.”

“I didn’t know when we came up with the idea where the idea was going to take us,” he continued. “I thought it was a service to the city. We’d go to the morgue, get the body, have a service and a

burial. It’s a bit more cumbersome than that.”

This year, the deceased all were cremated before they arrived at Verheyden. Rather than being buried, the remains will be inurned in the funeral home’s crypt.

“We do try to find next of kin and family,” Schnell said. “With inurnment in our crypt, if a family comes forward, we’re able to help get the remains back to their care. We believe with nine this year, we’re hopeful to connect some families together.”

The April 10 Mass began with 30 minutes of visitation. The nine urns were placed inside a casket, “so people come to a focal point to pay their respects,” Schnell said.

The St. Clare School children’s choir sang and members of the Bereavement Ministry acted as greeters and servers and performed tasks like covering the

casket and hanging memorial crosses.

While publicity over the funeral Masses has helped bring closure to families and friends who had lost touch with the deceased, it was never about getting noticed, Kowalczyk said.

“We’re grateful for it, but this is an Act of Mercy we want to offer, where the community can come together,” he said. “We invite our schoolchildren to be their family. We invite students from Austin Catholic High School to be pallbearers.”

“It’s not about publicity for the church or the funeral home,” added Schnell. “It’s about getting everyone together. It’s our responsibility to take care of our community.”

Kowalczyk also noted the Mass serves as a way to teach St. Clare School students the right way to honor the deceased — with prayer and dignity,

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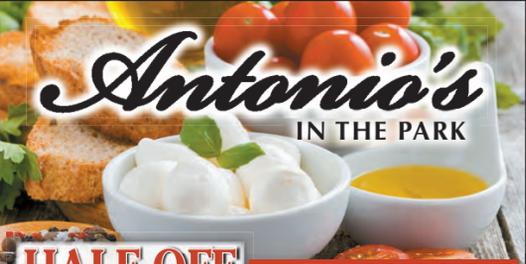
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despite their circumstances or life situations, he said.

Apart from a proper burial, he added, everyone deserves prayer, which he provides on behalf of the family — whoever or wherever they are.

“We become the family,” he said, “to do something for someone that cannot do it; for someone who somewhere, somehow was abandoned.”

Kowalczyk said he plans to continue to partner with Verheyden to provide meaningful

funeral celebrations to anyone who requires it.

“It’s a great partnership we have and want to continue it,” he said. “It’s the proper thing to do, the good thing to do, the honorable thing to do, the Christian thing to do.”

“These are community-building celebrations. When the community comes together in joyful and sorrowful moments, in difficult moments, we support each other.”

Verheyden owner Brian Joseph also is behind the partnership 100 percent.

“Brian feels so passionately, so strongly about doing this,” Schnell said. “People need to see it’s possible. It’s something

that we appreciate and look forward to helping out with as well. We have been blessed. Father Andrew has taken it to a level where we’ve found greater purpose when we’re doing it as well.”

After the first funeral, Kowalczyk received several thank-you letters from strangers in the community.

“If that provided inspiration to other communities to do such or be part of that, we have served our purpose as well.

“It’s heartwarming for us, providing an Act of Mercy that provides closure for a family,” he continued. “It brings a good feeling as well that what

we did provided a good deed for the family. ... We look forward to it every year to provide that funeral service. And we’re happy this year to provide with Verheyden a little different, but no less important, funeral ministry to these individuals.”

Added Schnell, “It’s going to happen to all of us. I like to think someone’s going to be there for me.”

**Alternative option**

The Mother Theresa Program of the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Archdiocese of Detroit provides cemetery assistance to people in the com-

munity who otherwise are unable to afford proper services. The poor and destitute, as well as victims of violent crimes, are provided either indigent services or financial assistance.

Additionally, through its Remembrance Program, Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services offers the placement of cremated remains in its Holy Angels Remembrance Crypts at no charge.

Crypts are located at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown and St. Joseph Cemetery in Monroe.

The program is avail-

able to anyone, of any faith. It includes a commitment service from the Order of Christian Funerals.

Father Andrew Kowalczyk of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church said the Remembrance Program is a great option.

