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## Civil rights group recommends restart

### Vote on reconfiguration to proceed

By Mary Anne Brush  
 Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education will vote on school closures and proposed grade reconfiguration in spite of

the Michigan Department of Civil Rights' recommendation to restart the decision-making process. Resolutions on the agenda propose closing Mason or Poupard elementary school on the north end and Maire or

Trombly elementary school on the south end and moving fifth-grade from elementary to middle school.

"It is clear that the community perceives that the process for deciding the fate of their neighbor-

hood schools lacked transparency and the effective involvement of the people most impacted by the reconfiguration," said Agustin V. Arbulu, MDCR executive director, in a news release. "The process also failed to adequately take into consideration issues of racial equity and dispa-

rate impacts on children and communities of color. For these and other reasons we outline in our report, we strongly recommend that the school board restart their deliberation with an eye to creating a more inclusive and transparent process." Thirty parents and community members tes-

tified during four listening sessions — nine at the May 29 sessions and 21 at the June 4 sessions, according to the MDCR summary report. Arbulu further clarified in an email the department also received 27 written comments.

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## Plans could revitalize Village, aid city development

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — During the Monday, June 17 council meeting, the City introduced two Michigan Economic Development Corporation plans while discussing the potential of pursuing them.

Although the programs can run independently of each other or hand-in-hand, the Michigan Main Street program would focus on The Village, while the Redevelopment Ready Communities program would deal more with the city as a whole.

"Our program exists to help communities attract residents and business, encourage local investment and build community capital through encouraging local investing into the downtown district," Michigan Main

Street Organization Specialist Leigh Young said.

The MMS is meant to help identify and track progress toward the community's overall goal.

"Your community is at a place and time right now where you've seen so many great successes, but Main Street can be that extra thing that takes you to the next level," Young said.

Technical assistance the program would provide includes branding, communication planning, business recruitment, marketing data analysis, board development and training, retail merchandising and support to small, local entrepreneurs.

"The Main Street approach really is a com-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

This 1933 Packard was one of the vintage autos parked along the driveway. In 1933, this car sold for \$2,385 and only 205 were built.

## Former 'Art Van house' opens for gala

By Jody McVeigh  
 Editor

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A little rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and guests who attended its 16th annual gala fundraiser, "Music of the Night."

The sold-out June 13 event welcomed hun-

dreds of guests to the Grosse Pointe Shores home of Jim and Patricia Anderson at 950 Lakeshore. VIP sponsors were granted early access to "Anderson Villa," to tour all three stories of the chateau-style home, built in 1991 by Mary Ann and Art Van Elslander.

At 6:30 p.m., upper levels were roped off as

more guests arrived and filtered through various main floor areas — including a bar serving the signature cocktail "Legend of the Lake" — on their way to a tented outdoor feast.

"It was a wonderful event," said Historical Society President Patricia O'Brien. "Unfortunately Mother Nature didn't cooperate as we would

have liked. But with the home as large as it is and the Andersons as gracious as they are, many people stayed in the house, so everything worked out beautifully. The historical society cannot thank the Andersons enough for everything they did for us for this party."

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## Fitness club owner files lawsuit to 'clear his name'

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Mike Fox says he is no bank robber.

In fact, he spends significant time mentoring youth, teaching them to obey rules and strive for excellence, his lawyers and supporters say. So he's seeking in excess of

\$125,000 in a Wayne County Circuit Court lawsuit filed Friday, June 14, after he was arrested in spring 2018 when police in Grosse Pointe Woods identified him as the person whose image was captured on surveillance robbing Chemical Bank.

"I've lost friends over it. Friends and clients have stopped coming into the

gym," Fox said.

The owner of Detroit Thrive Training Systems, located at 4300 Marseilles in the Mack Athletic Complex, was at his facility when he was arrested by officers armed with assault weapons.

"This was certainly done in full view of his clientele," said Robert Higbee, Fox's attorney.

A coach with 15 years experience interacting with youth, Fox said some schools and organizations "cut ties" with him after learning about his arrest. The most significant damage has been done to his family, including racial taunts from other students toward his fourth-grade son, Fox added. His absence was

felt by his child at the sporting events where they frequently bonded, Fox said.

"Every time he went to a baseball game, every time he went to a flag football game, he was wondering, 'Why isn't my dad here?'"

Fox's lawsuit seeks

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**Doug Cowan**

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms  
 Grosse Pointe South student-athlete chose to join U.S. sailing team to compete in Europe



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# Farms probation officer awarded for 40 years of service

Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Katherine Sarvis-Adamski, probation officer for the Farms, is currently the longest serving district court probation officer in Michigan.

"The most rewarding thing of my job is when someone comes to me and says, 'You were tough, but I wouldn't have changed if it weren't for you,'" she said.

Wednesday, May 22, Sarvis-Adamski received the 40 Years of Service Award from the Michigan Association of District Court Probation Officers.

"I felt very honored to accept that award," she said.

Although she once considered becoming a veter-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Katherine Sarvis-Adamski is the longest serving district court probation officer in Michigan.**

inarian, the 1975 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate ultimately pursued a bachelor's degree in social work with a specialty in family and children's services from Wayne State University

before earning a master's degree in psychology.

After two other jobs, her career began in 1979 as a volunteer probation officer in Riverview 27th District Court before she was promoted to probation director within two months.

"I started with a volunteer job and found that it was something that really, really intrigued me and that I had the chance to help save lives or change direction in somebody's life," Sarvis-Adamski said.

She was hired in 1983 as a part-time probation officer for Southgate 28th District Court and Lincoln Park 25th District Court. She was promoted to full-time director of probation in 1984.

Due to a desire to move back to the eastside, in

1989 she was hired at the 32A District Court in Harper Woods, although she maintained part-time employment at the 27th District Court two more years.

However, Sarvis-Adamski's grandfather, John R. Sutton Jr., was the police and fire commissioner for the Farms in 1933 and in seeking to follow his legacy, she had always wanted to work for the Grosse Pointe municipal courts.

She started employment in the Farms court in 2009 and currently serves as the city's probation officer.

"I love what I do and it makes me sad that eventually I will have to retire, because I work with a great bunch of people here and it's a tight fam-

ily," Sarvis-Adamski said. "We believe in community outreach and we like to treat all the people that come through our court with respect and dignity."

She is an internationally certified criminal justice professional and critical incident debriefer.

"That means that whether it's a natural disaster or a man-made disaster, we are called in after the incident to debrief the first responders to help them to get healthy to get back into the mainstream of life," she said.

Sarvis-Adamski has used her skills in some situations that have happened in the recent past.

In 2018, Sarvis-Adamski retired from the Harper Woods Probation Department, continuing

to work in the Farms.

Regarding what 40 years as a probation officer has taught her about life, she said, "I realized there are so many different walks of life and circumstances behind everybody's life. ... People need to be more open to other people's problems."

In the past two years she has been instrumental in the 9/11 memorial on the corner of Allard and I-94, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Service Excellence Award and most recently received a national honor from the Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

"Probably when I'm 100 I'll retire," Sarvis-Adamski said. "I love what I do."

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community-driven economic development strategy that utilizes historic preservation and stakeholder engagement to revitalize or continue the success of your downtown district," Young said. "What that means is that really it's the community's ownership and buy-in to the future of their down-

town district."

She reported the program to-date has: put more than \$286 million of private investment, coupled with \$89 million of public investment, back into participating districts; been instrumental in bringing in more than 1,000 new businesses; and seen 690,000 volunteer hours within communities using this program throughout the state.

The MMS likely would work through the Downtown Development Authority board, which would make quarterly reports to City council.

This would require hiring an executive director to manage and delegate. Mayor Christopher Boettcher said it would be difficult to find the funds, but it could be done if they get creative.

The MMS currently has 25 communities participating in the state, largely around southern Michigan, including the city of Wayne, Mexicantown, Detroit and Howell.

Only three communi-

ties are accepted into the program every annual application period.

The council will determine if the community wishes to move forward by September. If so, the City must submit a plan by December and make a formal presentation to the advisory council in February; it would receive notification of acceptance or denial in March 2020.

"I think one of the biggest advantages of going forward with this program would be that it is a process to allow the whole community to come forward and get behind a single direction," City Manager Peter

Dame said.

The Redevelopment Ready Communities program is more broad and would provide a roadmap moving forward for the city as a type of self-help program with no financial commitment.

It would aid in pre-development assistance, general technical assistance funds, site marketing assistance, as well as offer matching dollars via monetary assistance.

Over 260 Michigan communities are a part of RRC, according to Community Assistance Team Specialist Dominic Romano.

To pursue participa-

tion in this program, the City would need to update the master plan since it's older than five years.

Council spoke in favor of pursuing both programs and determined the next course of action will be to have the DDA discuss its interest since the responsibility would largely fall on the board's shoulders.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the community and people to become engaged," Boettcher said.

Residents interested in learning more about either program can do so at [mplace.org](http://mplace.org).

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## On the market

Believed to be the oldest brick house in Grosse Pointe, the Wardwell House at 16109 Jefferson is on the market for the first time in more than 30 years. Aside from its striking architecture, the house is well known among passersby for two things: the antique carousel horse, named Sandy, in the conservatory window and its Christmas decorations, an abundance of classic wreaths and garland. While Sandy won't be included in the sale, the Christmas decorations will. The six-bedroom, 4,400-square-foot house sits on nearly an acre. In 1984, current owners Marylyn and Douglas Ross purchased the home, where they raised three children and served as conservators of the historic property.

—Lauren McGregor

## Summer stand

On June 14, the last day of kindergarten for Blake and Zander Steiner, and first grade for Michael Pelerin, the boys decided to open a lemonade stand at the corner of Kercheval and Touraine, Grosse Pointe Farms. The weather was beautiful and they hoped to sell out. Pelerin held a sign with the price of a glass of lemonade while the Steiner twins prepared the lemonade.



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## LAWSUIT:

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compensation in excess of \$25,000 for each of five claims against Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety and Chief John Kosanke, including assault, battery, wrongful imprisonment, defamation and false light by publicly identifying him as a criminal. He was bitten by a police dog and held 48 hours after the arrest, despite initially being told he was charged with failure to pay for an outstanding parking ticket, which was immediately paid, lawyers said. "He had absolutely nothing to do with this crime," said Higbee. "In fact, there's evidence to the contrary."

Affidavits included in the lawsuit detailed statements from witnesses such as Joshua Cox, a

local recruit to the Arizona Cardinals NFL team, who said he was having lunch with Fox in St. Clair Shores not long before the robbery was reported. Other witnesses stated they had uninterrupted telephone conversations with Fox during the time the robbery was committed.

A third affidavit came from a therapist who said Fox was being treated for hip pain during the two months before Chemical Bank was robbed, suggesting Fox would have been unable to run from the crime scene as the suspect did.

Reluctance by people "who don't believe the police make mistakes" has harmed his reputation even more than a year later, Fox said.

Higbee said Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety officials refuse to publicly acknowledge

having arrested the wrong man, despite knowing they made an error. But Gus Morris, an attorney for the department, said Fox is no longer the focus of the ongoing investigation.

"We do not have evidence that he committed this bank robbery," Morris said. "We do have a phone caller, who wants to remain anonymous, saying he did."

"What people have to understand is that detectives are not in the business of exonerating people. Detectives are in the business of investigating crimes."

Early statements to police by Fox about his location at the time of the

crime were contradictory, Morris said.

"That doesn't mean he's guilty," added the lawyer. "Maybe he forgot."

"We are no longer investigating him with respect to that crime, but to come out and say he didn't do it? We don't know if he did or not."

Hearing statements that stop short of calling Fox innocent are taken by Fox and his supporters as suggestions he was still somehow connected to the bank robbery, say his lawyers.

"That's exactly how we hear it," added Higbee. "And that's the reason for this lawsuit. It's time for Mike to clear his name."

# 68th regatta, fireworks set

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Pier Park will host 17 events and activities from Friday, June 28, to Sunday, June 30, for the 68th annual Grosse Pointe Farms Regatta and Fireworks.

"It's a weekend-long series of activities to promote fun and enjoyment of the park," Regatta Chairman Craig Baetz said.

A joint effort between the Farms and the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, the weekend celebration is free for Farms residents and pre-registration is not required for any of the events.

"It's definitely the kind of event where people are going to wind up having to park in the overflow parking for the park," Baetz said. "I'm not sure what the park's capacity is, but we definitely push the envelope."

The Saturday lineup starts at 10 a.m. and boasts nearly one event an hour, with fireworks set for 10 p.m. Friday's events take place only in the evening.

"I'm excited about the sail boat race on Friday evening," Baetz said. "It's a little different than most sailboat races where everybody starts at the same time and then after finishing, a race committee will adjust the time for performance expectations from the boat."

"But this race, the performance of the boat is taken into consideration in advance and everybody is given a custom

start time. So all of the boats are capable of finishing at the exact same time, plus or minus the individual performance of the crew."

While there currently are no new events scheduled, the popular Yellow Ducky Race will return.

"The kids get pretty excited about it," Baetz said. "It's kind of a game of chance type of an opportunity with little yellow floating ducks. You put your number on the bottom of a duck ... and then it's a contest to see whose duck finishes first."

Another fan-favorite event is the bike parade with Detroit Tigers' mascot PAWS, where children get to decorate their bikes and then lead them around a parade with a contest at the end.

"This year we also have the Richard (Elementary School) Ricky Raccoon ... joining us as well," Baetz said.

Options to participate in fundraising may include a 50/50 raffle Saturday evening and a silent auction with items such as gift cards donated by area merchants.

"The primary purpose is to have something enjoyable for the residents, but we also do try to raise a little bit of money that is given back to the park and helps support ongoing events with the boat club, such as the sailing activities and a number of other

## Schedule

### Friday, June 28

6 p.m. — Children's Art in the Park

7 p.m. — Farms Cup Sail Race

7 p.m. — Island Party for all Farms residents

### Saturday, June 29

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Picnic Table Decoration Contest

10:30 a.m. — Decorated Bicycle Parade with PAWS

Noon — Pie-Eating Contest

Noon — Face Painting

1 p.m. — Yellow Ducky Race

2 p.m. — Magician

3 p.m. — Inflatable Boat Races

3:30 p.m. — Free-Throw-Shooting Contest

4 p.m. — Sand Castle Contest

6 p.m. — Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

7 p.m. — Live Performance by The Relics

10 p.m. — Fireworks

### Sunday, June 30

1 p.m. — Pet Parade

2 p.m. — Boat and Paddle Rendezvous

community activities throughout the year," Baetz said.

Other events include the adults-only Island Party in the boat house with food sponsored by Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, a co-ed volleyball tournament and a live performance by The Relics sponsored by Bob Maxey Lincoln and Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.

"It's just a fun-filled weekend for all that's been a tradition in the Farms for quite a few years," Baetz said.

## The Week Ahead

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Master Plan public hearing, 10 a.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Master Plan public hearing, 2 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

◆ Music on the Lawn, 7 to 10 p.m., featuring music by The Sun Messengers and food from Stix & Stone Wood-Fired Pizza, at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# South's Cowan a sailing standout

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

One of the nation's best young sailors calls Grosse Pointe home and his name is Doug Cowan.

The 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident recently earned a spot on the United States National Team, as selected by the United States Optimist Dinghy Association, and is using this opportunity to improve his skills.

He was selected for the team based on his high performance at the 2019 Optimist Team Trials. Also due to this selection, Cowan is invited to compete in the 2019 Volvo Gill



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY GMEINER COWAN

**Doug Cowan has been selected to join the United States sailing team heading to Europe for competition.**

Optimist British Nationals in Portland, Dorset, United Kingdom, at the end of July.

The USODA letter said, "Representing the United States of America on any level is a very special

honor. You and a very limited number of the most accomplished Optimist sailors in the country will be asked to carry the torch of success, honor and pride as a USNT member. For the 2019-2020 season, the USNT has expanded its curriculum, planned more intensive practice opportunities and added USNT-only international events to offer you and your teammates some unique opportunities to increase your skills to even greater heights."

"It feels good to achieve my goal after all of the hard work," Cowan said.

And to get to the next level of sailing, Cowan

said it will take, "lots of hard work and practice."

"What's most impressed me about Dougie's sailing is what it's done for him as a person," his mother, Amy Gmeiner Cowan said. "He's got a quiet confidence and determination about him. I think his sailing has played a big part of Dougie becoming the great guy he is."

Cowan has been sailing his entire life. His first time on a sailboat was when he was a baby and he was on a boat at 5 weeks old when his parents raced in an event.

When he was 7 years old, Cowan was enrolled in the junior sailing pro-

gram at Bayview Yacht Club and raced in the Optimist division.

He gets the love of sailing from his parents.

His mother is a corporate salesperson for Coca Cola who grew up sailing on Lake St. Clair, while his father, Michael, is a high school English teacher in Utica and sailing director at Bayview Yacht Club. He grew up in Connecticut sailing on Long Island Sound.

Competitive sailing has taught Cowan a lot about himself and building friendships. His skills steadily improved and

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## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Finger gun threats

While at home at 8:38 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, a 64-year-old Farms resident on Manor answered the door to a man threatening to shut his dog up if he wouldn't.

While saying he would take care of the dog, he was making a shooting motion with his hands. He also made a rifle motion

while stating he was not afraid of the victim and would take care of him too.

A neighbor aided in a positive identification of the suspect, who lives on the street, and officers knocked on his door, but were unable to make contact.

### Identity theft

At 8:54 p.m. Monday, June 10, a 26-year-old Farms woman reported her Social Security number was compromised.

She was contacted via a commonly used spam number and was told her Social Security number was suspended after being used twice in Texas.

The woman then verified her Social Security number before receiving a call from someone claiming to be a Farms officer, who said, "Don't tell anyone what we were talking about."

When she put the call on mute to talk to a coworker, the caller became irate so

she hung up.

Officers provided the woman with information about reporting the identity theft to credit reporting agencies.

There was no monetary loss.

### Phone threats

The 37-year-old Farms owner of a Warren company received a voicemail from a 68-year-old former customer at 10:58 p.m. Thursday, June 13, threatening him and his business. He said his company had done work for the caller approximately eight months ago and he had never personally met the man.

The voicemail stated the company was responsible for the installation of a new furnace and the man was unhappy about the work that had been done and felt he had been "screwed over." He left several threatening statements.

Warren police were contacted and made aware of the threat.

The victim was advised to file a personal protection order if he felt the need to.

### Warrants

At 4:13 a.m. Friday, June 14, an officer observed a vehicle traveling westbound on Mack with its high beams on. Running the plate showed the 48-year-old St. Clair Shores registered owner had a suspended license and multiple warrants out

of St. Clair Shores.

At a traffic stop, she said she bought the vehicle a few weeks ago and had not plated it yet. She also told the officer she may have some warrants out.

She was issued a citation for improper plate and no insurance and was arrested.

### Brother did it

An officer noticed the lone occupant in a vehicle traveling westbound on Mack was not wearing a seatbelt at 11:20 a.m. Saturday, June 15. ALEIN/Secretary of State check showed "no record on computer."

After a traffic stop, the 21-year-old Harper Woods man informed the officer the vehicle belonged to his brother and he had been

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using it recently. He stated he did not know where the plate came from and was unsure if the vehicle was currently insured.

A LEIN/Secretary of State check on his name returned an expired temporary instruction permit, and the vehicle identification number returned no plate associated with it.

The driver was issued a citation for no operator's license ever acquired, improper plate and no insurance.

### Hands to yourself

Officers were called to a home on Calvin at 9:20 p.m. Saturday, June 15, after a married couple got into a physical altercation.

The 39-year-old wife said that while in the kitchen, she confronted the suspect about the way he treats her and an argument ensued. When she attempted to leave, the suspect grabbed her arm and pulled her backward. He placed a chair in the doorway between the kitchen and dining room and insisted she sit in it.

When she announced she was calling 911 and leaving, the suspect grabbed her by the rear of her headwrap and pulled, which resulted in her being choked.

She pulled away, ran outside and called 911.

The woman told officers she was in fear of further violence and injury, adding this has happened several times in the past, but she had never called 911.

The suspect confessed to assaulting his wife and said he probably should not have put his hands on

her.

The officer could smell intoxicants and the suspect admitted to drinking that day. He was arrested.

### Birthday surprise

At 2:58 a.m. Sunday, June 16, an officer observed a vehicle with no verified insurance hugging the curb and driving slowly on Touraine. When it turned into a driveway, it drove over the curb and grass.

At a traffic stop, the 38-year-old Hamtramck man said he was attempting to go to a friend's house on Cloverly to drop off a bag of marijuana since it was his birthday.

The officer could smell intoxicants coming from within the vehicle, as well as fresh and burnt marijuana. The driver's speech was slurred and his eyes were red.

The man then searched through the center console for his ID for an abnormally long time before the officer found it for him.

After the standard sobriety tests, the man was arrested.

A vehicle search turned up a small bag of marijuana, a scale, beer and a pill he did not have a prescription for.

### Not fresh at all

An air freshener was seen hanging from the rearview mirror of a vehicle traveling westbound on Mack at 9:01 p.m. Saturday, June 15.

A LEIN check showed an arrest warrant out of Harper Woods for the 28-year-old Detroit passenger. The vehicle also did not have any verified insurance on file with the Secretary of State.

The driver was issued a citation for no proof of insurance, while the passenger was arrested by Harper Woods.

### Domestic dispute

A domestic dispute in progress between a husband and wife was reported at 12:07 p.m. Sunday, June 16.

The 43-year-old Farms man confirmed he was intoxicated, said his father passed away in May and he had a verbal argument with his wife, which compounded his anger and the loss of his father. He said he prevented his wife and two young children from leaving in the family vehicle and took his wife's phone away from her the night before.

The 40-year-old Farms woman said her husband had been battling with alcohol several years and the previous night she pretended to sleep to get him to stop following and arguing with her. She said he continued arguing with her when she woke that morning and when she tried to leave with the children to purchase her own cell phone, he disabled the vehicle by cutting the battery cable.

She said there was no physical contact.

The man was arrested and it was found he has a current criminal bench warrant from the Michigan State Police.

### Handmade proof

A 23-year-old Westland man traveling eastbound on Mack at 8:39 p.m. Sunday, June 16, was pulled over because his passenger-side brake light was broken.

After a traffic stop, the officer immediately

noticed the proof of insurance was on Xerox printer paper with faded print, which in past experiences was one indicator of a fraudulent document.

The man said he got the policy "just this summer" even though the effective date was in March.

He was arrested for providing a fraudulent insurance document at a traffic stop.

—Laurel Kraus

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

### Grosse Pointe Shores

#### No insurance

At 11:05 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, an officer ran a vehicle's license plate through the Secretary of State and it came back as no record on file.

After a traffic stop, the 58-year-old Pontiac driver stated he did not have registration and the vehicle did not have insurance. He said the plate was from the car lot where he purchased the vehicle.

The man was arrested for no insurance.

#### Fragrance thief

Approximately \$30 in bills and change, cologne and a tool kit was reported stolen from an unlocked car in a driveway on Webber Place on Saturday, June 15.

The 58-year-old Shores man said it happened between 8 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. and that his wife had gone to sleep at 1 a.m. and never heard a thing.

He didn't have video surveillance equipment around his home.

The officer informed

him to start locking his vehicles, a report would be placed on file and the detective bureau would be advised for further investigation.

#### Expired license

A vehicle was traveling south on Lakeshore with an expired license plate at 5:20 p.m. Friday, June 14.

When an officer pulled him over, the 61-year-old Harrison Township man said the vehicle belongs to him and he was aware the plates were expired.

He said he had no insurance for the vehicle and his Michigan's driver's license was expired.

The man was arrested for driving with no insurance.

#### On camera

A 54-year-old homeowner on Webber Place with a Ring Doorbell camera reported it was activated at 3:56 a.m. Saturday, June 15, and had shown a male walking up his driveway and passing the camera to where the homeowner's SUV was parked.

The camera's audio picked up a sound that was similar to a door handle being tampered with.

The vehicle was locked and nothing else was noted to be disturbed.

#### Vehicle recovery

At 7:15 a.m. Saturday, June 15, a 50-year-old Shores man reported his vehicle had been stolen from his driveway on Ballantyne overnight.

The man could not recall if it was locked, but there was no broken glass on the driveway.

He was able to use a Ford phone application to track the vehicle, which was on Fairport in Detroit, and officers were able to recover the vehicle from where it was parked.

DNA evidence was collected and fingerprints were lifted.

—Laurel Kraus

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

### City of Grosse Pointe

#### Crossing the line

At 11:42 p.m. Friday, June 14, an officer saw a vehicle eastbound on Jefferson stopped over the double yellow line separating lanes of opposite traffic. From the traffic light, the vehicle accelerated quickly and approached the vehicle in front of it faster than other cars traveling the same direction. It

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### OUR VIEW

# Heed Civil Rights Dept.'s call for restart

The Board of Education appears ready, as of this writing, to storm ahead with a June 24 vote on reconfiguration of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. There are many reasons to wait, including allowing more time to digest this week's report from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

The report has many points worth heeding, even beyond what some may see as an outsider's look at the racial imbalances in the district. Most importantly, it tries to get at the point that the reconfiguration process is viewed — by many people, not just those of color — as a top-down imposition on the community.

In the report, Agustin Arbulu, executive director of the civil rights department, urges the board to extend or restart the deliberations.

As he put it when reached by phone, a community doesn't achieve good results by sweeping race and class conflicts under the rug. Unless confronted, the undertones remain, further increasing the feelings of division between "us and others," he said.

Yes, the process has had transparency, particularly of data. But what is touted as openness in the process has not felt inviting. That's particularly true for those who already feel like they have less power — whether because of their race, income, neighborhood or, heaven forbid, not adhering to some invisible standard of Pointer-ness.

As the current mood in the district makes clear, the divisions are deepening into distrust among almost any group of "us" and "others" that can be imagined. The recall effort initiated last week is now accompanied by a billboard at East Jefferson and Alter Road. Its emphasis on protecting Trombly and Maire elementary schools ("and all" is squeezed in below those two names) suggests the impetus is coming from the so-called south end of the district; minority status does not seem to be a factor.

From his perch at the civil rights department, Dr. Arbulu sees many strengths in the school district. "There's been so much commitment to neighborhood schools. Communities have developed around them and they represent the fabric of the community," he said. He believes those differences should be noted and celebrated.

He called the community a potential mecca, and not just for its parks and shoreline, but precisely because of its diverse neighborhoods and range of housing options. "There is a richness of community," from the humble to the wealthy, the executive director said. "The Pointes should grab that, leverage that ... embrace that as part of their strength."

When viewed from that vantage point, it's worth noting the district's racial and ethnic statistics track within a few percentage points of those statewide. GPPSS may be better positioned than virtually any other educational institution in Michigan to show how to "maximize potential" for every student — one of the three prongs in the board's mission statement.

But that kind of goal looks pretty far-fetched in a community so awash not just in raised voices but in conspiracy theories as well — chiefly that the whole Blue Ribbon Committee process was just a front for a decision already made by the majority of members and/or the administration.

And that, perhaps, is the best reason to hit the pause button and look for fresh perspectives. The board cannot and should not proceed amid this level of distrust.

"One GP" is the district's oft-cited vision. Perhaps that's just lip service to an ideal in the best of times, but now it's an ideal that's slipping further and further away.



COURTESY PHOTO

The above billboard appeared at East Jefferson and Alter Road earlier this week. It is unknown who is paying for the billboard, but its message is clear: keep Trombly and Maire "and all" schools from closure, maintain K-5 elementary school configuration and recall Board of Education members Judy Gafa, Kathleen Abke and Christopher Profeta.

### OUR VIEW

# Recall effort or intimidation?

The filing of potential recall language against three Board of Education members in early June ranks among the worst possible tactics in the heat of the reconfiguration process for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

First, it reeks of intimidation — a threat that may serve only to compel board members to prove they won't crumble in the face of it. It may undermine the decision-making ability of any board members who are on the fence. What elected official, after all, wants to make it look like recall threats actually work?

Second, the language is already out of date, since the board postponed its final reconfiguration decision from the June 10 meeting cited in the petition. The language itself hardly seems clear enough to

put before voters and it includes a quote from the board president, who isn't even among those targeted for recall.

Approval or disapproval of the language on a recall petition falls to the county election board. That board meeting is scheduled for June 26, two days after the next Board of Education meeting.

Finally, more than a week went by with only rumors about who is behind this effort. In an atmosphere loaded with us-them tensions, that has only pushed the strains further.

Now that Save Grosse Pointe Schools (savegpschools.com) has appeared online, naming its initial supporters, the broader community can begin to assess motives.

But many people may still worry that they'll get caught in the crossfire.

# LETTERS

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

## Let's think bigger II

To the Editor:

It's revealing to see the contrasting approaches to the difficult school closing issues. Some are angry and vindictive. Others, accepting that there are many conflicting interests and points of view, are oriented toward finding solutions.

I'm on the side of the "solutionaries." Why not follow up on the idea in the letter to the editor ("Let's Think Bigger," June 13) from Graig Donnelly?

Why not form a representative task force to look for expanded uses for the classroom buildings so they can all stay open?

FRANK JOYCE  
Grosse Pointe Park

## 80 percent plan

To the Editor:

After studying public education for the past 20 years and after serving on our school board and on a number of county and state education-related boards for many years, it has been very difficult for me to try to "tune out"

what has been going on in our school system since I retired from our school board in December.

When I was on the school board last year, we passed a resolution in June which had a number of triggers in it which would require the school system administration to present a plan to the school board that would bring our buildings to an 80 percent average capacity as measured in the capacity study we paid Plante Moran Cresa to complete.

To his credit, President Brian Summerfield's resolution outlined the roadmap to do just that. He went out of his way to make the drafting of this resolution a collaborative one with all of us on the school board at the time being asked for our input.

As a result of President Summerfield's hours and hours of shuttle diplomacy, he was able to obtain a unanimous vote for his resolution, which was a rarity for our school board (or any school board) on such a far-reaching issue.

The goal of this resolution was crystal clear to

all of us on the school board at the time — reduce the footprint of the school system and hence its operating expenses so that we could avoid what could end up being a \$4 million per year annual deficit in 2024 if we did nothing.

We weren't looking to increase educational opportunities, etc.; we expected that as part of our regular operation every day. We were looking to put the school system in a sustainable financial situation, period.

The triple-digit decline in enrollment reported to the school board in late November 2018 revealed what any of us on the board studying the numbers knew would happen — the enrollment decline triggered the mandates of the resolution we had passed in June 2018. The administration now had 30 days to present the board with a comprehensive plan of right-sizing the school system so that our projected enrollment would be 80 percent of our capacity (the "80 percent plan").

The details to me get fuzzy after this, as I retired from the school board on Dec. 31, with my last board meeting being Dec. 10. My access to information and being involved in the discussions with administration after this date was not the same.

Somewhere, the decision was made to form a Blue Ribbon 2.0 Committee to review the situation and come to the board with a recommendation for reconfiguration. As with the prior

Blue Ribbon Committee, close to 50 percent of the members were somehow beholden to the school system (employees, former vendors, etc.), which made serving on it of no interest to me and many others who served on the first Blue Ribbon Committee.

Sometime in January, there was a brief discussion about some options for reconfiguration. In this process, the concept of returning the sixth grade to the elementary schools, moving seventh and eighth to the high schools and closing at least two of the middle schools was ruled out.

This was done (at least from what I have been able to find out) without comparing it to other plans and, most important in my mind, seeing how it compared to other plans that would meet the requirements set forth in the 80 percent of capacity resolution the board passed last year.

Fast forward to today. We have an entire community in turmoil. The many plans presented to the Blue Ribbon Committee for analysis (none of which meet the requirements of the 80 percent resolution) were all shot down.

Even the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendation of closing three elementary schools was shot down, mostly because of community uproar, which took us to a plan with less savings than recommended by the Blue Ribbon Committee — either Poupard or Mason will be

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I SAY By John Minnis

# 'Framing John DeLorean'



Terry and I were privileged to see a special showing of the documentary, "Framing John DeLorean," starring Alec Baldwin and our own J. Patrick Wright at The Patriot Theatre.

OK, Wright — author of "On a Clear Day You Can see General Motors," and co-founder

with wife, Debby, of the Racing for Kids charity — wasn't exactly on the same plane as actor Baldwin, but, hey, he is "our" local celeb!

Wright, former Detroit bureau chief for Business Week, was one of the earliest chroniclers of DeLorean's stellar rise and fall at General Motors in his book, "On a Clear Day You Can See General Motors." DeLorean left General Motors in 1973 and launched DeLorean Motor Co. in 1973. Wright's book came out in 1979.

Many books on the controversial cult figure

have been written since then, and many abortive movies have been attempted. Yet the most recent documentary, "Framing John DeLorean" is remarkable in its insight and appeal to laymen and "car guys" alike.

Baldwin does his best to get into the head of DeLorean. He claims DeLorean called him once and said if they ever did a movie on him, he would like Baldwin to act his part.

Baldwin does not disappoint.

Neither does Wright. He appears several times in the documentary,

offering his early take of the man he covered for Business Week and in his book on General Motors.

The takeaway is that DeLorean is a complex man. A brilliant automotive engineer and promoter. He took the Pontiac Division and transformed it from a sleepy, older customer brand into high octane youth drive with the GTO.

He flouted GM's staid rules and norms to get it done, but as the executive selling the most cars, he was on the fast track to become GM's president — if he kept

his nose clean, or at least out of the papers.

Like a Shakespearean character, DeLorean's tragic character flaws prevented both.

Against all odds, DeLorean managed to build some 9,000 DeLoreans in strife-torn Belfast, Northern Ireland, with the Labour Party's help and financial assistance. Tory Margaret Thatcher ended the government's largesse and the financially desperate DeLorean was entrapped by an FBI-concocted cocaine buy from which he was acquitted.

Nevertheless, it

marked the beginning of the end of DeLorean's dream.

It later came out that DeLorean had agreed to contract Lotus Cars founder Colin Chapman to build his cars, forcing his loyal chief engineer and friend William T. Collins to resign.

It also was revealed that DeLorean and Collins of Lotus developed a scheme to siphon off money from investors for their own personal bank accounts.

So while DeLorean narrowly escaped prison from a cocaine deal, he was ensnared by his own personal greed.

"Framing John DeLorean" does the job of telling the tale of a complicated man and car guy.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1944

75 years ago this week

#### FISHER ROAD WIDENING IS GIVEN SETBACK:

At the City council meeting a committee of City citizens presented petitions signed by more than 100 citizens protesting the widening of Fisher Road. A similar petition was presented to trustees in the Farms the same night.

Opponents of the widening say there is no demand for the widening, it would destroy the entire row of trees put out by the city a few years ago, would depreciate the value of property

and add to the hazards to life and limb.

### 1969

50 years ago this week

#### BON SECOURS ASKS ZONING LAW CHANGES:

A near-capacity crowd filled Maire Elementary School's gymnasium for a public hearing on the request of The Sisters of Bon Secours to amend the city zoning ordinance to permit the hospital to carry out plans for expansion of the facility.

The matter is expected to be on the agenda at the next regular meeting of the council June 23.

*Obituaries: Joseph Desmet, Elizabeth DuMahaut, Antoinette McCleary, Clarence E. Norton, George T. Roumell, Clara E. Schwikert, Anna C. Stokley*

### 1994

25 years ago this week

#### APPROVALS SECURED, POINTE DISTRICT LIBRARY WILL BE EFFECTIVE

**JULY 1:** School board members voted unanimously last week to establish a district library agreement between Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Public Act 145, signed by Gov. John Engler last summer, meant no longer could a school district levy separate taxes to support a public library.

The district library will comprise the same area as the school system — the five Pointes and one-third of Harper Woods. Assets, employees and operations will be transferred from the school system to the district library board of trustees. The Harper Woods library will remain a separate entity.

*Obituaries: Larry Crane, William Jerome Croul, May S. Fox, Katharine H. Green, Shirley J. Hefty, Anna Louise Smith Johnston, Robert C. McCort, Neil P. McCracken, Frank R. Rossi Sr.*

### 2009

10 years ago this week

#### WELLNESS, RECREATION COLLABORATION:

The Neighborhood Club and Beaumont Hospitals will collaborate on a recreation and wellness option for Grosse Pointe residents.

Over the next few months, the two organizations will add new programs and services at the Neighborhood Club. Over the next year, they will work together to secure financing and plan and design a new health, recreational and wellness community center at the Neighborhood Club site in the City of Grosse Pointe.

#### RECALL LANGUAGE FAILS ON FIRST TRY:

A Grosse Pointe Woods resident's effort to recall two council members who voted for a millage rate increase has hit a roadblock. The Wayne County Board of Elections rejected the wording in her proposed recall petition.

The resident has filed a new petition, this time with clearer language. A hearing is scheduled June 24, in front of the Wayne County Board of Elections.

*Obituaries: Robert E. Birk M.D., Richard M. Courtney D.D.S., George Diamond, Alice B. Hoslet, Marilyn Jean Dolan Howle, Michael J. Koch, Evelyn Latcha, Richard L. Price, Edmund W. Tropp*

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## OUR VIEW

## M. Williamson makes debate

Marianne Williamson doesn't mention it in her campaign biography, but she spent nearly five years as spiritual director at the Renaissance Unity Interfaith Fellowship, then located in Warren. She lived in Birmingham and Grosse Pointe Farms, staying in the area nearly five more years after she resigned her position.

Now, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, the well-traveled author of spiritual books has moved to Des Moines, Iowa, for the primary season and has qualified for the first primary debate.

That creates at least a spark of local interest as the top 20 primary candidates take the stage June 26 and June 27. Ms. Williamson will appear the second night, based on a random draw that puts her in the mix with Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg and Kamala Harris, among others.

Michigan's primary is scheduled for March 10. Voters here, except for the true political junkies, have plenty of reason to ignore all this.

But Ms. Williamson's years of public speaking, perhaps fine-tuned at the church, are paying off. She made a full-throated appeal during her five minutes at the Iowa Democratic Hall of Fame June 9, arguing that the search for someone tough enough to defeat the incumbent was both the wrong question and naive.

Instead, she said, a winning campaign would require tapping into deep — and positive — emotions. The president, she said, built a career inspiring fear: "I've built a career inspiring love."

If that sounds like she's just spouting New Age-y folderol, consider that Ms. Williamson has posted reasonably solid policy positions on her website. She falls on the progressive end of the Democratic Party spectrum, endorsing the Green New Deal and a universal health care plan such as Medicare for All. She calls for revitalizing democracy in the face of what she terms a "sociopathic economic system."

And she's used to criticism. Her nondenominational spiritual writings and lectures sometimes draw backlash for wading too far into political issues.

During her tenure at the Warren church, she put an emphasis on racial reconciliation before she left at the end of 2002. That included installing a gospel-type choir and controversial tactics, such as asking white congregants to hold the hands of black congregants

## OUR VIEW

## Sportsmanship on, off field

Sitting at the left field flag pole, I was embarrassed, I was disappointed."

That's Gary Niehaus, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, describing his reaction to a baseball game between North and South high schools. His comment came at the end of the June 10 Board of Education meeting, as he announced his intention to work on the issue of unsportsmanlike conduct over the summer.

Dr. Niehaus cited four major incidents at games between the schools, one each at football, basketball, lacrosse and baseball events. "I hold everyone responsible, including myself," he said, and also said it was time to address this as a community.

His comments otherwise seemed focused on players, as he discussed trying to promote understanding of "what it means to compete on the field, but also be friends off the field."

But as his one reference to the community suggests, the problems and the obvious bad behavior appear to run much deeper than the players. And they range from the silly to the egregious.

At the silly, though thoughtless, end of the spectrum, South students showed up at a North-South basketball game wearing T-shirts with the score of the recent football game between the two — which had ended with North scoring zero points. Surely a few discussions on how a good winner behaves can help avert similar displays.

The other extreme involved a North coach crossing the baseball field to spout an obscenity, amid uncontrolled rudeness from fans on both sides — the game over which Dr. Niehaus expressed his distress.

It's not as if anyone can look to professional sports — or much of anywhere else — for guidance. Bad behavior has rippled into almost every sporting venue, including school rivalries and even children's

games. Grosse Pointe does not stand alone in facing the challenge of poor conduct that extends into the bleachers.

But it's becoming more obvious that problems go beyond the bleachers, too, rippling through the schools and into the ranks of so-called adult leadership.

North, in particular, has been dealing with the unceremonious dismissal last summer of its long-time football and baseball coach. It was unkind of South students to rub salt in the wound when North's football season ended poorly.

But that hardly excuses the loss of control six months later at a baseball game. It's clear that Dr. Niehaus has to look at personnel as well as ponder how to instill sportsmanship.

There are numerous examples of better behavior in both schools' past. The "friends off the field" maxim probably still holds in the Pointes, where children widen their circle of acquaintances early in life on baseball, football and soccer fields.

Even this year's sports season included excellent examples of sportsmanship, such as when the East Detroit softball and baseball teams showed up and took their expected defeats in district games against North and South, respectively. Not only was there no disruption, not only did the East Detroit players put their hearts into the game — but the East Detroit teams also stayed for after-game festivities and cheered as opposing players received their medals.

Something is seriously wrong when seasoned observers go out of their way to compliment visiting out-of-town teams for exemplary behavior (which really should be the norm) and at the same time wonder why the umpire didn't clear the stands during a game between cross-town rivals.

The superintendent has his work cut out for him — and he will need the help of community members making it clear that they also expect better.

and apologize for the harm racism had caused, according to a 2001 Metro Times article.

She stayed in the area until 2006, and told The Detroit News this year that her daughter "says she had a happy childhood in Michigan and that means the world to any mother."

Ms. Williamson was born in Houston, went to college in California and bounced back and forth between the two for awhile. Her first book, "Return to Love" in 1993, was a best-seller and her career took off.

She also was an early activist in the movement to combat AIDS and she has actual campaign experience, having run for a congressional seat in California five years ago. Moreover, she was among the first 13 candidates to meet both benchmarks for the initial Democratic debate, based on an analysis by Politico.com.

She counts Oprah Winfrey as a fan and has support from some well-known Hollywood stars. Former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm endorsed Ms. Williamson during her congressional campaign.

Ms. Williamson had two Detroit-area events in May and appears to have some traction here. A Detroit News analysis of campaign fundraising by early May showed her placing sixth among Democratic con-

tenders supported by Michigan donors.

Given that there was some dissension in the church at the time of her departure, not everyone here may be a fan. But as a former Grosse Pointer now in the national spotlight, Marianne Williamson surely has local well-wishers.

**SOME GROSSE POINTERS** may have an acquaintance with another presidential candidate — not someone who will be on stage during the first debates, but someone who does have her name among the 700-plus people who have registered as a presidential candidate with the Federal Election Commission.

That would be **Doris J.W. Brown**. Although she lived in Macomb County, Dr. Brown was a frequent visitor to the Pointes. Long ago, she struck up a friendship with Jack Mahon, then Richard Elementary principal, and a few (now much older) students may remember her spending time at the school.

She has nurtured the dream of running for president for years and took a campaign test drive by running for mayor of Mobile, Ala., in 2013. Now she's back in her hometown of Memphis, Tenn., in order to be near family. But most of her adulthood was spent in Michigan as a teacher and social worker. She has a

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# BROWN:

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Ph.D. and among her accomplishments she lists stints on nonprofit boards and service on the state Wage Deviation Board under Gov. John Engler.

“Should I become president, my decisions will be solid,” Dr. Brown said, while noting that she’s the same person she’s always been: happy-go-lucky and easy to get along with. She’s tackling the problems of getting a website and GoFundMe page underway.

It’s unlikely Dr. Brown’s registration as a Democrat will gain any notice. But the mention of her name and the spirit that led her to tackle a long-held dream should conjure up a local smile or two.

# LETTER:

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closed on the north end of the school system and either Maire or Trombly will be closed on the south end. The savings? About \$1 million, only 25 percent of what projections show needs to be saved annually come 2024.

The result of this plan? Every single elementary school attendance border moved, hundreds of elementary students displaced from their present elementary school and a guarantee that we will have to go through this same process in a few short years to create the rest of the savings the school system is projected to need.

Realtors are in an uproar, because they don’t know what to tell prospective home buyers as far as what elementary school their children will attend. Buildings are being left woefully under populated, hemorrhaging tax dollars.

Now that all of the plans are in, it’s time to go back and come up with a plan that meets the original intent of the resolution the school board passed, knowing that not everyone is going to be happy and that (as I said at my last board meeting) things have to change for our school system to exist.

My take on where we sit after attending countless Blue Ribbon and Town Hall meetings is that the plan the board discarded early on of having K-6 and 7-12 buildings with some slight modifications can work. Here’s how it goes:

1) ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. All elementary schools stay open. No building attendance lines change. Sixth grade is returned to the elementary buildings.

2) MIDDLE SCHOOLS. Parcels and Pierce are closed. Parents of seventh- and eighth-graders will have the option of

sending their children to their respective high school where they will have the option of a plethora of electives and foreign languages OR they can send them to Brownell, which would remain as a traditional 7-8 middle school as long as the demand for it justifies its existence.

While I realize that some parents are concerned about their seventh-graders being with 12th-graders, the advantage to these students academically is tremendous. At the high schools, they will be able to “try out” all kinds of electives in seventh and eighth grade and get into the high school rhythm of life before their grades start counting for their college applications.

Concerns about students comingling for the most part can be resolved just like the administration was planning on doing for fifth- and sixth-graders in their new middle school plan.

The bottom line in my mind is that any concerns can be alleviated through proper policy and proper building management. If we don’t have building managers capable of running orderly schools at any level, they should be replaced.

3) HIGH SCHOOLS. Seventh- and eighth-graders who aren’t attending Brownell are added.

4) OTHER BUILDINGS. Barnes is closed and the services being offered

# Meet the STAFF

A weekly column featuring the fine people working to bring you the Grosse Pointe News each week.

## Laurel Kraus

STAFF WRITER

- ◆ **Time at the paper:** About a month.
- ◆ **What do you do at the paper?** I cover city council, crime reports and community news for the City, the Farms and the Shores.
- ◆ **Do you have any hobbies?** I love writing in nearly any form, digging into a good book, hiking in the Smoky Mountains, train travel, playing the piano and tuning up my archery skills.
- ◆ **Tell our readers a bit about yourself:** My happy, little family is made complete by a fish named Michael Phelps, a German shepherd puppy named Willow, my faith in God and an ever-growing collection of books. At the top of my bucket list is writing a novel of my own someday.
- ◆ **Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:** Getting to do what I love for a living



within a friendly community and while surrounded by those who are happily doing the same.

there are distributed to elementary schools with excess capacity after adding sixth-graders. The administration building is closed and the 27 people working there are moved into a new office area at North.

5) SAVINGS. Close to \$3 million.

The advantages to this plan over the plan on the table are massive to everyone in our community, not just the select few who screamed loud enough to have their worries alleviated. They are:

1) No elementary schools close.

2) No elementary attendance areas are changed. The elementary school you bought your home to attend stays the same.

3) Realtors can go back to selling homes without elementary school closing contingency clauses.

4) The 85 percent of the community without children in our schools don’t have their property values tanked by uncertainty or the loss of a neighborhood elementary school.

5) Preschool and Barnes-related activities end up in elementary schools closer to their users.

6) Parents who feel their child isn’t ready to attend high school for whatever reason have the option to keep their children in a 7-8 middle school as long as there is demand for it.

7) Educational opportunities are exponentially increased for seventh- and eighth-grade students whose parents allow them to attend high school. Foreign languages can be explored fully and proper placement in math and other core subjects can be achieved so students don’t become bored when their minds are starving for a challenge.

8) Students aren’t fumbling around trying to adjust to the high schools in ninth grade when their grades really start to count. They’re “pros” at navigating high school life by then under this plan.

9) A transition between buildings is eliminated for

students. They make only one transition — from elementary to high school.

10) We get much, much closer to where we need to be financially.

11) The school board and administration can honestly say they have met their fiduciary responsibility to their taxpayers.

I sincerely hope the board and administration take a step back and compare the above plan to what they have on the table. It is a rare opportunity to, as former Superintendent Suzanne Klein used to say, turn lemons into lemonade.

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**GALA:**

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The estate includes a carved stone exterior with turrets, balconies, a mansard roof and terraces. The 27,000-square-foot interior includes a sweeping staircase in the entry hall, indoor pool, exercise and entertainment complex, wine cellar, library, den, state dining room, parlors, great hall, living room, kitchen complex, music room and several bedrooms, each with its own balcony.

The rear of the house opens to an immaculately landscaped yard, featuring a gazebo, swimming pool and boardwalk along Lake St. Clair.

The gala included valet parking, open bars, hors d'oeuvres, a strolling supper and entertainment. Historic Packard cars lined the winding driveway. The evening ended with an afterglow featuring pianist Joe Armijo and a soprano soloist, who presented a "Phantom of the Opera" medley.

The gala was chaired by Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Lighton Shafer, with assistance from her daughter-in-law, Farms resident Killeen Shafer, and the Andersons' daughter,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Hosts Patricia and Jim Anderson.**

Kate Poirier of Grosse Pointe Shores.

"A huge thank-you to the committee," O'Brien said. "Mary Shafer and her committee did an outstanding job. There was nothing they didn't think of; no detail was overlooked. And the Andersons were so gracious and wonderfully welcoming to have that many people come into their home."

O'Brien also thanked student volunteers from the University Liggett School for their help selling raffle tickets and directing the more than 500 people in attendance.

"It was absolutely overwhelming," she said. "The community responded tremendously and with a great amount of support. Sponsorship this year, too. Better than

ever before."

Proceeds from the event benefit the general operations of the society, which protects historic artifacts, shares Grosse Pointe history and brings history to life through programs, lectures, exhibits and activities.

O'Brien said she'll "wait until the dust settles" before learning the total raised, as there were some weather-related last-minute expenses.

"But we still did very, very well," she said. "The response

from the community and the support of sponsors was overwhelmingly fabulous.

"This is our largest fundraiser of the year," she continued. "Proceeds go toward general operating expenses to keep us in business for the year. It's different from our capital campaign, 'The Future of Grosse Pointe Past.'"

With the gala's close, the capital campaign is in full swing, gathering funds for the society's future home, which will be built across the street from its historic Provencal-Weir House on Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

O'Brien said many "regulars" who traditionally attend the society's parties were in atten-

dance, but there were a lot of newcomers as well. Couples from Boston and Maryland also attended, much to O'Brien's delight.

"It's become a national event," she said.

"One thing that enhanced our experience was that the Andersons made a commitment to us just about a year ago, so we had all that time to work on getting sponsors," she continued. "That really was one of the keys — and certainly the home itself. We hope to have the same experience this year. We have our eyes on a place. It will be spectacular if it works."

For more photos from the gala, visit [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).

**POINTER:**

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now he is one of the top sailors in his age group.

"I think he's had a great lesson in sticking to a goal," Mike Cowan said. "He's worked really hard for the past few years to get an invite to a U.S. team going to Europe. He came really close a couple of times and it all came together for him in California back in March. He just stuck with it. It was awesome."

Building a work ethic that moves from the classroom to the water has helped Doug Cowan become a well-rounded teenager.

"There's competition in sailing, for sure, but there's also camaraderie," Mike Cowan said. "But seeing your kid hang around and laugh with other great kids at these events is really special for a parent. I am no exception."

Through all of the traveling, he still has to make time to complete homework assignments and study.

"It is hard to complete all of my homework when I travel," Doug Cowan said. "I just try to be focused and organized."

Doug Cowan said he enjoys traveling to new venues and making new friends through the sailing community.

"It's incredible to me that he's such a good sailor," Mike Cowan said. "He can handle just about anything on the water, and he's been able to do that for a while. He's just got a great head on his shoulders."

Doug Cowan's long-range goal is to sail in the Olympics.



A view of the gala from a second-floor balcony.

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# REPORTS:

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then crossed the double yellow line multiple times.

At a traffic stop, the 49-year-old Detroit driver had slow movements and was slow to respond to questions, but told officers he was heading home to Buckingham. When he was told it was the wrong way, he said he knew that and had to turn around.

He also said he drank a couple beers; the officer could see an open can of beer in the center console.

The man failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a preliminary breath test.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and taken to the hospital.

## Operating while intoxicated

An officer pulled over a 29-year-old Waterford man for driving 45 mph eastbound on Mack at 12:59 a.m. Monday, June 17.

When the officer could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle, the man admitted he had a couple of drinks that night.

Standard tests were conducted and the man produced a breath sample of .105 percent.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Theft

Three pairs of Ray-Ban sunglasses and \$5 in quarters were stolen from a

vehicle in the 1200 block of Fairholme about 11:56 p.m. Saturday, June 15. The vehicle had been left unlocked.

## Assault

A 60-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested about 1 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at a restaurant in the 20000 block of Mack after he allegedly pulled a gun on another customer.

The man said he and a 46-year-old patron argued over parking before entering the restaurant and he warned the man not to come any closer after the 46-year-old angrily approached his vehicle.

The 60-year-old said he only pulled a pistol partly from his pants pocket, but the other man said the gun owner followed him toward the entrance of the restaurant with the pistol drawn.

The accused man, who is a licensed concealed carrier, was taken into custody after police received conflicting witness statements. His gun was confiscated.

## Assault

A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe man was arrested for assault after witnesses said he slapped his 5-year-old son and dragged him off a soccer field during a youth game at Mason Elementary Saturday, June 15. About 50 witnesses saw the man yelling at the child a few hours before the incident was reported about 4:30 p.m. The man was later identified and taken into custody.

## Crime doesn't pay (much)

Seventy-five cents apparently was preferred over a \$1,000 set of golf clubs left in a vehicle in the 1500 block of Oxford when the change was sto-

len about 6 p.m. Saturday, June 15.

An officer passing the vehicle, which was parked in a driveway, observed the door slightly opened. Nothing more than the loose coins appeared to have been stolen.

## Larceny

Ten dollars in change were stolen from a car parked in the 1400 block of Oxford between the evening of Friday, June 14, and about 5:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15.

## Operating while intoxicated

A 27-year-old man was charged with operating while intoxicated after his vehicle was stopped about 1 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at Hollywood and Goethe.

The driver had been accelerating from a traffic signal northbound on Mack at Vernier when police pursued the vehicle that turned onto the side street where it stopped. After failing sobriety tests the driver was arrested and his vehicle impounded.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Larceny

One yard of pea gravel was stolen from a front yard in the 700 block of Berkshire about 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 12. The suspect was reportedly driving a black Ford F150 truck onto which the gravel was loaded.

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## Brownell counselor honored as best in state

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Angie Niforos thought she was attending an awards day for positive behavior at Brownell Middle School. The long-time school counselor — Niforos was at Pierce Middle School for 10 years before joining Brownell's counseling staff in January 2009 — had signed up to help at the assembly May 28.

When Principal Rodger Hunwick announced a special guest, Norman Hurns of the Michigan School Counselor Association's Board of Directors, cheers erupted from students in the audience and Niforos learned she had been named the 2020 Michigan School Counselor of the Year. This award honors the professionals who devote their careers to serving as advocates for the nation's students and addressing their academic and social/emotional development and college and career readiness, according to a Michigan School Counselor Association news release.

Hunwick, Assistant Principal Holli McNally, and her own family members were in on the surprise announcement,



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**The announcement she had been named Michigan School Counselor of the Year was a surprise to Brownell school counselor Angie Niforos. She is pictured with Norman Hurns of the Michigan School Counselor Association's Board of Directors and member of the award selection committee.**

Niforos realized when Hurns invited her husband and son on stage.

"Looking back, everyone was very concerned with where I was that day," she said. "It was a major plot. I was so gullible."

### A calling

Niforos has spent 30 years in education — 10 as a teacher and 20 as a school counselor — and has chaired the Grosse

Pointe Public School System counseling department since 2012.

"I loved teaching," she said. "I always knew I wanted to go into education, but my heart was always in the counseling world."

Even while in middle and high school, she was drawn to helping others, writing her own version of "Ask Ann Landers" and "Dear Abby" for her

school newspapers.

"Ann Landers was my idol when I was growing up," she said. "... I still to this day have some of her articles. They were treasures."

As an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, where she majored in English with a minor in social science, Niforos served as a resident adviser in her dorm and became a resident director



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**Niforos, pictured in her office at Brownell Middle School, believes "school counselors are strong advocates for systemic change."**

during her student teaching while pursuing a Master of Arts degree in educational psychology, also at U of M.

Niforos also received a Master of Arts degree in guidance and counseling and an Education Specialist degree with a concentration in educational leadership, both from Eastern Michigan University. In 2016, she completed a doctorate in counseling from Oakland University.

Her first teaching job was at an alternative school in Ypsilanti, where she remained two years.

"These were kids that

were expelled from school for all kinds of reasons," Niforos said. "Teaching was probably the last thing I was doing. It was mentoring; it was supporting; it was being a counselor basically. ... I learned so much early on about (students') resiliency."

After four years of teaching English at Brother Rice High School, a position opened up at Brownell. She and her husband, Dean Niforos, moved their family to Grosse Pointe in 1998. Niforos taught honors and regular English at Brownell for a year.

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## Next generation teaching

District pilots seventh-grade mixed-abilities science and social studies classes

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

In veteran teacher Mark Sonnenberg's view, teaching seventh-grade science in a mixed-ability class rather than separating instruction into general education and honors classes is not only recommended; it's imperative.

The reason is not just the Next Generation Science Standards adopted by the state, but a change in how a curriculum aligned with these standards, piloted last year in all three Grosse Pointe Public School System middle schools, is delivered.

"If Michigan has decided to shift to Next Generation Science Standards, we cannot have honors classes," said Sonnenberg, a 23-year teaching veteran and chairman of Brownell Middle School's science department. "It's just that simple. Because if we do, we're not properly embracing what we're supposed to be embracing."

Next Generation Science Standards are based on a framework created by the National Research Council. Three dimensions are integrated into instruction at all levels. The first is core ideas, which consists of specific content and sub-



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**Students in Alexis Lecznar's honors class began the year with a peer review.**

ject areas. The second is science and engineering practices. Students are expected not just to learn content, but to understand the methods of scientists and engineers. The third is cross-cutting concepts: key underlying ideas common to a number of topics. Curricula based on the standards may cover fewer topics, but delves more deeply into specific topics, possibly using a case-study method and emphasizing critical thinking and primary investigation.

The standards "were written with the philosophy that science is for everyone, (with) specific pedagogy that engages all minds, not just those who do their homework or read a book at their grade level," said Chris Geerer, who chairs the science department at Parcels Middle School.

Geerer added there was "no difference in

delivery and no difference in achievement" between the honors and regular classes.

"When we piloted this curriculum, it really didn't make a difference whether you were an honors or regular kid," she said. "Our regular kids were doing just as well as our honors kids. We weren't changing anything; we were teaching the unit the same way for our honors and our regular classes."

Not only is there no need to separate students, Geerer said, but her experience shows such segregation causes a variety of problems, from scheduling to students traveling with the same group of peers from class to class.

Said Sonnenberg, "What is really cool about Next Generation Science Standards and Michigan Science Standards is the kids that don't normally participate, participate.

They're put in a position where they're more likely to raise their hand."

This is enhanced in a mixed-ability class, he added.

The change, approved in a 7-0 vote by the Board of Education for the 2019-20 school year, impacts seventh-grade science and social studies only and will be revisited in a year, allowing teachers to compile data and assess its success. Honors still will be offered in eighth-grade science and social studies as well as English and math for all three grades.

According to Alexis Lecznar, who chairs Parcels Middle School's social studies department, there's no reason to offer honors in social studies either.

"The curriculum in honors and gen ed is exactly the same," Lecznar said. "It makes more sense to have a heterogeneous class where we can build

inquiry and reach the learning of every student. We're still able to challenge the really high-achieving students — the history-loving students. We do a lot of project-based, inquiry-based activities, problem-solving. Those are the types of activities that every kid can be successful at."

Moreover, social studies at the middle school level is interest driven, she said.

"You have kids that love social studies, but they might not have the writing skills or the organizational skills yet to be in honors, but they love it. They're going to be on Jeopardy one day."

"Providing one level of social studies gives every kid the opportunity to thrive," Lecznar added.

According to Jeannie Brousseau, social studies department chairwoman at Pierce Middle School, there's a large body of research indicating tracking — grouping by ability — increases inequality with little or no impact on achievement. Heterogeneous classrooms, on the other hand, reduce the risk of certain students being stigmatized or given a "dumbed down" curriculum while leading to a more inclusive and accepting culture.

"Everyone benefits when our students accept and encourage each other," she said. "Our teachers are good at offering a variety of choices for students. This differentiation naturally encourages students to self-choose projects and activities that may be hard; but when presented with the opportunity, learners of all ability levels regularly choose a project or lesson that is interesting to them, not

because it is easy or hard. Also, learners rise to the occasion because others in their class are doing so. Curiosity tends to rub off on each other and everyone benefits when all students are presented with the same rigorous and interesting choices."

Pete Dettlinger, who chairs Brownell's social studies department, said until he spoke at the May 20 board meeting prior to the June 10 vote, he never voiced his opinion about honors classes. Yet it's something he feels strongly about.

Honors requirements are based on reading and writing test scores and a minimum grade of A- the previous year. Yet they don't take into consideration students with a passion for the subject, he said.

For example, this past semester Dettlinger offered the same test on the Civil War in his honors and regular classes. While one of his honors students — "a super great kid, never opens her mouth, not really interested" — struggled, a boy in the regular class earned the highest score of all — 100 percent.

"How do you define what an honors social studies kid is?" he said.

In his view, offering honors social studies in the middle school drains the regular classes, creating almost a remedial situation and isolating behavior issues. At the same time, offering the rigor of a true honors curriculum to weed out students would cause undue stress at a vulnerable time in their academic development.

"We're creating some-

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# School board recognizes distinguished volunteers

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Since 1984, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has recognized volunteers who have gone above and beyond to help the students and staff of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Nine volunteers earned this distinction this year and were recognized at the regular meeting May 13.

**Paul Abke** was nominated by Principal Dan Hartley for his six-year involvement at Parcels Middle School. Abke served as PTO president, vice president and Holiday Bazaar co-coordinator. He was instrumental in organizing activities and fundraising efforts to support Parcels students and staff. He also worked on the promotion ceremony, Honors Night, student events and celebrations, enlisting volunteers to help with those events.

**Jessica Brooks** was nominated by Principal Rodger Hunwick and Assistant Principal Holli McNally for her involvement at Brownell Middle School. Not only did she keep meticulous records of PTO finances as the treasurer, she led teacher appreciation activities. At parent/teacher conferences, she planned and served the staff appreciation meals.

**Mary Jane Failla** was nominated by Glen Hipple and Ann Marie Bokatzian, with support from Mary Fodell and Sue Banner. Failla spent her entire career, including student teaching, within GPPSS. She worked at Maire,



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The Board of Education honored its distinguished volunteers at its regular meeting May 13. Pictured, from left, are Krystina Sharpe, Kim Monts, Tequila Lamar, Blanchy Kaminski, Gina Gabel, Paul Abke and Mary Jane Failla. Not pictured are Jessica Brooks and Kathryn Salisbury.

Richard and Ferry elementary, Parcels middle and Grosse Pointe North high schools. At Parcels, she produced 15 consecutive sold-out middle school musicals and her show choir was named most outstanding middle school choir in Michigan. She also helped found, and continues to volunteer for, Summer Select, now known as Grosse Pointe Summer Choir. Since her retirement, Failla has focused her volunteer efforts at Community Campus and the Full Circle Foundation. With Mary Fodell, she founded the Raise the Roof Concerts where K-12 inclusive school ensembles perform. She also serves on the Board of Full Circle to design programming for students under age 26, and to help found transition programs for students over 26.

**Gina Gabel** was nominated by Principal Ryan Francis and the Maire Elementary School staff. With three children having attended Maire, Gabel helped the classroom teachers in any way possible, volunteering in the classroom and clinic. In years past, Gabel also connected Maire with the global community by creating a school-to-school connection with Piet Van School in Bangladesh through a charity called Thrive. The charity helped provide thousands of meals for students at Piet Van. Gabel also brought the Fun Run to Maire, consolidating fundraising efforts into a spring 2017 run that raised \$20,000 and a fall 2018 run that raised \$30,000. At the same time, the school collected gently used shoes and donated them to students in need.

**Blanchy Kaminski** was nominated by Principal Walter Fitzpatrick, who said that in 2013 he was approached by several parents to discuss the possibility of creating a diversity parent group at Trombly Elementary School. The goal was to have students explore various cultures found within their building. It started as a lunchtime enrichment project. However, the dream of Jetuan Perkins and Kaminski was to have a bigger impact and add a nighttime event for families. The first International Festival was an overwhelming success. When Perkins passed away suddenly, the event's future was in limbo. Kaminski made it her mission to keep her friend's dream alive. Under her leadership the event has blossomed into International Week with morning video announcements, Flag Bingo, storytellers and dancers, as well as an evening of food, crafts, dance, music and fashion.

**Tequila Lamar** was nominated by Lori Woznicki and Principal Hussain Ali for her involvement at Poupard Elementary School. Lamar was instrumental in helping Poupard's PTO move to the next level. She helped create the PTO website, providing another avenue for families to connect with the school. She also led the creation of the Ties and Tiaras dance, a reinvention of the former daddy-daughter and mother-son dances. This unified dance allows students to be included from all family structures.

**Kim Monts** was nominated by Principal Rodger Hunwick for her involvement at Brownell. Under her guidance, the PTO has effectively used social media to disseminate information and coordinated online sign-ups to make it easier for parents to contribute donations of goods and talent. A consummate team leader, according to Hunwick, Monts, along with staff liaisons, coordinated the

semi-annual tin can auction, raising more than \$10,000 for the school. Monts also helped raise awareness of the PTO and its work with a Taste 'n Talk at parent/teacher conferences. As parents entered the building, they were greeted by PTO members with coffee, cocoa, tea and snacks.

**Kathryn Salisbury** was nominated by Principal Kate Murray and Assistant Principal Geoffrey Young for her involvement at Monteith, