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Parks, marinas head off water surge

By Melissa Walsh and Debra Kaszubski
 Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES

Managers responsible for shoreline parks and marinas are responding to Mother Nature's deluge of water this spring. Though the increased water depth benefits waterway commerce and aquatic life, the surplus of water with the high lake level and heavy rainfall is creating a soggy mess as it encroaches onto shoreline properties and grounds.

Recent heavy rainfall caused widespread flooding in Wayne County, damaging infrastructure and private property. Wayne County formally requested assistance May 2, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency for the county Friday, May 3.

Monday, Woods City Council approved Public

Works Director Frank Schulte's request of \$47,500 to raise the marina docks at Lake Front Park.

The Army Corps of Engineers reported May 3, that Lake St. Clair's water level rose 11 inches over the past month. The level is expected to rise an inch by June and another 6 inches by mid-July.

Speaking to the current condition of Lake Front Park's marina docks, Schulte said, "It really depends on which way the wind is blowing, but we had water over the docks last week. All the Pointes are having the same issue."

Shores Public Works Director Brett Smith said because Osius Park's marina uses floating docks, its boaters are not negatively impacted by the increased lake level.

"The high water certainly has presented



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Elevated water levels in Lake St. Clair breached the wall at Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe.

some challenges," said Grosse Pointe Yacht Club General Manager Aaron Wagner, "but the club is

working through them and nobody has been affected yet. Some of the finger piers will require

risers and we are having to manage the water using pumps under the pool. It looks like we may

have hit a plateau and we just have to wait to get

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Trolley time

The Grosse Pointe Park K-Line Trolley begins running Friday, May 10, from 5 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. A new app is available so riders can track the trolley. For more information, call Grosse Pointe Park city hall at (313) 822-6200 — or stand anywhere along Kercheval between Maryland in Grosse Pointe Park and Stephens in Grosse Pointe Farms to catch a ride.

McKinnon guest of honor at annual prayer breakfast

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

The 33rd annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast welcomed guests to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for a morning meal and reflection May 2.

Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski hosted the event, which kicked off with a performance by the quartet, The Forum Shoppers.

"It's nice to have an opportunity like this to pause and reflect on the role prayer plays in shap-

ing our lives," Kedzierski said in his welcome.

Before breakfast, scholarships were awarded to students from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Harper Woods high schools, as well as University Liggett School and Chandler Park Academy.

Afterward, this year's speaker — Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon Ph.D. — stepped to the podium. The former deputy mayor and chief of police for Detroit discussed three lessons that have reso-

nated with him — overcoming challenges, perseverance and faith.

"People ask me why I smile so much, why I never appear to be upset," said McKinnon, an author and motivational speaker. "I was shot at eight times and stabbed twice. ... But they missed all eight times and when I was stabbed in the stomach, the knife broke."

McKinnon, an associate professor of education at the University of Detroit Mercy, has been counting

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City breaks ground on new public safety building

By Debra Kaszubski
 Special Writer

Construction on a new 18,750-square-foot Department of Public Safety building started May 3, at Mack and St. Clair avenues in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The building, which will serve as the new

headquarters for the City's police and fire departments, is expected to be complete by March 2020. The cost of the building, according to initial plans, is \$5.75 to \$6 million.

A training tower for the five Grosse Pointe communities and Harper Woods fire departments

is among the building's amenities. An evidence tech room, a holding port for prisoners, additional storage and three bays for fire equipment and vehicles are among other new features.

Police and fire services will not be affected dur-

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RENDERING COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

A rendering of what the new City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department building will look like.

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Justine Lynn
 Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
 Lynn played Division 1 college soccer at Indiana University



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From left, Stephen Poloni, Director of Public Safety, City of Grosse Pointe; John Kosanke, Director of Public Safety, Grosse Pointe Woods; Dan Jensen, Director of Public Safety, Grosse Pointe Farms; John Schulte, Director of Public Safety, Grosse Pointe Shores.



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ing the construction and transition into the new facility.

The current DPS site, constructed in the 1920s, is about half the size of the new building.

“One of the things we couldn’t do is get a new firetruck in the current building,” said Stephen Poloni, director of public safety. “So we have purchased a new truck that’s being built and

will fit in this building. We will be able to have all of our fire equipment and vehicles in there as well.”

City Manager Peter Dame said one of the reasons the city decided on the Mack location is to revive the business and visitor corridor.

“By locating this much-needed modern facility on Mack at the entrance to the community, we intended to strengthen public safety operations and support the neighborhoods on

both sides of Mack and enhance the Mack Avenue business district,” Dame said.

The bell that’s part of the current building’s structure will be preserved as part of the department’s moving plans. In the past, someone from either the police or fire departments rang the bell daily at 6 p.m., Poloni said.

“It rang for many years and it was used to alert people when special events were going on,” he said.

‘Smart Politics’ examined

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY — With the annual Mackinac Policy Conference a month away, a sizable crowd recently showed up at The Whiskey Six to discuss issues they would like to see resolved by the state.

Host of WDET’s Detroit Today Stephen Henderson launched the station’s 2019 series of “Smart Politics” discussions at the City venue Thursday evening, April 25.

With him were Deadline Detroit news reporter and Woods resident Nancy Derringer and PBS’s Great Lakes Now program director and Park resident Sandi Svoboda.

The event began with WDET Program Director Joan Isabella chatting with audience members as she collected questions they wrote on Post-it notes for the panel.

Though diverse opinions and conflicting statements were made from the panel and audience on several topics during the event, an early comment from a member of the audience sent the crowd into shared laughter. Pointing to an 8-foot by 6-foot image of Prohibition-era bootleggers standing next to a cargo truck stuck in Lake St. Clair ice, he said, “Can we all just agree that this photo is just timeless?”

The humor set a friendly tone that continued throughout the discussion — that in many ways Detroiters share a common appreciation for the area’s history.



PHOTO COURTESY OF META STANGE, WDET

Host of WDET’s Detroit Today, Stephen Henderson, facilitated a “Smart Politics” discussion at The Whiskey Six on April 25 with Great Lakes Now program director Sandi Svoboda and Deadline Detroit reporter Nancy Derringer.

Roads

The question on the first Post-it note chosen was, “Why aren’t we talking about better fixes for roads, not just funding the same process that stinks?”

“I feel like this is the subject that everyone’s talking about — the bad condition of the roads,” said Henderson.

He said he recently saw a poll pointing to 75 percent of Michigan residents supporting Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s proposed 45-cent per gallon gas tax. He asked for a show of hands.

“Who thinks it’s a bad idea?” he asked. More than half raised their hands.

“You’re not representative of the people across the state of Michigan,” Henderson said.

“The governor’s been very clear,” said Derringer. “If you don’t like what’s on the table, what’s your idea?”

A woman said, “If we throw money at the problem, is it going to work? ... I’m all for increasing taxes if they go to a functional solution.”

She added Michigan’s freeze/thaw cycle is not considered in current repairs.

Henderson said he learned from a guest on his show more than a year ago that the stretch of Interstate 375 rebuilt several years ago used a material that is 2 1/2 times more costly than material used for most other roads.

“If you drive along that stretch,” he said, “you’ll notice that there are no potholes; there are no chunks of road along the side of the road. It’s in better shape than almost everywhere else.”

Additional statements from the crowd suggested consensus in investing in road repair to meet a high standard for results.

Cost of auto insurance

The next Post-it note was titled “Auto Insurance Blues.” The audience member wrote, “I feel like the city of Detroit’s comeback will be hampered by car insurance.”

The woman who wrote it explained to the crowd that she’s aware of many young people living in Detroit who register their cars with family members living in the suburbs, because auto insurance with a Detroit address is unaffordable.

Others in the audience verified her statement, citing insurance premiums above \$500 per month, even for older cars with no loan against them.

“Not only that,” Derringer said, “those people are not registered to vote in Detroit.”

A man in the audience encouraged a look at the numbers for cost of road repairs and cost of insurance.

He said if a person drives 20,000 miles per year getting 20 miles per gallon, 1,000 gallons of gas with a 45-cent gas would generate \$450 for road repair. If the cost of insurance could be reduced, the tax could offset the gas tax cost.

“So put it in perspective of the car you drive,” he said. “Those that drive a gas-guzzler and have the finances to do so will be penalized.”

“I think it all raises the point of climate change,” said Svoboda. “Are we working at opposite ends if we’re encouraging ourselves to drive more and pay gas tax to fix the roads, but also creating a bigger situation with fossil-fuel emissions? I think the science is fairly clear on what that means.”

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Climate change

Derringer picked up Svoboda's reference to climate change, adding, "When we're talking about the 45-cents a gallon gas tax to fix the roads, we're talking about the decaying infrastructure in the state that we can see and drive on. We're not talking at all about things like storm sewers or anything that's below ground and that you don't see until something goes wrong. And that's a huge issue."

Larger rain events, she added, create larger problems for infrastructure.

Water quality

An audience member asked about the prosecution of state officials responsible for the Flint water crisis.

Henderson opined that prosecution will not resolve the root causes of the problems residents of Flint face.

"This won't be fixed by sending someone to jail," Henderson said. "Flint is a place that was forgotten about."

Addressing the Flint water crisis and poor water quality across the state due to PFAS contamination, Svoboda said, "Cynical observations aside about the different types of populations affected by different water crises —

Flint, a largely African-American city, versus fairly affluent areas on the west side of the state ... there was definitely a different response (by the state). Have we learned from it?"

Schools

Regarding schools and his recent interview of Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Dr. Gary Niehaus on Detroit Today, Henderson posed a question: "I want to know from you who live here. What do you think? Are you open to closing schools? And conversely, are you open to kids from neighboring communities attending Grosse Pointe schools?"

Derringer said, "It's a true dilemma. It's the choice between two outcomes you don't want."

Greg Bowens, president of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods chapter of the NAACP — also interviewed recently on Detroit Today on the topic of schools — commented from the audience.

"We're losing kids to private schools and schools like Cass Tech," he said.

Supporting Bowens' statement, a Cass Tech teacher said more than 100 Grosse Pointe kids are enrolled in Cass Tech, most of whom are minority.

"They are not being serviced (by Grosse Pointe schools)," she

said.

A man in the audience said kids attending schools outside the district in which they live invites the loss of community involvement in local schools.

Arguing in favor of schools of choice, a local pastor said diversity in the schools benefits students.

A woman raised by immigrant parents in Harper Woods, also in favor of schools of choice, said parents who are seeking school options, "just want their kids to get

a good education like everyone else. We don't need to be afraid of people different from us."

The discussion flowed into a brief discussion of public transit. The east-side audience seemed to be in favor of a Q-line-type of public transit along East Jefferson, from downtown Detroit into the Pointes.

The event ended following a debate on whether the legalization of recreational marijuana was a positive or negative development for Michigan residents.

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some recession in another month's time. If that happens we will be in good shape."

Schulte said Lake Front Park's grounds are soggy, but most areas remain accessible, including the activities building.

"We have some flooding," he said. "We have some low areas and we're pumping (water)."

Smith said the lake's rising water has significantly impacted Osius Park. Water is covering areas of the park grounds, including picnic areas.

"We haven't been able to mow the (park) grass yet," Smith said.

The plan to build a toddler play area is stalled until the water recedes.

As for any impact to residential property, Smith said, "We had our typical handful of flooded basements with the heavy rains, but nothing unusual."

In the City of Grosse Pointe, parks and recreation staff stacked sandbags to keep the lake surge from entering Neff Park.

"This is precautionary because the lake levels keep going up," said Chris Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation. "When the wave action is significant, it can cause back eroding behind the seawall."

The last time the park was sandbagged was 1986, Hardenbrook said. According to the Army Corp of Engineers, the Lake St. Clair water level is above its record high monthly average for May.

"We are within an inch of breaking the record set in 1986," Hardenbrook said.

At The War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms, water flooded the orchestra pit inside the Patriot Theater. Jessi Kaminski, manager of communications, didn't know the exact amount of water, but said it wasn't significant. The War Memorial has an alarm system and protocols in place to



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Parks and Recreation Maintenance Coordinator Nick Chmiel, Department of Public Works employee Steve Vitale, Parks and Recreation Director Chris Hardenbrook and DPW supervisor Kirk Vanopdenbosch shovel and pour sand into sandbags. They started with 21 yards of sand to put in the bags.

immediately address flooding.

"Last week we did experience some standing water in our theater, but there was no damage," Kaminski said. "We are up and running right now."

At Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms, rising lake levels combined with high winds caused storm surge to engulf a few of the bigger piers in the harbor, according to City Manager Shane Reeside.

"We don't have any docks under water now, but there is that concern about rising lake levels over the next month or two," he said.

In Grosse Pointe Park, the system of berms and breakwalls that are in place spared the community from flooding issues. The Park did provide about 1,000 sandbags to contain the water in the nearby Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood in Detroit, according to Mayor Bob Denner.

The rain affected a number of homeowners in Wayne County as well, including some in the Farms who experienced basement flooding. Reeside said it's important to make sure service lines are free from blockages and drainage spouts are directed away from the home.



A duck sits on a partially submerged dock at Pier Park.



Water pools by the swings at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.



Sandbags are stacked along the railing at Neff Park in the City.

Project Bloom ramps up for spring

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Project Bloom is looking for volunteers and sponsors.

A City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Commission initiative, Project Bloom plants and maintains the flower beds in The Village and at Neff Park.

Now in its eighth year, Project Bloom is gearing up for the spring season.

The project is run completely by volunteers and funded through sponsors who donate money to plant and maintain the flower beds in the downtown and park areas throughout the summer.

Planting dates are still being set, but City Clerk Julie Arthurs said she anticipates the Neff Park planting to occur in mid-May and The Village shortly after Memorial Day weekend.

Arthurs said the dates will be advertised both in the city's newsletter and on its website, grossepointecity.org under Beautification Commission.

For more information on how to get involved, contact co-chairwoman Susan Budrys at suebudrys@gmail.com or (313)882-9816.

— Anthony Viola

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, MAY 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Cook School House, 20025 Mack Plaza.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Shredding Day, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Shredding Day, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Town Hall meeting, 10 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

MONDAY, MAY 13

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Lynn shines in class, soccer field

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Justine Lynn finished her collegiate soccer career as an Academic All-Big Ten honoree, as well as an athletic award winner for the Indiana Hoosiers.

The Grosse Pointe North graduate committed to play women's soccer for the Hoosiers and knew the road of being a Division I student-athlete would not be easy to navigate.

"The hardest part of playing Division I soccer was consistently trying to stay mentally tough and not letting negative thoughts take over my mentality when something wasn't going the way I wanted or envisioned," Lynn said. "I am my toughest critic and I can be really hard on myself, so understanding that I wasn't always going to perform perfectly on the field or get perfect grades in the classroom was something I definitely had to adjust to.

"I would say that being



PHOTO BY CRAIG BISACRE

Indiana Hoosiers defender Justine Lynn during a game against the Louisville Cardinals at Bill Armstrong Stadium in Bloomington, Ind.

a collegiate athlete impacted my academic performance in a positive way. It helped me establish a good work ethic and discipline within the classroom. We practice 20-plus hours a week, so it forced me to make sure I was managing my time and staying on top of my schoolwork."

Playing in the Big Ten means long road trips to Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey and Maryland.

Even through the road trips, practices, home games, class schedule and homework, Lynn excelled on the field and earned Academic All-Big Ten her sophomore, junior and senior years, plus the Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award, Big Ten Sportsmanship Award her senior year and Hoosiers' Defensive Most Valuable Player for the 2018 season.

She also earned the college's Excellence Award for two semesters, which is earning a 4.0 grade

point average, and made the School of Public Health Dean's List for five semesters, which means she took at least 12 credit hours and earned at least a 3.80 semester grade point average.

"I had an amazing college experience," Lynn said. "I couldn't have imagined going anywhere other than Indiana University. I met so many amazing people throughout my four years and created friendships that I will have for the rest of my life.

"I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a student-athlete at IU. I definitely had ups and downs within my soccer career over the last four years, from being injured and sitting out the entire first half of the season my freshman year, not playing as much as I had hoped my sophomore year, performing my best and being my fittest my junior year, but having it cut short due to an injury with only a couple of games left and, lastly, ending my career starting and

playing in every game my senior year."

She also said she played for a good coach, had solid teammates and played in a positive culture on the field, plus used her academics to learn from professors, advisors and peers.

Lynn also used her experience as a student-athlete to be mentally tough through thick and thin. Through all of that, Lynn earned a Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Science degree in human development and family studies.

Lynn is going to be an assistant teacher at Grosse Pointe Nursery School and obtain an associate degree in early childhood education.

Her family members were able to watch her play throughout her career.

"For me to know my family was always watching me and cheering me on made me so happy," Lynn said. "My junior and senior year, I'm pretty sure my mom (Justine)



Justine Lynn

came to every single one of my games except for maybe four. Her dedication to watching me play always fueled me to try and play my absolute best every single game.

"Knowing I had her in the stands cheering for me was such an amazing feeling and I am so thankful that I had her support through my entire collegiate career."

Her sister, Chandler, is a collegiate gymnast at Rhode Island College and her brother, William, is in elementary school and playing soccer.

Lynn tries to be the best role model for her younger siblings.

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blessings his whole life, starting from early childhood.

"Being who I am today is the result of having two tremendous parents," he said. "When I was 7 or 8, my father handed me a Bible and said, 'Read it to me, because I can't read.' So I would read it out loud to him. ... Then he would say, 'Explain that to me.' I was frustrated at that young age.

"When I was older, I realized my father could read," he continued. "He was trying to get me to understand the Bible. He would say, 'There's good

and bad in every group."

McKinnon went on to share about a trip to Mobile, Ala., after his grandmother's death in 1957. A group of six white men began throwing bricks and bottles at the McKinnons' car, yelling names and threatening to kill them. McKinnon's father promised he'd take care of his sons.

They ended up at a gas station and were confronted by the men.

"Then, out of the Shell station walks four white soldiers," he said. "They said to those men, 'Stop it.' ... Those soldiers told the men, 'If you fight them, we're going to fight you.'"

The six got in their car and drove off; McKinnon's

father thanked the soldiers and asked why they intervened.

"They said, 'Because you had done nothing wrong,'" McKinnon relayed. "'There was no reason for them to do this.' Then my father said to us, 'See what I told you? There's good and bad in every group.'"

In 1961, McKinnon joined the U.S. Air Force; in 1965, he was sent to Vietnam. During his tour, the unit chaplain approached him and another GI to go on a special mission in Panang. McKinnon entered an orphanage where 100 babies covered in flies were being cared for by two nuns.

"Your mission today is to hold these babies," McKinnon said of the chaplain's instructions. "In the middle of the war, two GIs and a priest were holding these babies with no one to hold them. ... As we held them, they would stop crying. In the middle of the war, I thought, 'My God, why me?' The answer would come later."

McKinnon, who became a police officer in 1965, said he lost four officers in the line of duty when he served as chief. He questioned why them and not him. He said he questioned why a lot of things happened.

"Why was I chosen?" he asked. "Why was I shot eight times? Why was I stabbed in the neck and stomach and survived?"

McKinnon shared several other stories of his law enforcement days — uplifting stories about saving a mother and daughter from a burning house and rescuing a woman attempting suicide by jumping off the Belle Isle bridge; a less fortunate story about a teenaged drug dealer who died before turning 16.

"How many young people ... don't care about life?" he asked. "How do we change that? How do we get people to think



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Front row, from left, Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter; Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Pro Tem Art Bryant; Carolyn Hall, Harper Woods High School; Marielle Patrick, Chandler Park Academy; Allison Frazer, Grosse Pointe South; Paul Treder, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros. Back row, from left, Alexander Azar, University Liggett School; Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski; Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Bob Denner and City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher.

about making their lives better? I wish I had exact answers, but we do have this mystery, this faith that we have."

McKinnon met Nelson Mandela years ago and asked him if he was angry at the South African people for imprisoning him for 27 years. Mandela, in response, asked McKinnon to share about his life.

After doing so, Mandela said, "Your story has to be told. There are people that

you can impact their lives." "This mystery we talk about ... we can't help everyone, but we have to do what we can to help as many as we can," McKinnon said.

McKinnon said Mandela eventually answered his question: "In my heart, I wanted to kill them, but in my head I knew it was not the right thing to do."

McKinnon answered his own question as well.

"Why me? That's why — helping people."



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◆ A 29-year-old Detroit woman was arrested in the 10 block of Lochmoor Boulevard at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, May 2, after an officer scanned the license plate of the car she was driving and uncovered the vehicle was uninsured.

During the arrest, the officer also learned the woman was driving with nine suspensions and there were two warrants for her arrest.

◆ A 42-year-old Detroit man was arrested on Lakeshore near Stratton Place after an officer scanned the license plate of the car he was driving.

The car, owned by his girlfriend — a passenger in the car — was uninsured.

The driver had 11 suspensions and nine warrants.

Officers transported the car's owner and two teen passengers to the public safety building.

◆ During a traffic stop for speeding on Jefferson near Edsel Ford Court at 7:57 p.m. Sunday, May 5, a 32-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving without vehicle insurance and with a suspended driver's license. The man also had multiple warrants.

—Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drunken driving collisions

◆ Responding to the report of reckless driving that resulted in a collision at Morningside and Vernier at 2:46 p.m. Monday, April 29, officers found a rear-ended car and the blue 2012 Hyundai Sonata that hit it.

The driver of the damaged car requested medical attention. Officers found the driver of the Sonata asleep in the driver's seat.

Waking the driver up, officers noticed he smelled of intoxicants. The driver told the officers he had "one shot and some Tylenol."

After attempting to conduct field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test, officers arrested the man for drunken driving.

◆ Responding to the report of a hit and run on Morningside and Hawthorne shortly after midnight Sunday, May 5, officers found an unoccupied Cadillac with rear-

end damage parked on Morningside facing north. Officers also noticed fluid marks leading from the crash scene.

A witness told the officers he heard a collision, looked out the window of his home and saw a white Dodge Journey pull away.

The officers found the vehicle in the driveway of a residence in the 600 block of North Brys. A family member told the officers the vehicle's owner was asleep inside. After learning the owner had driven the vehicle a short time earlier, officers conducted field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test on the 50-year-old man, which resulted in .17 percent blood alcohol content.

He was arrested.

Assault

Officers arrested a 19-year-old Detroit woman at 4:54 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, following an emergency call from her 23-year-old boyfriend and a statement by a witness who saw the woman shouting at the man and holding onto his shirt.

Officers found the man at the scene with his shirt ripped and his mouth bleeding. The man said he and his girlfriend were on their way to an obstetrical appointment when they got into an argument. The woman, who was driving, pulled the car into the parking lot of a restaurant in the 20200 block of Mack.

After the man exited the vehicle and headed toward Hunt Club Drive, the woman followed him, shouting at him. When he dialed 911, she caught up to him and pulled at his shirt and attempted to cover his mouth as he was speaking to the dispatch officer.

After investigating the matter at the scene, the officers notified the man of his victim's rights and transported the woman.

Breaking and entering

The general manager of a restaurant in the

20100 block of Mack reported an overnight break-in after finding the restaurant unlocked when he arrived at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 1.

He found the cash register and safe opened and empty with \$1,500 missing. He said the computers also were tampered with.

—Melissa Walsh

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Disorderly conduct

Shortly before 4 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, a 29-year-old employee of a bagel shop in the 16000 block of Kercheval was met by public safety officers as he approached the shop's rear door.

Knowing the employee would be told his employment at the shop was terminated, the shop manager had requested the presence of the officers.

The officers told the man the manager would speak with him outside. An officer requested the man's permission to pat him down to ensure he was unarmed. The man refused. According to the report, an officer "was able to control both sleeves of his hooded sweatshirt and do a brief pat down."

After reacting angrily to the news that employment was terminated, the man headed toward his vehicle parked on Cadieux and continued yelling from the vehicle.

He ignored demands by officers to leave the area. An officer tased him in the lower back and he was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Larceny from vehicles

Multiple unlocked vehicles were rummaged through during the early morning hours of Friday, May 3. Center consoles and glove boxes were left open with papers strewn

through the interiors. In most cases, nothing was reported missing or damaged.

Witnesses reported seeing a black or dark-colored Dodge Durango traveling in the area of the larcenies without headlights on. A witness reported seeing a short black male adult moving from one driveway to another.

◆ A resident on Rathbone Place reported his vehicle was entered illegally. He reported loose change taken.

◆ A resident on Stratford Place reported her gold clutch purse was taken from her unlocked vehicle in her driveway. In the purse were credit and debit cards and approximately \$50 in currency.

◆ Pubic safety officers noticed five more vehicles on Stratford Place that appeared to have been rummaged through. All of the vehicles were unlocked. The officers notified the owners, who reported no known missing items and no damage.

Car taken

A City man reported that after picking up an acquaintance who requested a ride, the acquaintance, who was armed, demanded the man give him his car and iPhone.

The man said the suspect punched him several times before taking off with the 2005 gray Toyota 4-door and the phone.

The vehicle plate is

DSS 4776. The suspect is in his mid-20s, about 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighing about 185 pounds. He was wearing a Michigan State University T-shirt and a silver chain around his neck.

—Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Multiple warrants

A 24-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding on Mack at 11:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. The officer found the driver to have a suspended license and several warrants for his arrest.

Drunken driving

A 37-year-old Casco man was pulled over just after 2:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, after he was seen by police driving on two flat tires. Officers stopped the vehicle to investigate and found the driver to be intoxicated.

Larcenies from auto

◆ A resident of the 1200 block of Wayburn reported \$5 in loose change stolen from their vehicle while it was parked on the street between 5 p.m. Thursday, May 2, and 5:36 a.m.

Friday, May 3.

◆ A resident of the 800 block of Edgemont Park reported at 3:20 p.m. Friday, May 3, that a necklace worth \$300 was stolen from their vehicle while it was parked overnight in the driveway.

Luck run out

Officers stopped a vehicle just after 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, for a traffic infraction. It was discovered the driver, a 28-year-old Highland Park woman, didn't have a valid driver's license, was intoxicated and had several warrants for her arrest.

—Jody McVeigh

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

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"I admire her (Chandler's) perseverance and positivity through all of the adversity she has faced her three years as a collegiate athlete," Lynn said. "She's an amazing woman and athlete. I couldn't ask for a better sister."

"It's so exciting for me to be able to watch him (William) fall in love with the sport just like I did when I was his age. I can't wait to be back home to watch him play and see where his soccer journey takes him."



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OUR VIEW

Walkability takes back seat

If you're feeling some heat, it's probably not the weather. The emotions erupting over potential school closings have begun to flow like lava through the Grosse Pointes and the section of Harper Woods included in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

This is no surprise, given that the choices for school closings are narrowing down to specifics — and the affected neighborhoods are rushing to defend their schools.

That defense is largely justified. The remaining choices represent the loss of a key factor that makes the Grosse Pointes and its school district uniquely pleasing: walkability.

"Preserving neighborhood (walking) schools" came in second in a Feb. 14 poll of the Blue Ribbon Committee that has studied the district's options. The walking choice was well behind the first choice — "Maximizing new learning opportunities" — but still more than double the other choices presented.

So-called walking schools have even more import since the plan calls for K-4 elementary schools, with fifth-graders moving to the middle schools. Yet the ability to walk or bike to school appears to have become a victim of the choices now under scrutiny.

One such choice is to close either Mason in Grosse Pointe Woods or Poupard in Harper Woods, then consolidate most students at the one remaining open. Academically, they may seem suited for joining, as both have a 6 out of 10 rating from GreatSchools, an independent nonprofit dedicated to improving education.

But the two schools, while they share a boundary line, are separated by I-94, Mack Avenue and Vernier Road. The prospect of the distance involved and of making two or three of those crossings every day must seem daunting to parents. And if the district adds transportation — not currently a regular student option for any school — the financial gain of a school closing diminishes.

The elementary school choice at the other end of the district is only slightly less severe: whether to close Trombly, which serves most of Grosse Pointe Park below busy Jefferson Avenue. Those students would transfer to Defer Elementary on the other side of Jefferson. Even if Trombly stays open, the other option — closing Maire in the City of Grosse Pointe — would ripple out to send some Defer students across Jefferson to Trombly.

Major thoroughfares define neighborhoods as well as creating hazards for the youngest students. The current choices — Mason vs. Poupard in the district's northern half, Maire vs. Trombly in the southern half — disrespect neighborhoods as well as safety.

The neighborhoods have gone on high alert. Trombly parents have started a red ribbon campaign on trees, among other planned activities. Maire parents have chosen blue ribbons for their trees, an allusion to its recent designation as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

The City of Grosse Pointe has entered the fray with an email to residents from City Manager Peter Dame. It includes a plea not to empty Maire when the city has already agreed to help preserve and oversee re-use of another district building: the current administration building at 389 St. Clair. "Having two large buildings to deal with is unfair to one community," Mr. Dame said, pointing out that the city's adjoining municipalities would bear no such responsibilities under this scenario.

At the north end, an April 29 town hall held at Mason was standing room only with an audience full of questions. Poupard's location in Harper Woods makes it an important neighborhood fixture and it also serves as that community's Head Start location. How ironic would it be for a district with too many classrooms to shut the only school that qualifies to host such a compatible function as Head Start?

The district has other options that have been discarded along the way, including closing other ele-



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus threw a couple pitches — one ball and one strike — during a recent North vs. South softball game. "It was fun and made a great #OneGP moment," he said. All the players from both teams signed the 16-inch softball.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

mentary schools, transferring early childhood programs at Barnes School to another building (Kerby Elementary being the best candidate) and/or repurposing a middle school.

Recently added criteria include preserving bigger elementary schools. The intent is to enhance future flexibility, but the concept appears to have surfaced for community consideration only last month.

No one can deny the need to squeeze value from every dollar under current enrollment and school finance scenarios. But the widespread desire to preserve so-called walking schools should not be dismissed.

The Board of Education is planning to make a final decision in June, after town halls at each school conclude. In the meantime, members need to ponder the difficult balance between educational and community responsibilities.

Home sales up

The sprouting of spring for-sale signs may seem like a good omen for schools, if families move in.

The reasons are largely a combination of economic factors, according to Bob Taylor, chief executive officer of the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS. And the uptick is occurring throughout southeast Michigan, not just locally.

First and foremost, according to Mr. Taylor, selling finally makes financial sense for homeowners who have now built or rebuilt equity that was lost in the 2008 financial crash.

While real estate sales may not be the school district's salvation, for now they stand an optimistic sign.

LETTERS

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No need to rush the decision

To the Editor:

My wife and I are long-term residents of Grosse Pointe Woods (34 years), where we have raised two children who received stellar educations in our public school system. We have deep ties to this community and we are quite concerned with the current threats to our outstanding school system.

The recommendations from the Grosse Pointe Public School System Blue Ribbon Committee study were announced last week. There are four scenarios with each calling for the closure of two elementary schools, one from the northern and one from the southern areas of the district. All of these scenarios also call for moving all the fifth-grade students into the middle schools.

Since the impact of such actions will live with us for decades to come, it is critical that all the citizens within the district understand what is at stake.

It is likely no coincidence that the superintendent, Gary Niehaus, has spent a good deal of his career as a middle school principal in Illinois, where he helped engineer moving fifth-grade students into the middle schools.

Per the Plante Moran Building Analysis, there is already a renovation plan that will expand the capacity of the three middle schools in the district, from 2,262 to 2,860; current middle school enrollment is 1,715.

Interesting, since this report was published on March 7 by the Blue Ribbon Committee, it suggests that the middle school expansion decision may have already been made.

There appears to be a push to enshrine the middle schools as the centerpiece of our school system.

Every Grosse Pointe parent that I know places a high value on their child being able to walk to their neighborhood elementary school. The elementary school is also vital in establishing and maintaining friendships, team sports and other activities. Parental involvement is also highest at the elementary school level due largely to the shared neighborhood experience.

By the way, according to the GPPSS data, there is sufficient capacity at the elementary schools to absorb all of the sixth-grade students, which would then enable the closure of one middle school.

Aside from now being told by Dr. Niehaus that the restructuring plan must yield at least \$1 million of annual savings, we don't know the magnitude of the financial gap. Nor have we seen a preliminary 2019-20 budget or for any years beyond that time frame.

According to the Plante Moran study, closing one elementary school saves either \$378,000 (Poupard students are allocated \$250,000 of transportation funds) or \$628,000 for any of the other elementary schools; closing

one middle school saves \$1,342,000.

There are additional savings of \$71,000 to be had by closing the St. Clair administration building (which should have happened 10 years ago) and \$21,000 for the proposed closure of the Pierce Middle School pool.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, the district is on track to generate a surplus of \$1,460,270, which will leave it with a \$10,155,778 fund equity, otherwise known as a reserve.

The target fund equity (reserve) is \$9,212,763, which represents 9 percent of the total budget expenditures. Thus, the district will now have in excess of \$943,000 above its own fund equity target. We are not in a financial emergency nor will we be any time soon.

There is another late-breaking development that should be considered. This past week, FCA and the city of Detroit have announced the finalization of the land acquisition plan for the new FCA Jeep plant, which will be less than a mile and a half from the Grosse Pointe border. FCA is projecting completion of this facility by late 2020 and has announced total employment of 5,000. The potential impact on the GPPSS enrollment could be significant. Shouldn't we get a better idea of how this situation could play out?

Finally, given the magnitude of what's at stake, why not have a referendum in which the GPPSS electorate could express their preferences among two, or more, options?

In my discussions with other concerned members of our community, I have heard other creative proposals for addressing the school challenge. Let's get them on the ballot and allow the roughly 45,000 people in our district to indicate their preferred approach.

Again, the changes that are being discussed will fundamentally affect

all of us, whether it's through our children or our property values. Details, such as specific schools and curricula to be affected, would be left to the GPPSS Board of Education to implement.

Bottom line: No need to rush this decision. Let's hear from everybody and let's get it right.

MICHAEL C.

KARWOWSKI

Grosse Pointe Woods

Do the research!

To the Editor:

The administration's plan to put fifth grade into middle school is not well researched.

The best schools and our competition do not do it. Very few in the tri-county area — Macomb-0, Oakland-1 (Huron Valley) and Wayne -2 (Highland Park and Dearborn Heights) — put the fifth grade in with sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

We fought the elementary closing fight 34 years ago and lost Barnes, which was left empty for many years. Barnes and the administration building should have been sold years ago.

Why are we projecting spending \$5.5 million for repairs at Barnes when we could put the few special ed classes into other elementary schools? The profitable early child development programs, mainly 2-year-olds, should be moved back to the high schools. This will serve nicely with the renewal of child development classes into the high school curriculum.

Listen to the Plante Moran studies. Any sound corporation would close the school (Poupard) that needs the most renovation, \$7.7 million. Poupard also has one of the smallest enrollments and is not in Grosse Pointe Woods. Put the least performing, Poupard, a one-star, into Mason, a four-star school, and Monteith.

Please do the research!
DIANE KARABETSOS
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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Happiness really is a choice



I recently signed up for a locally held "Action For Happiness" class. Even though I'm already happy, I thought, what could it hurt to join a group of people who would strive to be, as the instructor put it, seekers and spreaders of happiness?

After the second of eight meetings, I wondered, what am I doing to increase my happiness? Am I using my time well, am I doing things that matter, things I want to do, things that make me happy?

I took notes during class, I wrote in the workbook, I talked to others, but I found

myself ready to get out there and get to work seeking and spreading happiness.

About the fourth week, the weather was sunny and beautiful and after a long day at the computer, I made a decision. I needed to be outside. I couldn't sit inside any longer, and I really wanted to take a walk.

So I did. I figured it was sort of like homework since happiness was the theme of the class and being outside on such a beautiful day after so many hours of being inside fell in the category of making me happy. And, since happiness is a choice, it was the choice I decided to make. And it made me really happy. I felt uplifted, joyful.

Don't get me wrong, I still get angry, frustrated or annoyed, but once that passes, happy is still there. Happiness is my

base.

Often, I see people hold in their emotions, and I am sure they have their reasons. I was the queen of holding in emotions, but that came from fear. And pain. I had built a barrier around my heart because I had been hurt and betrayed.

However, once I began to bring the barrier down, I realized that while I thought I was protecting myself, I was keeping others, and happiness, out.

So while we are protecting ourselves from something that has the potential to hurt us again, we also are keeping ourselves from fully living. We think, if I withdraw or am careful, then nothing can hurt me.

Guess again. Hurt finds a way in, so having a happiness base is a good foundation to help you get through what-

ever happens in the meantime.

"Life is too short" is not just a saying. There is no guarantee of how much time we have, so why not be happy? We can't control all our circumstances, but we can control some of them and we can control how we react to them.

Some people think happiness is an endless pursuit. It's not, because you already have it in you to be happy. You just have to make a choice. Circumstances can get you down, but you can choose how you react to the circumstances.

Some people say they can't change their mindset. Why can't you? You created the mindset you have now, and if it isn't working for you or doesn't bring you happiness, change it. It will take time, but it is worth it.

Next time you feel

crabby, try smiling. You'll feel better. And better is better than bitter.

I'm not saying this new way of thinking will be easy for everyone in every circumstance. However, teaching yourself to focus on the positive will become your new habit.

You might wonder, is happiness a goal or a state of mind? I am not an expert, but I do know it can be both depending on where you are in your life.

Some people have been working on this for a while and some are just beginning. Don't measure your life by someone else's yardstick. You are uniquely you and what makes you happy might be different for someone else.

News flash: That's OK! Find your own path to happy. You deserve it. We all do.

In class, we would list three good things that happened that week. It's like keeping a gratitude journal. It helps you focus on the positive.

So you start with yourself and while seeking it out, you also can spread happiness. Be the ripple in the pond. Shift your perspective.

Don't you feel better when you're around happy people? Me too. That's why I strive to be one of them.

The author Martha Beck once wrote that we should ask ourselves, "How is the world better because I have lived in it?" and "How am I better because I have lived in the world?" And we can simply say, "The world is better because I spread happiness wherever I could, and I am better because I was happy."

What a beautiful way to live.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

BATTLE BREWING: Between 75 and 100 residents of the Park village and nearby Detroit packed the council room at the commissioners meeting of the Park village to thrash out the long-debated question of the abandonment of a half block of Goethe between Maryland and the alley between and parallel to Maryland and Lakepointe.

The members of First Christian Reform Church have had their eye on this badly maintained section of highway for a playground for their day school. Chief objections come from several residents whose garages open on the alley on the Lakepointe side who insisted this section of Goethe, whatever its state of disrepair might be is necessary for them to maneuver in and out of their garages.

North High School, who were there to present the council with conflicting petitions.

The first petition presented was one with over 625 signatures signed by Woods residents stating their concern over the safety of students at North High School and the lack of convenient entrances to the grounds of the school. They asked the council to allow, on a trial basis, another entrance to the grounds, particularly at the end of Wedgewood Drive.

The other petition, from Hidden Lane residents only, contained 77 signatures, representing 44 houses. Signers asked council to refuse permission for the installation of access gates because they felt it would increase traffic and create a neighborhood safety hazard since there are only two entrances into Hidden Lane for large safety vehicles.

TWO GUNMEN ROB TV SHOP IN THE

WOODS: Two men, one armed with a revolver, held up the Carlson TV Shop on Mack and forced the store owner to surrender the keys to his truck, after which the bandits loaded on 10 color television sets and escaped. The robbers locked the proprietor in a rear room before they drove away.

Obituaries: L. Marie Davis, Victoria M. Neitzel, Evelyn Peterson, John W. Russell, James S. Swan

1994

25 years ago this week

SCHOOLS OK LIGHTS; CITIES MUST DECIDE: School board members voted 5-1 at their May 9 meeting to accept a gift from the Grosse Pointe South Drive for Lights Committee to pay about \$80,000 for four, 80-foot poles with nine lights apiece to be installed on the South football field.

The board voted 4-2 to accept a similar gift from the Grosse Pointe North Booster Club to pay for a \$75,000 lighting system for North's football field.

Now, school administrators must apply for site plan approval from both the Farms and Woods. A public hearing must be held and the matter must be voted on by both councils.

Obituaries: James William Nixon, Andris Baumanis, Fred Boyt Jr., Fred B. Jagger, Dr. Arthur Burr Ash, Louis Hancock

Van Dike Jr., Anna Lazar, Clark Thomas Wells, Thomas M. Burns Jr., George H. Funk

2009

10 years ago this week

SWINE FLU SCARE CLOSES SCHOOL: Brownell Middle School remains closed after Grosse Pointe school officials received notice from the Wayne County Health Department that a student

has a probable case of the H1N1 flu.

The building will stay sealed from all students, faculty and staff through the weekend unless the second round of tests on the student come back negative. In addition, Brownell students cannot participate in after-school activities, including Little League or Honors Band.

Obituaries: Helen Marie Beaupre, Linda Bogdan, Lorraine Famularo, Jerrold Allen Jacobs, Thomas K. Lowry, Cecil Sessions

—Karen Fontanive

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RESIDENTS DIVIDED OVER ENTRANCES AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL: The Woods council chamber was filled almost to capacity with residents of Hidden Lane and representatives of Grosse Pointe

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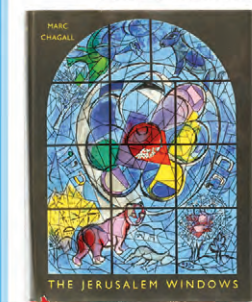
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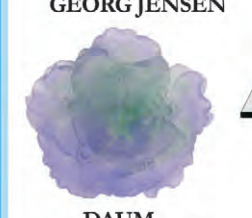
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They Say Restaurant expands to Eastland

Detroit's They Say Restaurant — best known for its award-winning They Say Wings and Ribs, comfortable vibe and jazz entertainment — recently added a second location in Harper Woods.

They Say Harper Woods, 17810 Vernier, hosted its grand opening Wednesday, May 1, offering guests food specials and live entertainment with Sound Proof Jazz.

Longtime Detroit businessman Terry Payne Sr. founded the original They Say on Joseph Campau and Jefferson in 2006. It celebrated its 13th anniversary in February. They Say Detroit won a "Best Restaurant" designation from the Michigan Chronicle in 2018, and earned accolades from Metro Times for its They Say Wings the year

before.

Payne has had much success with his original jazz-themed restaurant. Now, he's counting on lightning striking twice.

"People have been asking for months, 'When are you going to be open?'" Payne said. "It's nice to have that kind of intense interest even before we open our doors, but we had to spend the time needed to make this second location beautiful and completely comfortable for longtime friends of They Say and for new customers as well."

The second location in Harper Woods once was an Applebee's, but the only hint of its former incarnation is the footprint in which it sits; the interior has been completely transformed. An interior brick wall pays homage to the exposed



PHOTO COURTESY OF CYRUS TETTEH

Chef Gerald Gregory, left, and They Say owner Terry Payne show off some of the cuisine that will be offered in the new They Say location in Harper Woods.

brick interior of the Detroit location, the colors are natural, an enlarged central bar was custom built and open-duct ceilings contribute to a more open atmo-

sphere. The restaurant is large and more open, covering more than 5,500 square feet and seating 200 diners. The kitchen alone is some 1,300 square feet,

which should provide diners faster, more efficient service.

Food, of course, has been the heart of Payne's success at the original location. He'll continue serving some of the They Say standards — They Say Wings, Turkey Chops, Ribs and Salmon Croquettes — but some new notes will be added to the repertoire.

Chef Gerald Gregory, who has been head chef at They Say since its inception, will be at the helm in Harper Woods.

He has produced some new numbers, including baked mostaccioli; beef short ribs; a seafood trio that includes corkscrew shrimp, calamari fries and clam strips; an Italian submarine sandwich; a "They Say Philly" sandwich and a reuben, among other fare. All of the new items also have been added at the Detroit location.

The stage also is set for live music in Harper Woods. Each week will feature live jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays with a \$5 cover.

"I'm really excited to be bringing live jazz to the Eastside," Payne said. "There's just not enough of it over here. People crave great food, good people, a nice atmosphere and they love live music. We plan to serve up all of that here at the second They Say."



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Mary Lamparter welcomes Peters to the breakfast.



Peters visits

Sen. Gary Peters recently spoke during a breakfast event sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. Peters provided an update on his legislative priorities during this session of Congress, then answered questions from the audience.



Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski poses for a photo with Peters.



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Book launch set

Grosse Pointe Farms resident JT Mestdagh for Living Free and launches his first book, Strong no Matter what

the Challenge," on Tuesday, May 14.

In "Untether," the author tells his own story. Diagnosed with a life-threatening syndrome, Mestdagh endured 250 days in hospitals before age 3 and had 16 major surgeries before age 16. Now, he is an entrepreneur and adventurer on a mission to empower people to untether from limiting beliefs and soar to their highest dreams.

Proceeds from book sales benefit the JT Mestdagh Foundation, which Mestdagh launched to support people facing challenges.

The book will be available at amazon.com. For more information, visit jtmestdagh.com.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS: 2019 SEWER STRUCTURE REHABILITATION, AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0411. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, until **10:00 am on Tuesday, May 21, 2019**, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans and specifications must be obtained through Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info on **Monday, April 29, 2019**. A public viewing copy is available at the City Clerk's Office, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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Mayors weigh in on school closures

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Since talk of closing schools and reconfiguring the Grosse Pointe Public School System began, there has been a revolving door of visitors to the administration building at 389 St. Clair. Superintendent Gary Niehaus and other administrators have met with individuals as well as groups of parents and other community members.

Last week, Niehaus met with mayors or representatives from each city.

"The mayors are just like the communities or the public," Niehaus said. "They all agree we have declining enrollment. They all agree we need to close a school — just not in their community."

He called the meeting professional and positive.

"It was a very honest conversation among the stakeholders," he said. "We understand as a district they're going to fight against us. We also know we have a job to do."

"I was surprised at the level of detail and the questions they were asking," said Rebecca Fannon, community relations specialist. "They had really done their homework. They had gone through the scenarios and had very specific questions about the state budget. They had really good questions and it was exciting to see how much they had invested in the process already."

While Niehaus acknowledged the school district needed the support of the mayors and municipalities to sell or repurpose school property and conduct traffic studies, he believes issues concerning student safety should be addressed now.

"Why are we waiting until we close an elementary school before we fix the problems?" he asked. "All of those things can be done now."

Depending on which two schools are selected for closure — Maire or Trombly elementary school on the south end and Mason or Poupard elementary school on the north end, as currently proposed — the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods or Harper Woods will be impacted.

"Basically this is a board decision," said Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter. "We don't really



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Blue ribbons on trees line neighborhoods potentially impacted should Maire Elementary School be selected for closure as part of the school district reconfiguration. The City of Grosse Pointe sent out an email May 4, urging residents to show their support by attending the town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on May 9, and offering free blue ribbons at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee.

have any control over that other than to give input. The ones who really have control over it are the parents at those schools. For example, as far as Poupard is concerned, yes, we would like to keep Poupard in Harper Woods and there are issues like crossing the freeway and things like that if it is no longer here.

"But that is a board decision that has to be founded on some very hard facts," he continued. "Of course, enrollment has declined consistently and money is just not there to keep these schools operating, whichever schools may be closed."

Poynter offered his perspective based on 15 years of experience on a school board, 11 of them as president or vice president. He experienced a decline in that school district from approximately 40 schools to 25.

"So I understand the frustration of closing schools and how parents feel that they're no longer really close to the school and things like that, but there has to be a reality check as far as money and where the enrollment is," he said. "For example, if they do close Poupard — which I hope they don't — we will do everything in our power to support the decision of the Grosse Pointe school board."

Mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods Robert Novitke said while he believed it would be a mistake to close Mason, he, too, would work with the school district while making his priority what is in the best interest of the Woods and its residents.

Novitke reached out to Niehaus and Board of Education members after a lengthy discussion at a Mason PTO meeting, describing conversations as candid and straightforward. While he didn't disagree with the process or conclusions regarding declining enrollment or the need to close two elementary schools to meet the targeted capacity percentage, he said he hoped the board would reconsider its decision not to close Barnes Early Childhood Center. A previous plan proposed relocating Barnes' services while expanding preschool programs.

As far as Mason is concerned, "You have to keep in mind that the school system is part of our collective community," Novitke said. "You have to look at the impact on the neighborhoods, the community, the property values, obviously the possibility to provide quality services and future use."

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Robert Denner recommended slowing the process down to allow enrollment to stabilize and possibly even rebound. While he would prefer not to close any elementary school at this point, he commended Niehaus's efforts to expand both early childhood and early adult education.

"I think there is a financial challenge faced by the district, but I don't think it's a crisis justified by the trauma occurring in all our cities and our district that is now occurring and intensifying," Denner said. "I think the school

impact of closing Maire on property values and The Village as a whole.

In a statement to the Grosse Pointe News, Boettcher expressed unanimous opposition to closing Maire by all the elected officials in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We as a council have researched and listened to our constituents, as well as neighbors from Grosse Pointe Park who are affected by the proposals. It is unimaginable that the school board would even consider closing Maire, its top performing academic school. Maire already meets the occupancy goal of 80 percent set by the district. The loss of Maire would be devastating and very disruptive to The Village and the neighborhood around Maire in both Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe City."

In addition to closing the administration building, the council recommended closing Barnes and exploring alternative options to address financial challenges.

'... the biggest long-term impact is on the perception of the quality of each neighborhood as a place to raise a family.'

ROBERT DENNER
Mayor of Grosse Pointe Park

Suggestions include expanding early childhood programs and childcare offerings, distributing them to existing

elementary schools to bolster occupancy and relocating special education programs to underutilized schools.

According to the statement, "Impact on community should be a primary consideration by the school board. The City is committed to working with the school district to reuse and redevelop the original Cadieux Schoolhouse building at 389 St. Clair that currently houses the school administration offices. However, the City will do everything possible to ensure that Maire School remains open. It is wrong to expect the City of Grosse Pointe to suffer the complete abandonment of both of the school district facilities within its borders while others would remain virtually unaffected."

While school buildings in Grosse Pointe Farms are not slated for closure or repurposing in the current scenarios, Farms Mayor Louis Theros, too, advocated closing 389 St. Clair and Barnes and moving early childhood programs into elementary schools at "a fair, market rate" to fill empty classrooms while providing neighborhood-based pre-K options.

"I have told the board that I believe it should slow the process down to ensure that they have exhausted all other avenues and considered input from residents on possible new alternatives to closing," Theros

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10A | SCHOOLS

South choir brings home championship trophy

It's been 10 years since Grosse Pointe South High School choirs competed in nationals. The Pointe Singers and Tower Belles earned that opportunity again by winning grand champion at both the Huntington North and the Bishop Luers invitationals, in February and March, respectively.

Competing at the Fame National Show Choir Finals at the historic Genesee Theatre in Waukegan, Ill., May 4, against groups from California, New York, Indiana, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Oklahoma, the choirs came home with major hardware once again.

The Pointe Singers were named grand champions.

The 32-member group, under the direction of Christopher Pratt, tap danced to an Easy Street medley and built a Ford car on stage during a Ragtime medley. The Pointe Singers earned caption awards for best chore-



Grosse Pointe South's Pointe Singers were named national show choir champions.

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ography, most creative number and best costuming. Andrew Fleming won best male stage presence and Elaina Calisi best female stage presence.

The Tower Belles, an all-female choir, performed first in the overall competition and was named first runner-up in the unisex division. Maya

Mirkazemi took home an award for best female stage presence.

"My Tower Belles and Pointe Singers gave incredible performances that truly represented our Grosse Pointe community with class and dignity," said Pratt, choir director since 2012.

The last time South's

choirs traveled to a national competition was at the Showstoppers National Show Choir Competition in Orlando, Fla, in 2017. Pratt witnessed that performance and recalled being "extremely impressed with the quality of the program and all of the people involved."

Twenty years ago, the Pointe Singers were named grand champions of the Showstoppers competition in Nashville, Tenn. Nick Kuhl, the choir's voice teacher since 2005 and director of the a cappella ensemble The Suspensions, was a member of the choir that competed nationally in 1997 to 1999.

Kuhl reminisced "the process of working hard to be the best at something, the thrill of performing and competing and the friendships made in the process were invaluable. Watching this choir come together for a similar experience brings back wonderful memories."

Pratt thanked his team for their support of the performers, including accompanist Richard Wolf, choreographer Andy Haines, the Grosse Pointe Public School System performing arts tech crew under the direction of P.J. Veltri and the band of musicians "who create such musical energy for

our performances." Pratt also recognized the parents and South choir boosters for their support. Through ongoing efforts, the boosters raise money to support the choir in all its efforts, including providing the choreography, costumes and musicians necessary to compete effectively at the national level.

That support will be bolstered with a Spring Fling fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Atwater in the Park, 1175 Lakepointe. A casual night of fun and friends includes live music by Kuhl, who will be performing with his band, Nick Kuhl and the Gang.

Tickets are \$39 in advance or \$45 at the door and include Atwater appetizers and one drink ticket. The event features a silent auction, wine/booze pull, raffle and cash bar.

For tickets or more information, go to gpsouthchoir.org.

— Mary Anne Brush

GPFPE hosts gala to support Leader in Me, grants

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education carried the torch for the Grosse Pointe Public School System again with its "Be the Beacon" gala, raising money to fund educational opportunities for students.

Held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club April 13, and with more than 200 guests in attendance, the annual fundraiser included a live auction, raffle and wine pull. Gala chairs were Beth Moran and Christie Scoggin.

The "Be the Beacon" theme highlights leadership in the schools and raises money for the GPFPE's regular grant cycle and ongoing campaign to bring Leader in Me, a comprehensive school improvement model, to each elementary school.

This year's gala honored the late founding GPFPE board member, Lois J.



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Christie Scoggin, left, and Beth Moran co-chaired "Be the Beacon," the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education's annual spring gala April 13.

Warden. Her husband, Gail Warden, attended as the honorary chairman along with several honorary committee members. Bob Bury, GPFPE president, and Gail Warden both spoke about the passion Lois Warden held for the importance of education and enhancing student opportunities at all levels of Grosse Pointe public schools.

Mason Elementary

School Principal Roy Bishop spoke on behalf of Leader in Me, integrated at Mason this year.

The gala raised more than \$100,000, with half the proceeds going to the Leader in Me program. The GPFPE is on track to start funding the three remaining elementary schools' Leader in Me training this summer while still fulfilling many grant requests next fall. Donations are still being accepted for the Leader in Me program. The GPFPE has raised more than \$3.3 million to benefit the students and staff in the GPPSS since its inception.

Go to gpfpe.org for more information or to make a donation, or follow GPFPE on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

— Mary Anne Brush



Celebrating education at the GPFPE gala are Grosse Pointe Public School System principals, from left, Dan Hartley, Parcels Middle School; Shelleyann Keelean, Monteith Elementary School; Sara Delgado, Kerby Elementary School; Kate Murray, Grosse Pointe North High School; Lisa Rheame, Defer Elementary School and Roy Bishop, Mason Elementary School.



Left, Jena Warden attended the gala to honor her father, Gail Warden, center. The Wardens are pictured with GPFPE board member and honorary committee chairwoman Barb Bierbusse. Above, decorations at the gala featured children's books.



South's quartet performs at the GPFPE gala. Pictured, from left, are Anna Jarboe, Igor Trifunovic, Barret McKowen and Charlotte Parent.

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Trombly students fans of running a business

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Fourth-graders in Susan Howey's class at Trombly Elementary School have fanned their business into a new customer base. The young entrepreneurs and business owners unveiled their new product to the public at the Grosse Pointe Park Little League opening day April 27.

The students are carrying on last year's class business known as Fan Faces. They enlarged, printed and laminated faces to place on a stick to sell for sporting events, birthdays, recitals, graduations and parties — or anything else their customers fancied. They support their motto, "Cheering people on is what we do," not only with their product, but by donating 50 percent of their proceeds

to local charities.

Chloe Licht, Elyse Lenglet and Audrey McLean didn't mind giving up a good part of their Saturday to represent their business and sell their products. Each said they enjoyed having a class business.

"It teaches us a lot of stuff so when we're older, we have experience working with businesses," said Licht.

"I like working with Fan Faces," said Lenglet. "It'll give us confidence to talk with people when we're older."

Said McLean, "I just think it's really fun. You get to interact with a lot of new people. It just really helps you when you're older to run a business or do something like that."

Ellen Durand, owner of El's Boutique in The Village, visited the class

last year to share her expertise and talk to them about creating a business plan, advertising, marketing and promotion. Currently fan faces are displayed in Elle's birthday party room.

This year's students expanded their business network. In addition to Durand, several other local business owners paid the class a visit, including Jimmy Schmidt, owner of Lucky's Noble BBQ in Detroit, Vina Taylor from the Zealous Root, Chase Manikas of Fairfax Market, Melanie Schridde of Mimi's Bistro, all in Grosse Pointe Park, and Lisa Bardy, owner of Bow Wow Baketique in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Each shared some aspect of their business, from selling a product on

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PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Susan Howey's fourth-grade class at Trombly Elementary School had a table at opening day of the Grosse Pointe Park Little League, accepting orders for Fan Faces, a student-run business. Pictured, from left, are Howey, Chloe Licht, Elyse Lenglet and Audrey McLean.

Liggett filmmakers win best of show

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Three University Liggett School students turned a class project into an award-winning film. On April 27, they were recognized for their efforts at an awards ceremony in the historic Detroit Film Theatre of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Their film, "Rails of the Republic," was awarded Best of Show at the 51st annual Michigan Student Film Festival.

Sophomores Carsten Higbie and Giorgio Malkoun studied the Civil War era and reconstruction in U.S. history class with Brad Homuth. A class assignment was to answer the question what it means to be an American through the context of that time in history, Higbie said. The students took the project to the next level by entering it into the competition.

In the early stages of their research, they noticed the rapid growth of railroads, launching their idea for the film, Higbie said. "Rails of the Republic" tells the tale of the rising power of railroads in post-Civil War America and how this technology helped build economic prosperity and social mobility.

"One of the things we



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From left, Giorgio Malkoun, Carsten Higbie and Camron Herbert earned Best of Show at the 51st annual Michigan Student Film Festival.

were really surprised about how fast the expansion of northern and southern railroads moved across the country after the Civil War," Higbie said. "It was

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Teacher of THE WEEK



Todd Whitefleet

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"He's our go-to-guy. If you're ever troubled with a computer issue, Mr. Todd Whitefleet is the person to call. He'll make everything work, then smile and ask, 'Is there anything else I can help you with?' Never does a Brownell event occur without his being present to capture the moment with a photo. He leads numerous student activities from Yearbook Club, Robotics, school webmaster, musical art director and many more. Each and every day Mr. Whitefleet brings joy to learning, a happy spirit to the staff and, most importantly, a genuine love for working with students."

Describe your teaching background.

Thirty-two years ago, I was hired by Grosse Pointe Public Schools and

I have been teaching at Brownell the last 23 years. At Brownell, I started out with sixth grade science and social studies and switched to computer technology classes at the behest of (then principal) Dr. Dib, who wanted someone strong in technology to develop the program at Brownell.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

It's difficult to pin down what I enjoy most about teaching. Having noble endeavors is important. Building relationships with students and watching them progress is amazing. Having a background in the sciences, a degree in art, music and literature, the ability to use all my interests and talents is exciting. In the shared learning environment relationships strengthen, knowledge deepens, possibilities open up and a higher purpose can be achieved. In Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's "The Little Prince," the title character says, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." That's what I enjoy most about teaching; every day is an opportunity to get to what is essential.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a



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"teachable moment" you experienced.

Speaking of moments, they are many and varied when you are a teacher. The big ones, the little ones, they all could be important catalysts. A parent once told me my recognition of their child's aptitude for science started her on a path to becoming a doctor. A unit on persuasion, propaganda and rhetoric spurred an interest in law in another. I was not surprised to find out the student with whom I created an individualized vocabulary beyond her grade level ended up being a linguist, or that another continued developing his photography and photo editing skills and is heading into a career in brand development. If giving support and a nudge gets a student to try something different or look at possibilities, that is an achievement.

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wrote in an email. Should the board vote in June to close schools, however, his preference would be “those that impact the fewest families and that none of the six communities in the Grosse Pointe school district should be impacted disproportionately compared to other cities, e.g.,

two closings in one city.” Theros noted the Farms has some of the highest occupancy numbers in the district. While the city “will always work cooperatively with a fellow governmental unit,” he added, it “cannot, nor will not, look into a crystal ball to pre-determine the outcome of such cooperation.”

Primary concerns among all the mayors include the disproportionality of community impact depending on which schools are closed, the cost to the city affected, whether it’s property values, zoning, traffic congestion or student safety, and division among community members — “turning neighborhood against neighborhood,” in Denner’s words, and “pitting neighbors against neighbors,” in Boettcher’s. “There are a lot of considerations,” said Denner, “but I think the biggest long-term impact is on the perception of the quality of each neighborhood as a place to raise a family.”

Regardless of the decision, most agreed they would work with the school district and supported the administration and school board’s efforts. “The city will have no choice but to respond,” Denner said. “Some of the short-term outcomes as well as the long-term outcomes will fall on the shoulders of each of the municipalities that are affected. We are going to do everything we can as cities to take care of our residents, protect our students, take care of our traffic flow — all of those things.”

“I do support the board and what they’re trying to do,” he added. “I understand they’re working with the best interest of our community in mind. I don’t believe there are any hidden agendas or anything like that going on. ... It’s a tough job and I know they’re doing it in good faith and keeping in mind what is best for the community.”

Boettcher agreed. “I don’t have anything bad to say about the process,” he said. “I totally respect all the people who have given so much time to these decisions and hope they make the right decisions. None of us can see the future.”

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FANS:

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Amazon to finding a bank that would give them a loan to fix up a dilapidated space.

It was Schridde who gave the fourth-graders a new product idea. She sells baked goods at Mimi’s and suggested the students shrink their fan faces down and sell them as cupcake toppers for birthday parties or other celebrations.

Bardy expanded on this idea, broadening the students’ customer base. She sells organic dog treats at Bow Wow Baketique and suggested the students adapt their product for her clientele, making not cupcake toppers, but “pupcake” toppers. These are featured exclusively at Bowwow Baketique, while cupcake toppers are at Mimi’s.

On opening day, students had their full product line on display at their table as fans and players arrived from the parade, offering a “home run” discount — buy nine faces and get one free.

There they met a new business contact, Jeni and Sandy Davis, owners of Albatross Creative Embroidery on Mack in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Davises had their own table opening day promoting their sale of Little League spirit wear.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN HOWEY

Trombly fan faces are displayed in the window of Albatross Creative Embroidery on Mack.

Jeni and Sandy Davis agreed to display Fan Faces in their store window to help the young entrepreneurs advertise their business.

“I think local should help local,” said Jeni Davis, adding she appreciated the fact the students supported so many charitable organizations.

Currently on display are seasonally appropriate fan faces sporting Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South graduation caps.

“It’s really great to see how our community is rallying around our kids,” said Howey.

To learn more or place an order, go to fanfaces.org or follow Fan Faces on Facebook or on Twitter @Howeys4th.

BEST:

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War and that really became the engine of so much economic growth across the United States.”

“Rails of the Republic,” which was among 47 Best of Show films out of 325 state-wide entries presented at the awards ceremony, also won national recognition in C-SPAN’s 2019 CAM film competition.

Higbie said the act of filmmaking has helped him learn differently than he would out of a book. For example, he and his fellow filmmakers interviewed experts Matt Anderson, curator of transportation at The Henry Ford, and Martin Herschok, dean of the

College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

“It was really cool to have this experience of interviewing professionals on these topics,” he said. “... It was really cool to get information from them directly and take what they said to us and get a story out of that.”

The Michigan Student Film Festival, one of the longest-running student festivals in the nation, provides a platform for student filmmakers in grades K-12 to showcase their work in a competitive setting outside of the classroom. The festival is produced by Digital Arts, Film and Television, a nonprofit media-arts education organization founded in 1969.

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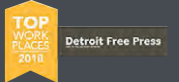
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Preparing for departure Woods sergeant deploying overseas

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Brian Conigliaro wears many hats — husband, father, law enforcer and patriot among them.

Come May 10, he'll set aside his duties as a sergeant with the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department and step into his role of senior chief for the U.S. Navy.

Conigliaro is due to be deployed this week — his second tour of his 26-year military career.

"I was deployed before in 2001, right after 9/11," he said. "They took me for two years; I went to Italy. Since then I've been fairly lucky."

This time, due to a presidential recall, Conigliaro is being sent to Africa for 14 months, away from his family, friends and co-workers. He'll be working in support of Operation Aqea Al Qaeda East Africa Exord.

"My mission/support will be the senior chief in charge of the base law enforcement unit that oversees 5,000 U.S. troops and 1,500 to 2,000 civilians that are employed on the base," he said. "I will also be coordinating with the local national African military to ensure the



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Sgt. Conigliaro has spent 19 years with the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department.

safety of not only our U.S. military members, but of the community that we are sharing with them. The law enforcement unit that I will oversee has 45 to 50 officers at any given time."

The deployment was a surprise for Conigliaro, who has served nearly 19 years with Woods public safety — a job near and dear to his heart.

"I enjoy coming to work," he said. "Some people are miserable at their jobs, but I love coming to work. I love my job. ... We have a great time here, too. It's

a good department, a good group of guys."

Conigliaro said the department, much like the military, is like a family to him. And serving in the military is a family tradition for the Chesterfield resident.

"I'm a police officer in the Navy, too, a master at arms," he said. "I met my wife in the Navy. My grandfather was in the Navy. My brother was in the Navy. My oldest daughter enlisted last summer."

Other family members have served in other branches as well.

His main reason for

joining the Navy, however, was educational.

"The biggest thing for me was college," he said. "I grew up in (Detroit) ... I wanted to get away from here, have better opportunities and money for college."

The military gave Conigliaro structure and rules — something he didn't have much of growing up. He said he was, in his youth, hard-headed and rebellious. The military changed that for him.

"It took me away from the city and gave me structure, meaning to life, goals," he said. "It's not like a job; you can't just quit. There are two ways out of the military — prison or you get kicked out. ... It teaches you to appreciate a lot of things."

"I like the rules, the structure, the uniforms, things set a certain way," he continued. "I like the camaraderie. The whole group, it's like the police force. It's like a family. The military's not as big as you think it is. I see people years later that I was on ships with or had gone to training with."

Conigliaro switched from active duty to reserves in 1996. Since then, he attends training once a month at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and once a



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Senior Chief Brian Conigliaro in his Navy uniform.

year in Italy — all voluntarily. This deployment wasn't, but he's taking it in stride.

"Somebody has to do it," he said. "I like doing it. It feels great and it's a good thing to do. I get a lot out of it. People think serving your country is a big sacrifice, but the military gives you a lot. I have a master's degree that the Navy paid for. My wife has a master's degree the military paid for. When I first got out of active duty, I cut my hand. I went to the VA to get stitched up. There was no bill. They take

care of you because you're a Navy veteran.

"You won't make a lot of money (in the military), but if you're going in for the benefits, structure, a good way of life, it's for you."

The deployment also means time away from his family — wife, Misty, and daughters, Kayla, Tori and Isabelle.

"My family is the biggest thing I'm going to miss," he said. "We do everything together."

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director
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From Mrs. Grosse Pointe to Mrs. Michigan

Pageant winner moves on to Mrs. America



Rachel Adenaas receives her Mrs. Michigan crown.

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It had been 15 years since Rachel Adenaas graced a pageant stage, but luck — and beauty and experience — were on her side.

April 13, the 34-year-old City of Grosse Pointe resident earned the title of Mrs. Michigan and now looks forward not only to her reign, but also competing for the national title.

Adenaas's pageant life began in 2005, when she competed in the Miss Anaheim pageant and won. She said competing and winning against so many girls with years of pageantry experience was amazing and unexpected.

She moved on to the Miss California pageant, during which she got her first real taste of "pageant sisterhood." She compared the experience to summer camp.

"For four or five days, you're living with girls, getting to know each other, becoming friends," Adenaas said. "I still stay in contact with some of those girls."

Last November, one of them contacted Adenaas with the link to the Mrs. Michigan pageant.



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City of Grosse Pointe resident Rachel Adenaas will compete in the Mrs. America pageant in August.

"I was familiar with Mrs. Michigan," she said. "I'd thought about it before, but we were in the trenches with babies and small

children and recovering from that. But this year, my daughter is 2 and I just returned to work. I'm turning 35 this year. It's the perfect time.

"I waited until after the holidays and filled out the paperwork," she continued. "I had to declare a city, so I became Mrs. Grosse Pointe 2019."

It's not a stretch. Adenaas has been involved in the community since she and her husband moved here four years ago. She immediately joined Mom's Club, Working Mom's Club and Mothers of Preschoolers, among other groups.

The next step on her road to Mrs. Michigan was competing at the Plainwell Performing Arts Center with other hopefuls, which she approached with a positive attitude.

"Whether I won or lost, it pushed me in a way that's so positive — working out, mental preparation," she said. "It woke me up and energized me in so many ways."

The first day was spent meeting other contestants; the second day was full of rehearsals. The pageant

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1980 North grad dances for charity

Grosse Pointe North High School alumna Dr. Susan (Mezger) Adams, class of 1980, has taken to the stage to raise money for charity.

Former classmates may remember her from singing with the Honeytones or helping keep athletes' times as a Timette. Lately, Adams is busy practicing for "Dancing with the Lexington Stars," a dance competition that takes place May 11, in Lexington, Ky.

Hometown friends can help support her efforts — a trophy is given to the top money-earning dance team — by visiting dancingwiththellexingtonstars.com and selecting Adams and her dance partner/husband, Kurt.

Each vote costs \$5. Proceeds benefit the Kentucky-based charity "Surgery on Sunday," which provides essential no-cost outpatient surgical services to income-eligible, uninsured and underinsured individuals who don't qualify for federal or state assistance, according to its website.

"In these post-'great recession' times, so many



COURTESY PHOTO

Kurt Adams and Dr. Susan Adams, a 1980 graduate of Grosse Pointe North, will compete in "Dancing with the Lexington Stars."

people still find it hard to come up with the money needed for essential surgery; it can be a real financial hardship, if not impossible to afford," said Adams' sister, Kristina Boni. "This is a great way to support people in a very life-changing way and to support a fellow GPN alumni — no matter what year you graduated."

Lecture looks at life of Benson Ford

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Dr. Frank Bicknel Lecture Series closes with "Benson Ford: A Centennial Tribute" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Benson Ford, second son of Edsel and Eleanor Clay Ford, was born July 20, 1919. At birth he was named Edsel Junior, but soon was re-named Benson.

Easygoing, affable and good-humored, he left Princeton after two years to work at Ford Motor Co., before enlisting in the Army Air Corps during World War II. As a Ford Motor Co. director and vice president, he led the Mercury Division from 1948-56, then served as Ford's chairman of the Dealer Policy Board until his death in

1978. Additionally, he served as president of the Ford Fund from its inception until his death. He also performed extensive work on behalf of local charities.

The lecture will be presented by Mark Heppner, president and CEO of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Before assuming his current role, Heppner was vice president for historic resources for the Historic Ford Estates, executive director of Salisbury House & Gardens and vice president of museum services at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. He possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Miami University and a Master of Arts degree in American history from Cleveland State University.

For more information about the lecture, visit gphistorical.org.



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Benson Ford

AREA ACTIVITIES

Parkinson's

A Parkinson's workshop takes place 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Dr. Neepa Patel, a neurologist/movement disorder specialist, presents "Understanding and Treating the Non-Motor Aspects of Parkinson's." Call (313) 520-9082.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Thursday, May 9, in the home of Jen Smith. The Cinco de Mayo-themed luncheon is served by members Pat Hays and Mary Lou Smith. The group will make a donation to Project Bloom to beautify The Village.

Questers

Questers Grosse Pointe Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at Dorothy Tepatti's home in Warren. Carolyn Barth will give the history of Steuben glass and show various pieces to illustrate the evolution of the crystal. Also, the new slate of officers for 2019-20 will be presented. Questers is an international organization founded in 1944. Its major objectives are to stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preservation of historical landmarks. For more information, email Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, May 10, 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, May 15, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, May 10, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Baker, senior pastor at St. Paul AME Church in Grosse Pointe Park, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America—Grosse Pointe Unit's annual 2019 Herb Plant Sale takes place at the Cook Schoolhouse, across the parking lot of the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, May 13, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

The Helm

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

- ◆ "Learn to Knit with Trina," 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, May 13 to June 24. Cost is \$30. Bring a skein of mid-weight, smooth yarn and a pair of knitting needles.

- ◆ Line dancing, 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, May 13 to June 24. Cost is \$48 for six weeks. No experience necessary.

- ◆ Body Alignment 101, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays, May 13 to Aug. 12. Bring a water bottle, mat and small hand towel.

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Correction

The article, "Piano concert pays tribute to Warsaw Uprising," which appeared in the May 2 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, should have stated that Joseph Palazzolo's concert, "Warsaw Concerto: 75 Years," will be performed at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, on May 11.

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Great Lakes Boating Festival is May 17-19

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following the tagline, "Family Fun for a Cause," the 31st annual Great Lakes Boating Festival promises something for everyone who attends.

Beyond being a boat show, the festival brings antique cars, remote control sailboats, an art show, regattas and more to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, Friday through Sunday, May 17 to 19. Hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 17; noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19.

The festival is free and the public is welcome, said Jim Morrow, president of the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, or GPYNEF.

"We'll have over 90 boats — all new boats of various shapes and sizes," he said. "There will be two regattas — a high school Tier 3 regatta on Saturday and on Sunday, a J70 stadium race."

Also included in the event are an antique car show, vintage boats, displays from the Antique Outboard Motor Association and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, a steel band, remote control sailboats in the pool and the boat show, which features marine products and services.

"The Dossin Museum asked for larger tent space for a bigger display," Morrow noted, adding the outdoor art show expanded to include 40 vendors of varying talents. "And we'll have two floating tiki bars in the harbor serving margaritas to island music."

Tasty food selections and a chance to look around the historic club facilities round out activities.

"It's a great weekend," Morrow said. "There's something for everybody, between the art show and

the displays and the boats. It's the only time people get to look at big boats in the water that you can get on. I'm talking 50-, 60-, 70-foot boats. You'll get a chance to go on them and look around.

"It's also a good opportunity to walk through a historic facility," he continued. "It's the only chance to do that throughout the year. It's an attraction for those who've never been here."

Morrow expects a lot of unique visitors this year, estimating crowds between 2,000 and 5,000, he said.

To accommodate them, parking is available free of charge at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Bus transportation to the festival is provided by University Liggett School.

Parking also is offered at the yacht club for \$20 per car.

The weekend serves as the GPYNEF's biggest fundraiser of the year.



FILE PHOTO

A view of last year's Great Lakes Boating Festival.

And the biggest fundraising part of the event is the Summer Breeze Party, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17. It features food, cocktails, dancing, a wine wall and live auction.

"The Friday party is unique," Morrow said. "We'll have nice auction items — a trip to Tuscany, Tag Heuer watches, dinner at home made by a

chef, things like that." Additionally, the party features a 101 Raffle.

"It allows you to purchase one ticket for \$100," Morrow explained. "Only 101 tickets are sold. If we draw your name, you get to see the auction list and pick anything off the auction list for your \$100."

Tickets to the party are \$135 per person, \$125 per

person for a group of eight or more. VIP tickets, which include a private cocktail party 6 to 7 p.m., are \$190 per person. Tickets are available online at greatlakesboatfestival.com, by calling (313) 884-2500 or emailing switchboard@gpyc.com.

"The funds generally go to all our programs," Morrow said. "We sup-

port the high schools, Challenge the Wind, scholarships. We give \$25,000 in scholarships."

Fourteen scholarships will be awarded to young sailors in the community and the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association at 11 a.m. Sunday morning during brunch.

The festival ends at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, with a raffle featuring the chance to win a boat and trailer or a Cadillac, Morrow said.

Can't wait until May 17 to get a nautical fix?

The GPYNEF sponsors the Lower Lake St. Clair Leukemia Cup Regatta this weekend at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Kicking off at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11, the regatta features 150 students from 20 high schools, all raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"That's good for our community," Morrow said. "It's essentially a

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Grant benefits foundation's programming

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The DTE Energy Foundation recently awarded a \$5,000 Community Giving Program grant to the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, or GPYNEF.

The funds will support GPYNEF's 29th annual Great Lakes Boating Festival, as well as its Challenge the Wind pro-

gram. This is the third year the DTE Foundation has given a grant to the GPYNEF.

"The Community Giving grant is given by the DTE Foundation with the aim of supporting events around the state that bring communities together and spur economic growth," said DTE Regional Manager Jennifer Whitteaker.

Last year, foundation grants totaling \$500,000

were awarded to more than 150 events across the state, including fairs, festivals, fireworks and holiday events that are free and open to the public, Whitteaker said.

"We work from the corporate side," she said, "so we help the DTE Foundation look for really local grants that promote its mission. It really

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Kristen DeVooght and Dorothy Heitjan

Strategies for building language, interaction skills

Q: What are some practical strategies parents can use to build their child's language and interaction skills?

A: Language is the foundation of learning. Development of language occurs in the pivotal years between birth and age 5. The role parents and caregivers play during this time is monumental.

There are three main strategies parents can use to bolster their child's language and vocabulary skills. These three strategies, as described by Dr. Dana Suskind in her book, "Thirty Million Words," are:

1. Tuning in: Recognizing and following a child's interest or focus.

2. Talking more: Using descriptive words to enrich that interest or focus.

3. Taking turns: Reading non-verbal cues or using questions/comments to extend the number of conversational turns or inter-

actions.

By incorporating these strategies daily, "mundane" activities can be transformed into valuable brain-building opportunities. These strategies can be applied anywhere and in any situation.

Q: Can't children learn language and vocabulary from the many innovative apps and screen programs offered today?

A: While some apps and computerized programs are clever and innovative, they lack the dynamic element that only human interaction can provide.

Child language research clearly supports the role of attuned parent interaction on the ability of a young developing mind to reach its potential. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, children younger



than 2 should not have any screen time. Children ages 2 to 4 are recommended to have only one hour daily. Apps and

programs that involve human interaction can be the most beneficial as they combine both human interaction as well as exposure to what current technology can offer. When adults and children are solely engaging with a two-dimensional screen, unfortunately something valuable is not happening: real-life interaction with humans and the 3D tactile world.

Q: Why is the period of birth to 5 such a critical time in a child's life?

A: A child's brain is growing rapidly during these preschool years. Many changes are happening and neuro pathways are

being formed. During this period of the brain's neuroplasticity, it is vital to nurture the child's brain with language, interaction and vocabulary. Vocabulary exposure plays a pivotal role in a child reaching his or her potential with reading and academic success.

Heitjan is an early childhood program teacher and speech-language pathologist and DeVooght is a speech-language pathologist, both with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The Family Center is a non-profit organization that provides resources and preventative education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. It is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

SAVE the DATE

"The Power of Your Presence: The Importance of Parent-Child Language Interactions" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

This interactive presentation covers how to use children's books and everyday activities to build meaningful and engaging language interactions with children. Application activities, practical strategies and parent resources will be provided. Parents and caregivers who attend will leave with a binder of resources, hands-on materials and ideas to start implementing with their little ones.

Register for this free program at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 447-1374.

'Starry, Starry Night' fundraiser benefits Kevin's Song

Kevin's Song, a local nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness about the causes of suicide and preventive measures, hosts its third annual "Starry, Starry Night" fundraiser 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Waterview Loft at Port Detroit.

"Starry, Starry Night" features a three-course sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions and entertainment by Nicole New and Nick Kuhl & the Gang. Tickets are \$150 and are available at kevinssong.org.

"We are looking forward to another fun and successful 'Starry, Starry Night,'" said

Sarah Gough of Grosse Pointe Farms, event co-chairwoman. "Throughout the year, Kevin's Song and its network of professionals, advocates and volunteers work incredibly hard to tackle the challenging subject of suicide awareness and prevention and 'Starry, Starry Night' is a wonderful way to celebrate our successes together while raising critical funds towards our objectives."

Gough is co-chairing the event with her husband, Bill. Fritz and JoJo Klingler of Troy serve as event ambassadors.

Proceeds directly fund Kevin's Song.

The working community of professionals and advocates involved in Kevin's Song offer knowledge, hope and healing to individuals, families and communities touched by suicide. The organization was founded in 2013 by Gail and John Urso of Grosse Pointe Park, following the loss of their son, Kevin, to suicide.

"Since our founding, Kevin's Song has received tremendous public support that continues to grow, recognizing that suicide impacts far more of our community than we

acknowledge," said Gail Urso, co-founder and vice president. "'Starry, Starry Night' is our largest fundraiser of the year and we are so grateful to our supporters who provide us with the resources to continue our outreach and advocacy." Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and more information may be found at kevinssong.org.

Ascension St. John Hospital hosts free head and neck cancer screening

A free head and neck cancer screening is offered at Ascension St. John Hospital from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Detroit, on the campus of Ascension St. John Hospital.

Head and neck cancer specialists will provide

the screening, which includes a thorough exam of the face, oral cavity and throat, as well as the cervical lymph nodes, thyroid and salivary glands.

This event is free, but registration is required. To register, visit healthcare.ascension.org/events and search "head."

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focuses on bringing the community together.

"The boating festival is (the GPYNEF's) main fundraiser for the year," she continued. "What they raise helps with programming, educational events and they support the Challenge the Wind program for children with no access to sailing. "I think what's nice about this program is it's local and focused on what the community wants," she added.

Whitaker noted that the DTE Foundation focuses a lot of its grants on children and STEM activities — science, technology, engineering and

math — as does the sailing foundation through its programming.

The relationship between the two foundations began a few years back when the GPYNEF was looking for a new home for Challenge the Wind. It had been eyeing DTE property on the east side, but the opportunity didn't work out.

"In the process, we talked about the things we're doing with Challenge the Wind," said GPYNEF President Jim Morrow, "which is providing a significant level of opportunity for water and aquatic sports to inner city kids — providing them access where there normally is no access."

Challenge the Wind

eventually moved to the Belle Isle Boat House and has continued to receive assistance from the sailing foundation.

"We've donated four 420 sailboats and a dozen Optimists to Challenge the Wind," Morrow said. "We refurbished the dock at the Belle Isle Boat House. ... We get together and provide the resources they need."

Through the foundation's support, Challenge the Wind looks to double its number of participants this year, Morrow said.

"The DTE Foundation has helped us do that," he said. "They are a valuable partner and we appreciate their participation. We can't underestimate the value of these grants to get things done."



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Grosse Pointe Theatre to host 10-Minute Play Festival BOATING:

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Grosse Pointe Theatre brings a new kind of theater to its patrons — a Ten-Minute Play Festival — at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The festival runs continuously until approximately 7 p.m. The audience can arrive at any point and stay as long as they'd like. Admission is free and donations are accepted.

The public performance May 18 is the final step in a seven-month process. After a two-session playwriting workshop last November, playwrights submitted their plays by the

Dec. 31 deadline. Several anonymous judges from around the state rated the 13 plays and the top three were selected. Those three not only will be performed May 18, but they will be featured at the Grosse Pointe Theatre general membership meeting Monday, May 13, at Assumption Cultural Center. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Playwright/members with works being performed as part of the festival are: John Kosik of Birmingham; Stella Woitulewicz of Detroit; Ron Bernas, Bruce Maters and Margie Smith of the City of

Grosse Pointe; Shawn Henry of Grosse Pointe Park; Patty Gillis and Cyndy Nehr of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Mary Lou Britton, Lee Shanck and Pete DiSante of St. Clair Shores.

"Ten-minute plays are the current trend in theater across the country," said festival producer Mary Lou Britton. "It gives playwrights and actors an opportunity to participate without the huge commitment of time and expertise needed with a full-length play. Each short play has, of course, a beginning, a middle and an end. The bonus for the audi-

ence is that — if they don't like a particular play — it will be over in less than 10 minutes and they'll be on to another story."

There are 33 different roles in the festival, all being performed by GPT members. For a full list of shows and the festival schedule, visit gpt.org. Many of the actors also are in rehearsal for "Annie," the final show of the season. "Annie" will be performed June 16 to 29, at the Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Visit gpt.org for showtimes and tickets.

fundraiser put on by the high schools. We host it, the GPYNEF sponsors it and all the money raised goes to the leukemia foundation. It's a really great opportunity for high school kids to be involved in a fundraiser."

For more information about the Leukemia Cup regatta, visit leukemia.cup.org.

For more information about the Great Lakes Boating Festival, visit greatlakesboatingfestival.com.

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is based on three criteria: 25 percent swimsuit, 25 percent evening gown and 50 percent interview.

"For Mrs. Michigan, we wear a one-piece swimsuit of our choosing, in red, white or blue," Adenaas said. "I chose red.

"For the evening gown, I struggled trying to find one; pageant gowns can be quite pricey," she continued. "I was talking to a friend about it one day and she said, 'Why not wear your wedding dress?' My dress was not a traditional wedding dress; it's a couture gown."

Adenaas sent a photo to a former Mrs. Michigan of the gown she wore during her wedding seven years ago, hoping to get an unbiased opinion.

"She said, 'It's beautiful,'" Adenaas said. "Then I told her it was my wedding dress and she said she loved it even more.

"To be able to wear it one more time and wear it through that experience makes it more special."

A panel interview with the judges included questions based on Adenaas' biography. They asked about her, her husband and her platform.

Adenaas met her husband, Christian, who is from Sweden, in Thailand.

"I was a student at Wayne State, volunteering at an orphanage in Thailand," she said. "Christian was there with a buddy on a fishing trip."



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Rachel Adenaas stands among the finalists of the Mrs. Michigan pageant.

They hit it off and began a long-distance relationship; the distance lessened when he came to the United States to finish school. Eventually, they wed at Kalmer Castle in Sweden. Now, they have two children — Winston, 5, and Whitney, 2.

Apart from her family, also of importance to Adenaas — and pageant judges — is her platform. She selected the Birthday Party Project, a Texas-based organization that throws birthday parties for children of the homeless and in transitional living. The organization has made its way to Detroit and Adenaas already has attended an event at Coalition On Temporary Shelter downtown.

"I just heard about the organization in January," Adenaas said. "Their goals for Michigan are to grow deep before they grow wide. They want to make sure it's consistent, so the kids know they're there. The times I've gone there, I can see how

important it is. Plus, I'm a person who loves birthdays, loves parties."

Adenaas said she ended her interview portion of the pageant feeling like the judges wanted more.

And they got more when Adenaas was among the top six finalists, each of whom had to answer one last on-stage question for judges.

"The question I drew was, 'Describe yourself in one word,'" she said. "I said, 'resilient.'"

"The answer felt so natural that it just flowed," she continued. "In the interview, they had asked me why I came here (to Michigan). Ten years ago, both of my parents and my brother passed away. It was debilitating."

Adenaas came to Detroit to close up her mother's business; she had planned to be in and out of the area quickly. Then she decided to finish her psychology degree at Wayne State University. During that time, she and several

friends went to Thailand.

"My life was in a rut," she said. "I felt like I had to leave to get out of that place. ... I was in a new city with no parents, no sibling. It was difficult. Thailand was like a rebirth, getting my life back together. It taught me resilience. ... It broke me down to get me back up."

After winning over the Mrs. Michigan judges,

Adenaas now must prepare for the Mrs. America competition, which takes place at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino on Aug. 25. The terms of the competition are the same as the state pageant, although she has to bring a costume with her that represents Michigan.

"It's funny how some life experiences prepare for other life experiences," she said. "After my mom passed away, my uncle told me to get a committee together of people I can trust. He said those people will help navigate me through the next steps of my life. ... I'm in my first week of working on my committee. Whether it's a former Mrs. Michigan or people in pageantry or a fitness coach, I will get together people who will best prepare me for Mrs. America."

"The confidence part comes from being ready," she continued. "For Mrs. Michigan, I was so thorough. I remember when I did Miss California, I was

just so happy to be there. I was excited to be around all the other women doing it, but I didn't know what to do. The committee is important to tell you what you didn't even know to ask."

Adenaas is finding rich resources in the community, including Detroit-native Carole Gist, who in 1990 became the first black Mrs. America.

"It's nice to have a person like her in my back pocket, to reach out to if I have questions," Adenaas said. "I feel like I'm in the best location of being able to tap into resources to best prepare me."

In the meantime, Adenaas plans to participate in the Mrs. Indiana pageant, as well as a few Memorial Day parades. Of course, during her reign she'll also be involved with the Birthday Party Project.

"It's amazing to be a part of that joy," she said. "Every child doesn't have a home, but every child does have a birthday."



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E. Suzanne Clogg

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident E. Suzanne Clogg, nee Wilson, passed away Wednesday, May 1, 2019. She was 93.

She was the oldest daughter of Arthur and Eva (nee Northcott) Wilson. She was the beloved wife of Donald C. Clogg, who passed away in 1992, after 40 years of marriage. She was the loving mother of Charles Clogg (Anne), Susan Neuder (Louis) and Ronald Clogg; dear grandmother of Jennifer Clogg, Sarah Walters (Brian), Laura Ott (Chad), Bradley Neuder (Allison) and Julia Wasilewski (Tony) and proud great-grandmother of Devin, Emma, Lauren, Whitney, Abigail, Eva, MacKenzie, Eleanor and Colin.

Sue, as she liked to be called, graduated from Michigan State University in 1948 with teaching degrees in home economics and physical education. While in college, she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and lived in their house on campus most of her college years. In 1948, she returned to Detroit where she taught for Detroit Public Schools. In 1968, she earned a master's degree in special education and taught at Leland Orthopedic School until her retirement in 1985 after 30 years of service.

In 1952, she married Donald Clogg and they raised their family in Grosse Pointe Woods. Together they were active at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods and the Turners Athletic Club in Detroit where they met. Later, when they moved out of Grosse Pointe Woods, they joined the Jefferson Yacht Club where they could be found playing cards or sitting by the swimming pool with friends. Sue also was active at the Little Thrift Shop at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where she helped take in donations.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sue was predeceased by her sister, Ruth Wilson Gabrielsen.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday,



E. Suzanne Clogg

May 10, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Sparrow Hospice, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909.

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Marianne M. Lee

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Marianne M. Lee, 92, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

She was born March 29, 1927, in Detroit, to Waldemar and Elvera Moesta. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Park in the home her father built, with many fond memories of what all of the Pointes were like back then.

Marianne attended St. Clare de Montefalco Catholic School and Dominican Catholic High School, graduating in 1944. She then attended Barry College in Miami, Fla., graduating in 1948 with a degree in home economics.

It was during her last year at Barry while on a visit home, she met her sweetheart, Bill Lee, a University of Detroit graduate. They married in 1950 in the original church inside St. Clare de Montefalco school. Bill passed away shortly before their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Marianne and Bill moved many times with their five young children: from Michigan to Massachusetts to Grosse Ile to Brussels, Belgium, and then back home to



Marianne M. Lee

Grosse Pointe, during Bill's 35-year career with Ford Motor Co. They enjoyed traveling to many countries with their children while in Europe.

Marianne enjoyed painting, particularly watercolors, nature and playing Bridge. She especially enjoyed being a full-time mother, wife, homemaker, grandma and "geet gamma." She relished the many good times and laughs shared with members of her Bridge groups and friends, including those with whom she remained close since elementary school.

She was a true friend to those who knew her and will be greatly missed.

A loving, dedicated mother, Marianne is survived by her children, Jane Wahl (Phillip), Kevin Lee, Mary Card (Dan) and Amy Jarvis (Crittenden); eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Bill; oldest son, Robert and only sibling, Rodman C. Moesta.

The family is deeply grateful for those who cared for Marianne the past 15 years at ShorePointe Nursing Care Center in St. Clair Shores and for the loving care she received at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe and Beaumont Hospice the last days of her life.

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

Donations may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Write on Pointe takes place May 18

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's Write on Pointe authors' fair provides new and established authors an outlet to display their work and chat with the public about the writing process, their inspiration and what it took to get published.

This year's fair, which takes place noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 18, is so chock full of authors, it's moving to the tented lawn of the library system's Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

At press time, close to 30 authors were scheduled to present their work during the fair.

Having so many authors provides a nice range of genres and types of publishing, Ewald Branch Manager Danis Houser said. "The response from authors is always good.

"And it's a showcase. It highlights what we do. We're always trying to find new ways to be relevant to everybody in the community."

This is the fourth such fair hosted by GPPL. It originated in summer 2012, as more of a conference, featuring speakers, a panel discussion and a small authors fair.

"At the time, self-publishing had really taken off," Houser noted. "One of the guides for self-publishing apparently was to contact your local library; 'They'd be happy to host.'

"We do want to support local authors," she continued.

While the original conference served as the impetus for the Write on Pointe brand, Houser said the library made some tweaks and



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LOCAL AUTHORS FAIR

responded to requests to bring back the authors' fair. Eventually, it became a free-standing event and has steadily drawn around two dozen authors.

"This is for people who have published books in any genre — fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, anything," she said, adding authors can be self-published or traditionally published.

Authors participate free of charge and are able to display and sell their books.

"People are really excited for the opportunity to share their work," Houser said. "It's been fun to watch."

The library system began accepting author applications in March and has drawn more than Ewald can accommodate indoors. A tent or two will be set up on the lawn with tables for each author, Houser said.

Speakers are planned during the event, Houser said.

"Local authors who were traditionally published but in various genres will be speaking about the writing process, the publishing process," she said. "We'll have a couple individuals, maybe a panel discussion, and then a keynote speaker —

Karen Dionne, who wrote 'The Marsh King's Daughter.' I'm so excited to have her; she's a lot of fun."

Speakers will present in Ewald's program room during the fair, while Dionne makes her keynote address at 3:30 p.m.

The event also includes a pop-up book sale.

"It's for people who want to support local authors," Houser said. "We have such a wealth of talent in this community — writers of all kinds and creative people in general. There are a lot of well-known authors in the community and outside of it. We want to showcase them and the lesser known, to model the things they can do and let them know we're a place they can go for help or encouragement or both.

"Maybe you'll find something new to read you wouldn't ordinarily have the chance to get," she continued. "So come and support your friends and neighbors who are doing cool stuff. It takes a lot of courage to publish something. We don't want to discourage that. We want to encourage it."

For more information about Write on Pointe, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

League of Women Voters celebrates its Michigan centennial

By Margaret Freundl
Guest Writer

During its March meeting, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe's board paused to recognize the April 4 centennial of the founding of the

League of Women Voters of Michigan. The Michigan League held its 1919 inaugural convention in Grand Rapids, where Belle Brotherton from Detroit was elected

its first president. The Michigan League preceded the founding of the national League in 1920, which was formed to educate and help women

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Soup & Art benefits Full Circle

The Full Circle Foundation kicked off its 10th year serving the Grosse Pointes by hosting its second Soup & Arts event to highlight elements and members of the community.

The event, held at The War Memorial, drew nearly 300 people and featured "the flavors of GP" — 12 unique soups prepared by local chefs and judged by City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Christopher Boettcher, Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman George McMullen and Larry Dowers.

The Judges' Choice winner was the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's cold corn chowder, while the People's Choice winner

was The Helm's golden mushroom soup.

In addition to the soups, numerous local artists displayed their wares, including 20 larger-than-life self-portraits painted by students and hung throughout the ballroom and hallways.

The event was rounded out by live music from Nothing Yet, featuring Nick Raymond, guitar and vocals; Bert Austin, violin; Gordon Meldrum, upright bass; Danyelle King, ukulele and vocals; and Missy Kinyon, guitar and vocals.



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Clockwise from left, Emily Virga, a Full Circle student, sells her pottery at the art show; judges Chris Boettcher and Larry Dowers chat with Evie Nasell about the curried coconut butternut squash soup from City Kitchen; Diane Kasuba, Full Circle founder Mary Fodell, Joan Richardson, Bob Rossbach and Beline Obeid; and Melina Glusac purchases a piece of art from Kara Campbell. Next to Campbell are Amy Fodell and teacher Ann Marie Bokatzian.



ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

Neighbor's pot smoking more than a nuisance

Q: I live in a condominium apartment with a new neighbor who smokes pot daily in his apartment. The smoke from his marijuana is finding its way into my apartment. To be in one's home and be subjected to the smell of pot is terrible. I am concerned about what adverse effects it might have on me. Do my clothes and hair pick up the odor? If I have guests, how embarrassing to have a home that smells like a drug den. More importantly, I work in a drug-free workplace. Could my repeated exposure to a neighbor's marijuana smoke show up on a drug test? Is there something that can be done about this? Do I have rights?

A: We contacted the city of Grosse Pointe Farms to learn what rights you might have. Unfortunately, nothing much can be done legally about another person's marijuana smoke wafting

into your house or your backyard as long as they are smoking it in their home or on their property.

The law for marijuana mirrors the rules in place for alcohol. Like alcohol, you cannot use marijuana on public property, only on private property. If your neighbor is smoking pot in his or her backyard and you are out with your children, for example, there is nothing that can legally be done about the odor drifting onto your property and up your children's noses. As for your apartment, you could talk to your condo association or landlord, asking them to pass a building code labeling it a nuisance. You could also have a friendly talk with your neighbor and ask if he would instead ingest edible marijuana.

We asked a member of the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council about the feasibility of passing city ordinances that would regulate intrusive marijuana smoke. He explained that an ordinance could

be written and, if passed and enforced, it would be vulnerable to lawsuits challenging its constitutionality. A legal fight would be too costly for small communities that don't have budgeted funds for such challenges. On the state level, since the law was passed by voters, legislators cannot change any part of it.

We suggest, if your neighbor won't change his behavior and your condo association doesn't take action, using an air purifier. Also, see if there is a way to block the smoke from entering your home. You might want to get a drug test to see if you are registering positive for marijuana. If so, get some advice on how to bring this issue to your human resources department at work.

Jeff and Debra Jay have a private practice offering addiction services. If you have question you'd like to ask, contact them at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

Music at Memorial hosts DSO principal cellist

Music at Memorial welcomes back cellist Wei Yu and his pianist wife, Keun-A Lee, for a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. Yu is the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's principal cellist; previously he was a member of the New York Philharmonic. Lee is a collaborative pianist with the Chicago Lyric Opera company and frequent DSO guest pianist. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available at the church reception desk or online at eventgroove.com.



Wei Yu

Always something to learn

By Marla G. Maiuri
Guest Writer

The next time you observe a youth walking aimlessly, device in hand, and appearing to be detached from all aspects of reality — keep an open mind.

I recently had the pleasure of spending the afternoon with a member of Generation Z.

I wanted to thank Teddy for his willing participation in my presentation for PFLAG Grosse Pointe this past December. Teddy took part in a short dramatization I put together to further emphasize my talk. He played our Creator

and he did it well. I was amazed at how relaxed and confident he was. His energy even had a calming effect on me.

I walked away from our recent lunch together with a valuable realization. Gen Z's are doing some pretty profoundly meaningful things with their tech savvy. Sure, they need to escape into total recreation from time to time — don't we all? However, don't underestimate this generation. For me, I'm going to relax in the knowing that these insightful, caring, young people are contributing to our evolution. Teddy Pappas, I look forward to more co-creation



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Marla Maiuri and Teddy Pappas perform a dramatization.

together.

Marla G. Maiuri is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Visit youtu.be/hakV2TbQhM to watch Maiuri's and Pappas' dramatization at Pier Park. Visit youtu.be/_ipx-Kkl

isM to watch Maiuri's December lecture during a meeting of the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Grosse Pointe chapter.

View inspirational tweets from Maiuri @mauri_g.

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take a larger role in public affairs after the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote in national elections. Michigan was one of the first three states to ratify the 19th Amendment. With the theme "Building on the First 100 Years," the Michigan League convention May 17 to 19 in Livonia celebrates its 100th birthday and the 100th anniversary of suf-

frage for women in Michigan.

The League is a non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. It does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League, at its national, state and local levels, provides unbiased, nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process and issues. It also uses its positions based on study to advocate for or against

particular policies in the public interest.

Locally, the Grosse Pointe chapter prepares and distributes Voters' Guides, conducts open voter education sessions and sponsors an Environment Task Force to promote clean air and the safety of the Great Lakes. Gary Niehaus, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, recognized the local League's work in providing educational forums that are "open, fair and informative" concerning board elections, bond referen-

dum and important education issues.

The chapter's annual meeting is scheduled Saturday, June 1, at the Country Club of Detroit. Guest speaker will be Josh Elling, CEO of Jefferson East Inc., which is growing Detroit's east Jefferson corridor and its neighborhoods from Alter Road to downtown Detroit. More information is available at the chapter website, grossepointe.mi.lvvnet.org.

Freundl is a member of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes the community at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, for dinner and discussion on "Living the Virtues and Other Ways to Pray." The Rev. Jim Lowe, from Companions of the Cross, presents on the topic to help families grow in faith together and strengthen them through prayer and living lives of virtue. To reserve a seat, call (313) 885-8855.

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screenings, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 14.

◆ Individual nutritional counseling, 9:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 14. Registered dietician Andrea Hageman offers 30-minute, one-on-one appointments.

◆ "A Matter of Balance — Fall Prevention Program," 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 14 to June 6. Participants learn exercises to increase balance, strength and flexibility; practical strategies to reduce falls; and how to make their homes safer to avoid falls.

◆ Beginning Digital Photography, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, May 14 to June 25.

◆ "Ballroom Dancing I — Partner Movement Skills," 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 14 to June 25.

◆ Third Thursday Book Club, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 16. "Born a Crime," by Trevor Noah, will be

discussed.

◆ Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

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

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Deirdre Groves of Challenge Detroit speaks.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Suzy Berschback, healthy communities manager at Beaumont, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday,

May 15, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday, May 17, Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Veterans Club

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. hosts its annual luncheon Thursday, May 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The luncheon begins at 2 p.m. with the presentation of the Jean R. Gilbert Patriot Award to World War II veterans Thomas R. Jantz, for his service in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air National Guard and the Veterans Club, and Marieke Allen, for her service in maintaining the Veterans Garden more than 12 years. Reservations are required. Cost is \$25 and reservations must be made by Thursday, May 9. For information, call John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

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John Kosanke commended Conigliaro for the sacrifice he's making, not only to his family and the department, but to the country.

"He's put in 18 1/2 years of dedicated service with us and continues to play a key role in the department," Kosanke said. "I'm hoping Brian is in a safe environment. He's going on a mission for the United States to play a role in terrorism. Terrorism is all around the world, everywhere we go. Brian has accepted this assignment. There are a lot of challenges that await Brian. I believe the military is getting great leadership in Brian."

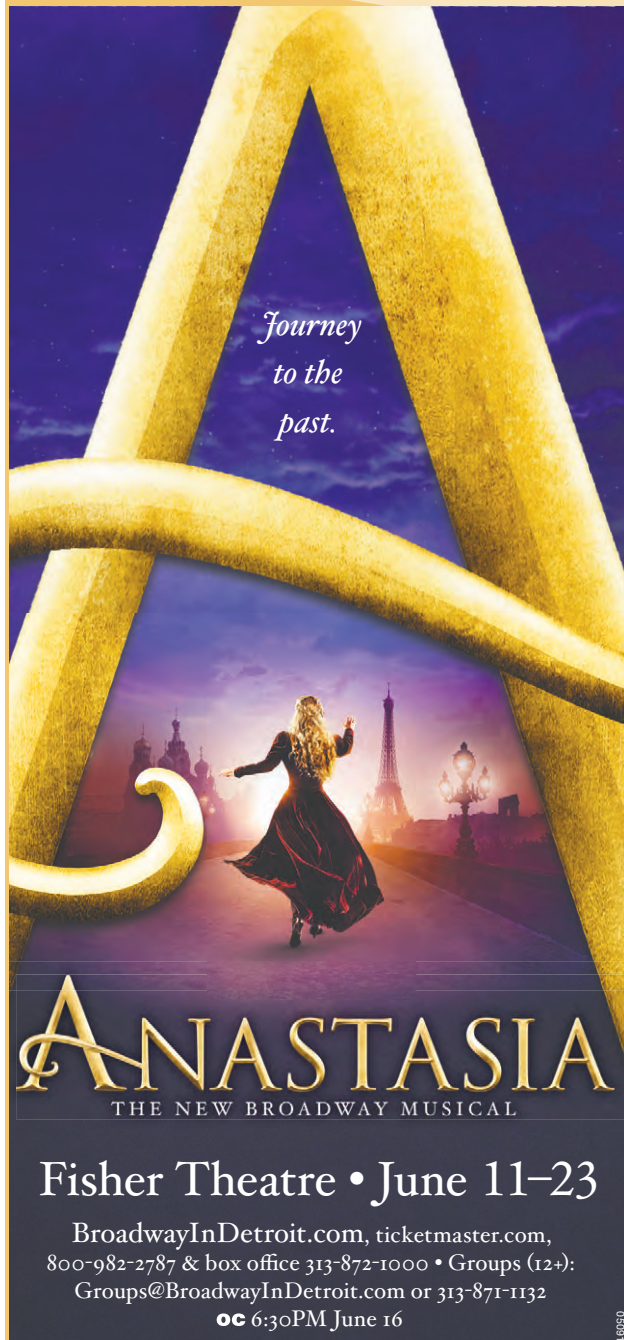
"Locally, he helps keep Grosse Pointe safe ...

not just Grosse Pointe Woods, but the whole community," Kosanke continued. "It's his mission to keep the community safe. Now he's going to a global level of trying to keep the world safe. He's got a lot on his shoulders. It will be a personal challenge for him. ... Brian's going to come back an even better man than he is now."

Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Bruce Smith said Conigliaro will be missed while he's gone.

"Everybody around here chips in and makes sacrifices and his is so much greater," Smith said. "It's quite a special honor what he's doing and the sacrifice of being away from his family for a year. What he's doing is really special. ... We're going to miss him; he's a good guy."

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Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Norsemen blank Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls soccer teams met early last week in the first of two regular season battles.

The Norsemen have been playing better after a sluggish start and the good fortune continued as they went on the road to beat their rivals 3-0.

"We have been playing very well the past couple of weeks, and we played a very strong game tonight," North head coach Olivia Dallaire said. "The girls had a wake-up call after losing some early games against very good competition. They weren't used to losing 6-0 and 4-0, but they regrouped and played better."

"They definitely have risen to the occasion, including our younger players."

As for the younger players, freshman Eleanor Bernas scored late in the first half to give the Norsemen a 2-0 lead they would take to intermission.

The Norsemen nearly

scored in the first 10 seconds of the first half. They did get a goal several minutes later as sophomore Maddie Kohler scored at the 32-minute mark.

The Blue Devils made their run to get on the board. Head coach Chris Bolio watched a couple of shots barely miss the wide side. Instead of going to the half tied 2-2, they trailed 2-0.

In the second half, senior Ava Stander finished off the Blue Devils with a goal at the 7-minute mark, and senior goaltender Hannah Martin was solid in net as the Blue Devils sent several blistering shots her way, but none could find the back of the net.

"We have been able to get off to fast starts during our recent string of good games, and that has been important," Dallaire said. "It was important tonight since we were playing our rivals."

Other standouts for the Norsemen were senior captains Maddie Mills and Meghan Gallagher, who controlled the midfield.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe North's Meghan Gallagher, right, and Grosse Pointe South's Sarah Carr played well in the Norsemen's win over the Blue Devils.

South's top strikers, senior Sarah Carr and sophomore Cailee Corsentino, weren't able to get on track. They had some hard shots on net, but they didn't score.

In other Macomb Area Conference Red Division action last week, North lost 6-1 to visiting Utica Eisenhower and South lost 5-0 at Anchor Bay.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-2-1 in the division and 3-5-1 overall, while South is 0-5 in the division and 3-7-1 overall.

Liggett results

University Liggett School played twice last week, losing 3-1 to host Ann Arbor Greenhills and winning 3-1 over visiting Wixom St. Catherine.

Izzy Brusilow scored

the Knights' lone goal against Greenhills, assisted by Kate Birgbauer.

Brusilow was the player of the game in the victory, scoring all three goals.

"It was a huge win," head coach David Dwaihy said.

Birgbauer set up two goals, while Victoria Ortiz and Mary Weiermiller helped set up the third. Bella Cubba played great in net and helped keep a surging St. Catherine at bay.

"They were in the second spot in the Catholic League, so this was a big one for us," Dwaihy said. "The girls gutted it out and were very excited."

ULS is 3-8 in the Catholic League and 3-9 overall.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen clinch title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls tennis team clinched the Macomb Area Conference White Division regular season title last week, beating L'Anse Creuse North 7-1 and Sterling Heights Stevenson 8-0.

Against the Crusaders, both teams played quick matches with rain on the way.

The Norsemen won three of the four singles matches with Ana Todesco, Evelyn Stahl and Silje Jensen winning 8-0, 8-2 and 8-1. Mia Eugenio lost 8-5 in her singles match.

Claire Williams and Rachel Stone cruised to an 8-1 win at No. 1 doubles, while Evelyn Riley and Julia Riley went the

distance before winning 8-7 at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 3 doubles, Maegan Daher and Jamie Delas won 8-5, and it was Tasha Burr and Meredith Olzem winning 8-4 at No. 4 doubles.

Head coach John Van Alst watched his Norsemen sweep the Titans in dominating fashion, losing only seven games in eight matches.

Todesco, Stahl and Jensen won 6-0, 6-0, and Eugenio cruised 6-2, 6-0 in their singles matches.

Williams and Stone also won 6-2, 6-0, while the Riley sisters won 6-0, 6-1.

Daher and Delas won 6-0, 6-0, and Burr and Olzem won 6-2, 6-0 to complete the sweep and earn the title.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn crown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team took care of business last week, winning a sixth consecutive Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season championship.

The Blue Devils' last division loss came to Port Huron Northern in 2013.

The Blue Devils beat Romeo 8-0 and Utica Eisenhower 7-1 to claim the title and finish 4-0 in the division.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski knew his girls had to dig deep later in the week when they battled No. 2 ranked

Bloomfield Hills, as well as Saline, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last weekend.

"Our girls will be tested, that is for sure," Sobieralski said during a weekend match against Grosse Pointe North. "This will go a long way when it comes to state seeding."

The Blue Devils defeated Bloomfield Hills 5-3 before cruising in a quad match, beating Saline and Stoney Creek by 8-1 scores, and Cranbrook Kingswood 7-2.

South improved to 14-0-1 overall.



Grosse Pointe North's Maddie Mills, third from left, looks to head a ball off a corner kick during the Norsemen's league game with the Blue Devils.

Softball

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Teams playing better

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North softball team defeated Sterling Heights 16-0 in five innings last week.

The Norsemen received a nice pitching performance from juniors Sydney Brumme and Grace Haynes, who combined to throw a one-hit shutout.

At the plate, senior Rachel Liagre had three hits and two runs scored, while junior Brenna Marsin had three hits and three runs scored.

Brumme chipped in with two hits and two

runs scored.

Grosse Pointe North is 7-5 overall.

South results

Senior Adriana Agosta pitched a solid game, but suffered a tough 4-3 loss to division foe Port Huron last week.

Agosta went six innings, giving up only five hits, three walks and striking out 12.

Senior Julia O'Halla continued her hot hitting, driving in two runs on two hits, while defensively, freshman Shannon Dame and sophomore Margaret Kramer played well.

"We hit the ball hard

all over the field, but it was just one of those games where nothing dropped for a base hit," head coach Bill Fleming said. "All of Adriana's hard working is starting to pay off. She has 26 strikeouts in her last three games and has really pitched well. We played errorless defense in two of our last three games and are really starting to mesh as a team. I'm excited to see what we can do the last six weeks of the season."

The Blue Devils fell to 1-4 in the MAC Blue Division and 4-10-1 overall.

Liggett results

Rain was also a concern to University Liggett School, which played only one of four scheduled games last week.

The Knights lost the opener 8-3 to Wixom St. Catherine, and game two was halted due to darkness and will be made up in the near future.

The Knights also had a scheduled double-header at Madison Heights Bishop Foley washed out due to the rain. It will be made up May 13.

ULS is 5-6 in the Catholic League and 6-7 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights net league win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls tennis team beat visiting Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard 6-2 last week, improving to 2-3-1 in the Catholic League.

Some matches weren't completed when the rains came, but they used a tie-breaking system to determine a winner.

The Knights swept the four doubles matches. Each of the four flights were pushed, including the No. 1 tandem of Siobhan Haggarty and Izzy Vidal, who prevailed

6-3, 5-7, 3-3.

At No. 2 doubles, Angelina Polizzi and Kennedy Campbell won 6-4, 4-3, and Leah Coleman and Lizzie Lukas won 6-4, 7-5 in an evenly played match at No. 3 doubles.

Darshana Subramaniam and Logan Merriweather won 6-1, 7-6 at No. 4 doubles.

Melanie Zampardo cruised 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles, and Meena Pandrangi won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

Olivia Valente lost 6-2, 6-4 at No. 2 singles, and Kaitlin Fox lost 6-0, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

Boys lacrosse

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



PHOTO BY TOM DAILEY

Tough loss

University Liggett School players, shown above against Grosse Pointe South, lost a 9-6 game last week against Catholic League foe Royal Oak Shrine. The players, from left, Connor Barthel, No. 35, James Dailey, No. 3, and Dakota Jones, No. 34, and their teammates couldn't get over the hump in their final league game. The Knights are 4-2 in the Catholic League.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen struggle in losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys lacrosse team endured a rough two-game stretch last week, losing 7-2 to Utica

Eisenhower and 19-1 to Lake Orion.

The Norsemen couldn't get their offense on track against the Eagles in a Macomb Area Conference Red Division game.

Things didn't get much better against the Dragons, which brought a 9-2 record into the contest at North.

The Norsemen trailed 11-0 at the half. They avoided the shutout late

in the fourth quarter when sophomore Ethan McCormick scored.

Head coach Mark Seppala and his Norsemen dropped to 1-3 in the MAC Red Division and 3-8 overall.

Girls lacrosse

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights play well

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls lacrosse team is running on all cylinders.

The Knights played two home games last week and won them both, beating Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard 12-6 and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 9-6.

The Knights led ASH 5-2 at the half, thanks to two goals from senior Emma Wujek and single

goals from seniors Elise Buhl and Abby Doppke and sophomore Delaney Garvey.

They led 8-3 midway through the second half before Sacred Heart outscored the home team 3-1 to make it close.

In the second half, Wujek scored twice, while Buhl and sophomore Kendall Zinn each had one.

Senior Allie Quint had a dozen saves for the Knights, who stand 6-1 in the Catholic League and 8-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Games have been few and far between this season for head coach Alycsa Valentine and her Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse team.

However, they had back-to-back games last week and the results went the Blue Devils' way with wins over Ann Arbor Skyline 18-9 and Chippewa Valley 21-0.

Against Skyline, freshman Abigail Keane led the way with five goals, followed by senior Rose Williamson with three.

Seniors Kristen Eschbach and Margaux Schaller, and juniors Gray Rahm and Hannah Blanz, scored two goals apiece.

Senior Jacqueline Mercier and sophomore Alston Smith each had one goal.

The host Blue Devils scored early and often against Chippewa Valley.

Schaller scored 19 seconds into the first half, and senior Julia Gigante followed with a goal at the 23:05 mark.

Schaller and Williamson scored goals 11 seconds apart to make it 4-0 less than five minutes into the first half.

Gigante scored a goal, and Eschbach added two straight goals to make it 7-0.

The Blue Devils led 14-0 at the half as freshman Abigail Keane, sophomore Mary Fannon, Williamson, junior Caitlin Rionda, Mercier, Gigante and Smith tallied.

In the second half, Eschbach, Keane, two, Blanz, junior Mia Rancilio and senior Izzy Adams, two, put goals on the board.

Junior goalie Hadley McSunas was in net for both wins.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-1-1.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils crush Romeo

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse

team clinched a share of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, beating visiting Romeo 16-3.

They trailed 2-0 in the first few minutes of the first quarter, but scored four straight goals to lead 4-2 after the open-

ing period, and added six more goals in the second period to lead 10-2 at the half.

The Blue Devils won the third quarter 3-1 and finished strong, outscoring the Bulldogs 3-0 in the final period to win and improve to 4-0 in the MAC Red Division.

South had balanced scoring, led by seniors Michael Kuchta, Jacob Adams, Miles Dingeman and Turner Sine, junior Charles Ulbrich and sophomore Miles Wujek with two goals apiece.

Senior John Coyle was the winning goaltender, and gave up only three goals on a dozen shots.

The six-goal second quarter was the difference as the Blue Devils gained momentum and never let the Bulldogs take it from them.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils beat Utica Eisenhower 6-2 and Ann Arbor Pioneer 9-3 in another recent game to improve its overall record to 8-4.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Mojo goes away

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first half, the host Grosse Pointe North

girls lacrosse team looked primed to put a game in the win column last weekend.

Then the second half came about and the Norsemen were outscored 9-3 to lose 12-6 to Warren Regina.

The Norsemen led 3-1 on goals by seniors Bella Welke and Lainey Aldridge, and junior Emma Burney. They scored 34 seconds into the first half, then again at the 21:40 and 16:55 marks.

The Saddlelites scored at the 8:02 mark and tied it at the 2:51 mark. They grabbed a 4-3 lead before the Norsemen tied it 4-4 when senior Meaghan McSkimming tallied at the 20:56 mark.

The Saddlelites scored the next four goals to lead 8-4. The Norsemen came back with two goals in a 60-second span to cut it to 8-6.

North dropped to 1-9 overall.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 1, 2019 and the Special City Council meeting held March 29, 2019.
- 2) To open the Public Hearing on the levying of a 20 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.
- 3) To close the Public Hearing on the levying of a 20 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 116357 through 116473 in the amount of \$683,805.88 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment in the amount of \$13,500.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several emergency watermain breaks. (3) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$56,119.72 for the purchase of 168 5/8" Orion water meter tops, 128 5/8" Orion meters and one 1.5" Orion meter. (4) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$51,117.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of March, 2019. (5) approve payment to CTI Contractor Services in the amount of \$34,510.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19717 Lancaster as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (6) approve payment to Pella Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$34,066.90 for the renovations and repair work at 20862 Beaufait as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
- 2) to direct the City Assessor to spread the assessment levy of 20 mills on the taxable value of all lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods to defray the costs to continue maintenance and operations of police and fire (10 mills for police and 10 for fire).
- 3) approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$12,538.58 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2017 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-188.
- 4) approve payment to Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$32,042.59 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2018 SAW Grant - Storm Sewer CCTV Investigation Project, #180-202.
- 5) to adopt the attached Resolution accepting the State of Michigan's Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships (FDCVT) grant in the amount of up to \$200,000.00 toward the implementation of the water meter replacement project and further to authorize the City Manager to sign all of the necessary documents required by the State of Michigan.
- 6) to adopt the amended City of Harper Woods Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines policy to remain in compliance with Public Act 563 of 2014, effective immediately.
- 7) to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the City of Harper Woods Defined Benefit Pension Retirement Plan as prepared and submitted by the Finance Director, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents and forward same to the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- 8) to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the City of Harper Woods Retirement Health Benefit Plan as prepared and submitted by the Finance Director, and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents and forward same to the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- 9) to approve Mayor Pro tem Kinkle's attendance at the MML Board of Trustees meeting with a limit not to exceed \$1,000.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE**

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Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section

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Baseball

Blue Devils take 2 of 3 in division

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South baseball team split the first two games of its three-game series with Sterling Heights Stevenson last week, winning 6-3 and losing 7-3.

In the victory, Nick Raicevich earned the win on the mound, going the first five innings, striking out seven. Weston Brundage tossed the final two innings to get a save.

He struck out four, and the two combined to scatter only three hits.

At the dish, Conor McKenna had two doubles and two RBIs, while Brundage had two hits. Matthew Fabry drove in two runs, while Devin Slaughter had one hit and one RBI.

The middle game was postponed due to poor field conditions, but they played the following day at South and the Blue Devils couldn't keep pace with the Titans.

It was the Blue Devils' first loss in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division as they only had five hits, singles from Will Leonard, Drew Maccagnone, McKenna, Slaughter and Eden Frevik.

The Titans led 4-0 in the fifth inning before the Blue Devils battled back to make it 4-3. Leonard drove in a run with a ground out and Maccagnone drove in two runs with a single.

The Titans added three

runs in the sixth inning to give them a four-run cushion. The Blue Devils loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth, but didn't plate a run.

Cody Shook took the loss, going five innings and gave up six hits, walked three and struck out four.

In the rubber game, Brundage earned the win, pitching six shutout innings, and Conor McKenna pitched the seventh as they won the series two games to one.

Conor McKenna added two hits and one RBI, while Maccagnone drove in two runs. Slaughter and Fabry also drove in runs as the Blue Devils took advantage of the Titans' four errors.

"This is the first time we took two out of three from Stevenson, so it was a very productive week," head coach Griesbaum said.

Last weekend, South traveled to Mount Pleasant to play a double-header. It lost 10-2 in the

opener and 5-2 in game two to drop to 11-10 overall.

In the first game, Liam Kaiser took the loss, pitching 3 1/3 innings. Hutchison and Brian McKenna finished.

Miles Jamieson and Brady McCarron each pitched three innings in the second game. The Blue Devils had only three hits, including two from Patrick Hopper.

Mount Pleasant benefited from walks, receiving eight in each game.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen split with SC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North baseball team tasted defeat for the first time this season, losing 4-0 to St. Clair early last week.

Nothing went right for the home team as they only had four hits and three defensive miscues helped the Saints score single runs in the third and fourth innings.

The Saints added a run in the sixth inning and another in the seventh to back the pitching of their ace.

As for head coach David Martin and his Norsemen, it just wasn't

their day.

They finished with only four hits, a double by senior Ryan Shanley in the sixth, a single by senior Matt Mazzola in the sixth, a single by senior Jack Kensora in the first and a single by senior Chad Lorkowski in the fourth.

Their best chance to score came in the sixth when they loaded the bases with two outs, but a pop out to second ended the threat.

Senior Louis Cardinale suffered the loss, pitching five innings and giving up five hits and only one earned run. Kensora and Lorkowski each pitched an inning.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe North's Matt Mazzola has been a senior leader this season.

In the final two games of the three-game series, the Norsemen played only one, a 7-6 nine-inning victory that evened the series 1-1.

The third game was postponed due to rain

and will be made up soon.

Grosse Pointe North remains in first place in the Macomb Area Conference White Division at 7-1 and is 15-1 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Cimini is hopeful his University Liggett School baseball team can gain firm footing heading into the final couple of weeks of the regular season.

Last week, the Knights split a double-header with Catholic League foe Macomb Lutheran North, winning 5-1 and losing 7-2, and then split a DH with visiting Portage Northern, winning 5-4 in eight innings and losing 10-0.

"We need to be more consistent, plain and simple," Cimini said. "We have beaten the aces of some of the best teams in the state like Country Day, Brother Rice and Portage Northern, but

then fell flat against others."

In the opener against Portage Northern, the Knights tied it 2-2 in the fifth inning, but fell behind 4-2 after a two-run homer in the top of the eighth inning.

The Knights loaded the bases after one run scored, and won the game when the second baseman fielded a ground ball and tagged the runner going to second.

When he tried for the game-winning double play, he threw wild to first base, allowing the tying and winning runs to score.

ULS is 5-5 in the Catholic League and 8-7 overall with three weeks left until the state play-offs begin.

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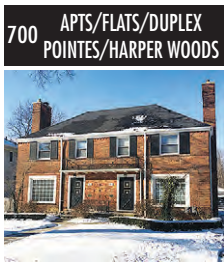
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King Crossword

Solution for last week's puzzle 5/2/19

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1	Last few notes	42	Chemical relative	19	"Forget it!"
5	Med. approval org.	45	Discount store	21	Hostel
8	Fall into a beanbag chair	49	Ms. Moore	24	Next-to-last letter
12	Last write-up	50	Blunder	25	Still, in verse
13	Valentine misspelling	52	Green land	26	Role for Julie, Eartha, Lee, Michelle, Halle or Anne
14	Actress Turner	53	Mideast nation	28	Rapa — (Easter Island)
15	Missing	54	Cartoonist	29	Museum pieces
16	Past	55	Kvetches	30	Visibility hindrance
17	Spore cases	56	Queue	31	"30 Rock" star
18	Pour wine	57	Chances, for short	36	White weasel
20	Time of discontent?	58	Jog	37	Catcher's place?
22	Calf's mama			38	Range
23	Fresh			41	Symbol for gold
24	1/4 bushel			42	"American —"
27	Not steadily			43	Big rig
32	Vast expanse			44	Start over
33	Play with robots			46	Storyteller
34	Anonymous Richard			47	Therefore
35	Discontinue			48	Criterion
38	Nervous			51	Tear
39	Type of humor				
40	Candle material				

DOWN

1	Frigid
2	Reed instrument
3	Record
4	Have at
5	Platyhelminth
6	Used a shovel
7	Acknowledge
8	Shaved a board
9	Debate closer
10	Previously
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
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