“So many times we just get used to cremated remains on the bookshelf and at a certain time, we don’t know what to do with them,” he said. “Here’s the opportunity that is dignified, where Christian prayer is offered.”

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the show is done when the show is done, but with this, the show is

done when the time is done. "It will be unlike anything anyone has seen around here," he continued. "Other theater groups have done this,

but if you're used to Grosse Pointe Theatre, this is totally different. It's fun, funny, sad, thought-provoking. Some plays will make audience members uncomfortable."

Marinello and his cast-mates spent six hours selecting the 45 plays they'd perform. He said they were deliberate about their choices.

"There will be no sacred cows," he said. "It's all or nothing. They're not inappropriate, but they're different from what people have expected. We hope it leads to the second part of the play — the discussion they have after it. We hope that makes them a part of the play."

Marinello, who simultaneously is directing Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Shrek the Musical," said it's been fun doing both.

"This is so different, so unique, it almost doesn't feel like directing," he said of "Too Much Light." "We wear street clothes, there's no makeup, no sets. It's nice to do this."

"It's a very different feeling," he continued. "I



Gerald Ashby and Sara Shook rehearse.



Leta Chrisman, left, and Stephanie Stoiko rehearse.

**The cast**

- Gerald Ashby
- Ron Bernas
- Leta Chrisman
- Joanna Delpaz
- Kevin Fitzhenry
- Erin Getzin
- Nick Marinello
- Mike McDowell-Parker
- Sara Shook
- Stephanie Stoiko

wanted to do this so badly. When I took on 'Shrek,' I asked the board if I could do both. They said as long as I have good assistant directors, I could do both. And I do. My assistant directors — Danielle (Caralis) for 'Shrek' and Leta (Chrisman) for this — are amazingly talented."

Cast member Sara Shook also is working on "Shrek," helping backstage with makeup. This is her first onstage performance in years.

"For my first one back, I was looking for something not on the main stage," she said. "I read up on this. It's so vague. This is unlike anything I've done. ... When I went to audition, we were just reading 2-minute plays. I

saw what a beautiful calamity it could be — organized chaos. I've been in the theater since I was 8 years old and this has been the hardest to do.

"It's so overwhelming ... but when you're doing something you love and you're surrounded by amazing, courageous, encouraging people, it inspires you. It gives you the adrenaline to get through it. It's stressful, but it's the fun kind of stress."

Marinello encouraged audience members to attend more than one show, so they can see the differences that occur from night to night.

"Even the script is something that can change," he said. "Even if

we do it eight times in a row, it will be different each time."

"They're going to laugh and be shocked," Chrisman said.

Added Shook, "They're going to be offended. But I hope they participate."

Audiences are asked to keep an open mind and enjoy the show.

"It's awesome Grosse Pointe Theatre allowed Purdon to do this," Shook said. "It's outside the realm of what's normally put on. The plays are sad, scary, offensive. But they speak to you and entertain you."

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## Lacrosse

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL BOYS

# Knights win 2 of 3

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys lacrosse team enters the 2019 season with an inexperienced lineup, but it won't keep head coach Mike Costanzo from getting the most out of his group.

With one week of practice, followed by the two-week spring break, the Knights opened the season with a 15-2 home loss to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Prep, playing its sixth game of the season, held a 7-2 halftime lead, but poured it on with a two-goal third period and added six more in the fourth.

For the Knights, seniors Dan Bowen and Connor Barthel scored goals.

Other seniors on the squad are goaltender Henry Combs, Todd Costello, Davidson Cheng, Zach Elliott, William Higbie, C.J. Morris, Dace Potas, Patrick Reed, Jake

Rosenberg, Victor Tawansy and Luke Zinn. Juniors are Daniel Barta, Sam Combs, Harry Durno, Dakota Jones, Dominic Marchese, Tristan Reilly, Rocco Tedesco and Dean Xie.

Sophomores are William Bowen, Alex Cavataio, Will Fox, Grant Lindsay and Peter Xu, and the freshmen are Jake Carron, James Dailey, Stephen Fozo, Alex George, Chris Lukas, Henry Meraw, Justin Nazarko, Jack Parker, Darrius Samples, Rocco Scarfone, Jose Villegas and Doug Wood.

In other action last week, ULS earned its first win of the season, beating Catholic League foe Riverview Gabriel Richard 12-2.

"It's nice to get that first win," Costanzo said. "We're pretty young, so winning games now will help us build for down the road."

Dan Bowen led the way with three goals and one assist, while Wood



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**University Liggett School freshman Doug Wood would score on this shot during the Knights' Catholic League win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.**

also had three goals and one assist.

Durno added two goals as the Knights moved to 1-0 in the Catholic League.

Last weekend, ULS hosted Macomb Area Conference foe Port Huron and beat the Big

Reds to improve to 2-1 overall.

"We have some big games ahead of us, so getting a victory was huge for our morale," Costanzo said. "We will get better once our young guys get games under their belt."

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL GIRLS

# Knights start 2-0

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls lacrosse team is off and running this season, thanks to a pair of wins during its first week of competition.

The Knights started with a 7-6 road win against Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard.

Senior Emma Wujek led the way with three goals, followed by senior Elise Buhl with two. Senior Mila Filipof and sophomore Ella Karolak had one goal apiece.

Senior goaltender Allie Quint had five saves to help the Knights squeeze past Gabriel Richard.

Last weekend, ULS returned home and blitzed Warren Regina 18-8.

"The girls played very well today," head coach Jennifer Larson said. "They passed the ball well, and defensively they made it tough for Regina to score."

It was a tight game in

the first 10 minutes with the Knights holding a 5-3 lead.

They ended the half with a 7-0 run to lead 12-3. The Saddlelites scored the first three goals of the second half to tighten the game, but then the Knights regained control with a four-goal burst.

It was 16-6 with 10 minutes left. Each team scored twice in the final 10 minutes to account for the final score.

For the Knights, Karolak had four goals and junior Maggie Dunn had three goals and two assists to lead the offense.

Wujek and Buhl also tallied three goals, while senior Abby Doppke had two.

Scoring one goal apiece were Filipof and juniors Mary Moroun and Olivia Fetterman.

Sophomore Delaney Garvey had one assist, and Quint made seven saves as the Knights improved to 2-0 in the Catholic League.

## Soccer

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Knights play one-goal outcomes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The junior-heavy University Liggett School girls soccer team opened its season last week, hosting Catholic League foes Madison Heights Bishop Foley and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

With only a few practices under their belt, the Knights gave up a late goal to lose 2-1 to No. 2 ranked Bishop Foley.

Head coach David Dwaihy and his Knights rebounded to beat Greenhills 2-1.

Senior Izzy Brusilow, who is playing college soccer next year, scored both goals in the first half. Her first goal came just four minutes into the half and added her second midway through.

Greenhills scored midway through the second half to keep it close, but the Knights prevailed to even their record at 1-1.

Brusilow joins other seniors Mary Weiermiller, Kate Birgbauer and Nicole Rivera as the veteran leaders.

The juniors are Bella Cubba, Alyssa Jones,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

**University Liggett School senior Izzy Brusilow launches a shot during the Knights' game with Bishop Foley.**

Kate Carron, Evie Ugval, Adelaide Pope, Christina Brattain, Ava Henness, Victoria Ortiz and Lara Galea.

Sophomores are Kaitlyn Gray, Reese Martin and Frannie Boyle, and the freshmen are Ava Said, Gracie Govieer-LaParl, Ava Jacob and Adetola Makun.

The Knights' other division foes are Wixom St. Catherine, Royal Oak Shrine, Clarkston Everest Collegiate and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

This is the first time in years the Knights face both city rivals, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse

Pointe South. The Knights also host Bad Axe in a non-league game.

ULS competes in a Division 4 district tournament against Dearborn Riverside Academy West, Detroit Cristo Rey, Madison Heights Madison, Shrine, Southfield Christian and host Bishop Foley.

The Knights have produced several straight solid playoff runs, and that streak hopes to continue this season.

However, Bishop Foley provides a huge test.

The Knights play Bishop Foley twice during the season.

## Softball

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Rough start

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

It was a rough start for the University Liggett School girls softball team.

The Knights opened the season with a double-header loss to Wixom St. Catherine, and finished the week with a double-header loss on the home turf to Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Both St. Catherine and Bishop Foley are division title contenders, so opening the schedule against them with a young team

was a tall task for head coach Pam Savich.

Errors and a lack of offense led to the losses at St. Catherine, and it was the same story against Bishop Foley.

Leading the way this season are Jenna Hummel, Evie Bournias and Maria Pas.

Look for Kia Borum to get her share of big hits. She had a single and stolen base in game two against Bishop Foley. Emily Switchulis drove in both runs with a double.

ULS is 0-4.

## Basketball

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Nominated

Grosse Pointe North senior Julia Ayrault is a nominee for the Detroit Athletic Club Foundation 2019 Michigan High School Athlete of the Year award.

The honors, recognizing both academic and athletic excellence, will be presented during this year's 23rd Annual DAC Athletic Awards at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at the DAC.

The event continues the club's tradition of supporting athletics in

the community and will benefit the Foundation's mission. A special committee selects six female and six male high school nominees each year, and names were announced during a reception.

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University Liggett School senior Kate Birgbauer is a four-year starter for head coach David Dwaihy.

## Baseball

## NORTH &amp; SOUTH

## Norsemen stay hot, Blue Devils win one

The Grosse Pointe North baseball team is off to a 4-0 start after sweeping a double-header last weekend, beating host Rochester Adams 4-1 and 8-2.

For head coach Dave Martin, Louis Cardinale earned the win in relief, pitching four innings and giving up five hits, one earned run and striking out two.

Nik David started and went the first two innings, giving up one hit, three walks and one strikeout. Jack Kensora earned the save, pitching the seventh inning and striking out one.

Offensively, Ryan Shanley, the lead-off hitter, set the tone by going 2 for 4 with two runs, two RBIs, one stolen base and one triple.

Matt Mazzola also had two hits and drove in one run, and others with hits were Kensora, Joey Tedesco, Brett Arseneau, Chris Marshall and Jackson Hall. Marshall and Hall also scored a run.

In game two, Nic Good was the winning pitcher, going six innings and giving up only three hits, three walks, one earned run and striking out six. Kensora tossed the seventh inning, walked one and struck out two.

The Norsemen finished with nine hits, including three from Joey Rheume. He also scored three runs, drove in two and had a double.

Mazzola had two hits,

and Brendan Cwiklinski had a hit, one walk and scored two runs. Shanley had a hit, walked twice and scored a run, while Danny Duquet was 1 for 1 with one run, one RBI and two walks.

Before spring break, the Norsemen blanked Warren Cousino 7-0 behind the pitching of Good, who went six innings and gave up four hits, two walks and struck out 11. Chad Lorkowski pitched the seventh inning, walking one and striking out one.

At the plate, Mazzola was 3 for 4 with one run, two RBIs and a stolen base, and Tedesco was 2 for 3 with two runs, two doubles, one RBI and two stolen bases.

Lorkowski had two hits and drove in a run to help the Norsemen earn the victory.

In the four-game winning streak, the Norsemen out-scored their opponents 31-5, collecting 40 hits and have a .360 batting average.

In 26 innings on the mound, the Norsemen pitching staff had a 0.46 ERA, giving up only 18 hits, 13 walks and 30 strikeouts.

### South results

Grosse Pointe South's baseball team started its defense of last year's Division I state title with its annual trip to southern Ohio.

Head coach Dan Griesbaum watched his

Blue Devils win one of four games, beating L'Anse Creuse 6-3.

The losses came to Lebanon, 5-4; Milford, 4-0; and Troy, 2-1.

"We played them all and our pitching and defense did well, but our hitting was a little anemic," Griesbaum said. "They say hitting is the last thing to get going, so we're hoping that is the case."

In the victory, Weston Brundage drove in two runs to back the pitching of Thomas Hutchison, Brady McCarron and Nick Raicevich.

Hutchison went four innings and earned the win, while McCarron tossed two and Raicevich one. The latter two each struck out three.

Conor McKenna, Liam Kaiser and Ryker Mazey also drove in runs.

In the season opener against Lebanon, the Blue Devils jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Conor McKenna had a hit, two walks and an RBI, while Tanner Belanger drove in a run. Devin Slaughter had a hit and two walks.

Lebanon came back with a run in the second, one in the third, two in the fifth and the winning run came home in the bottom of the seventh.

Cody Shook tossed three innings on the mound, striking out three, and the final four innings were shared by

Hutchison and Raicevich. Each struck out three in their two innings of relief pitching.

In the loss to Milford, the Blue Devils had only three hits for a second straight game.

Brundage and Miles Jamieson each pitched.

The Blue Devils had a 1-0 lead in the final game against Troy, Ohio, but the Trojans scored two late runs to get the victory.

McCarron had two hits to place the offense, and the trio of Shook, 4 1/3 innings; and Brundage, 1/3 inning; took the ball on the mound.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-3 overall.

The other players on the varsity team are Alec Applegate, Matthew Fabry, Eden Frevik, Patrick Hopper, Jacob Kempa, Will Leonard, John Lynch, Drew

Maccagnone, Cameron Mallegg, Thomas Mellos, P.K. Nugent, Connor Paull and Carter Sales.

### Rivals battle

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South play a double-header Saturday, April 13, at South.

The first game begins at 11 a.m. and game two begins approximately 20 minutes after the first game in complete.

## Track &amp; field

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils blast foe

The Grosse Pointe South girls track and field team defeated Farmington Hills Mercy 99-29 in its season-opening meet before the break.

The Blue Devils, under head coach Steve Zaranek, won 13 of 16 events.

South's Helen Dodge was second in the 100, but came back to win the 200-yard dash.

Jetwyn Wilson provided a third-place finish in the 200-yard dash.

In the field events, the Blue Devils swept both the shot put and discus as Payton Roy earned victories in both.

Martha Dawson and Kristina Rogers provided

second- and third-place finishes. Jacqui Knapp added a win in the long jump with Erica McGraw providing a first place in the pole vault.

Adding seconds and thirds in the jumping events were Anna Majni, Alexis Herrell, Mary Claire Diamond, Lauren Kanan and Abbey Homminga.

Zoe Wagstaff had four first-place finishes, winning both hurdle races and leading off South's winning 400- and 800-yard sprint relay teams. Those on relay team with Wagstaff were teammates Wilson, Lizzy Bellovich and Dodge.

Bellovich later teamed up with sister Sarah

Bellovich, Sarah Rabaut and Devon Krasner to win the 1,600-yard relay.

Krasner also added a win in the 1,600-yard run and along with Sarah Bellovich, Rabaut and Sabel Imesch won the 3,200-yard distance relay.

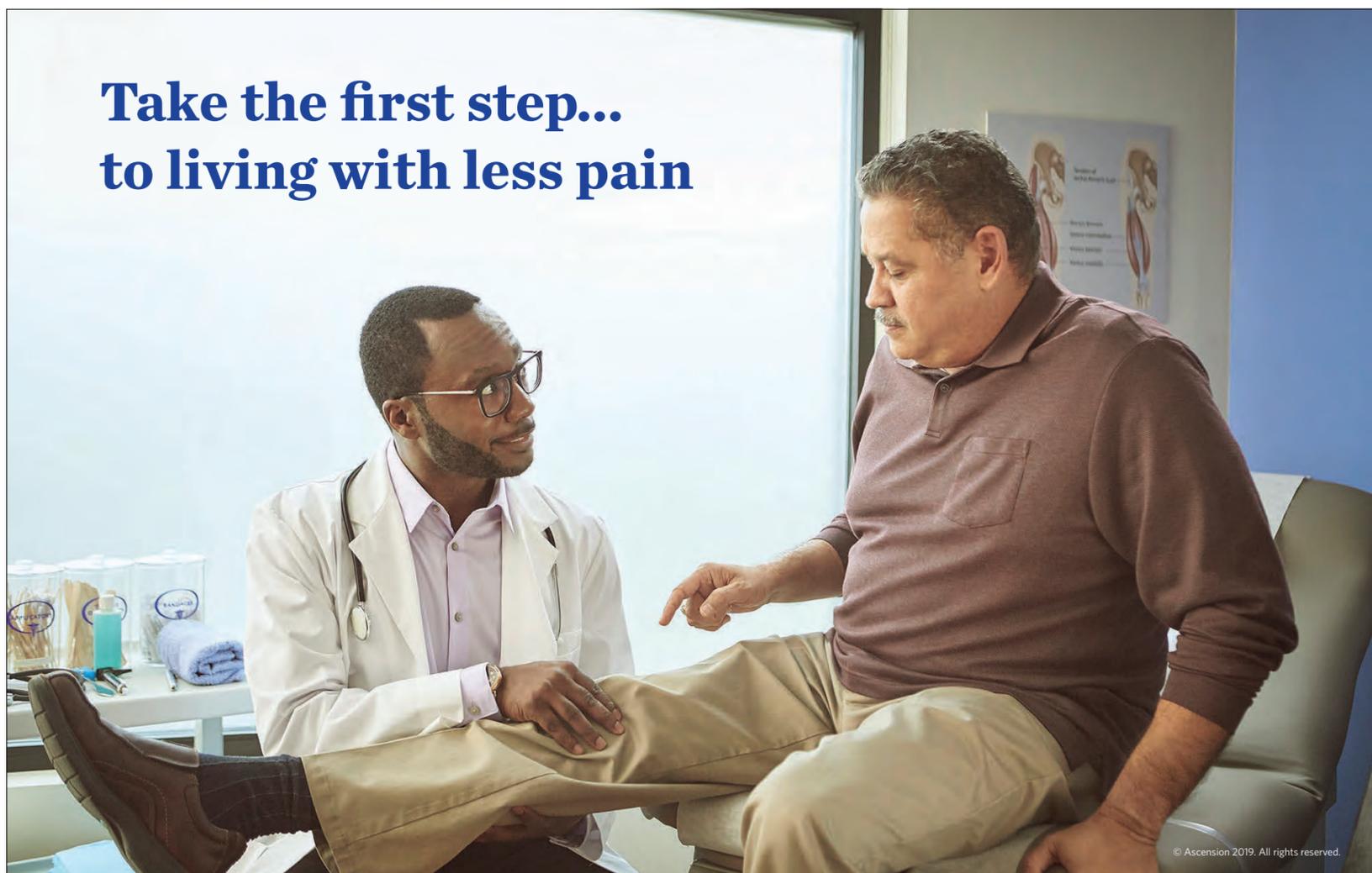
South runners swept the 800 run as Megs Bojarczyk, Helena Grobel and Paisley MacKay went 1-2-3 in that event.

In the hurdle races, seconds and thirds came from Rachel Flower, Gen Palazzolo and Kamryn Richards.

South competes at the Novi Relays Saturday, April 13.

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### Solution for last week's puzzle 4/4/19

A	T	M	L	E	S	M	O	P	U	P			
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- ACROSS**
- Recipe meas.
  - Lapidary's supply
  - Help a hood
  - Weeding tool
  - Laugh-a-minute
  - Pianist Peter
  - "— Town"
  - Taj Mahal city
  - Right on the map?
  - Including the latest info
  - Household member
  - Welcome sight?
  - Certain card
  - Chaps
  - Praise in verse
  - Author Wister
  - Prickly plant part
  - Old woman's home?
  - Longing
  - Predicament
  - Grandfather, for one
- DOWN**
- Grand
  - First course, often
  - Saucy
  - Tool used on cheese
  - Two cubed
  - Extra
  - Speak haltingly
  - Concerning
  - Suitor
  - Formerly, formerly

- Pledge-drive gift
- Admitting clients
- Suspensefully timed out
- Medicinal plant
- Rembrandt works
- Canine
- New Balance competitor
- Entanglement
- Trail behind
- Busy one
- Cruising
- Type measures
- Passel
- Lustrous black
- Hill that's steep on one side
- Villainous look
- Actress
- Sevigny
- "Phooey!"
- Hodgepodge
- Heard reveille
- Supermarket stack
- Between jobs
- Wander
- Early birds?

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

**Solution for last weeks puzzle 4/4/19**

4	7		5					8
		3				1	7	
8				2				6
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7			2					9
	9			1			6	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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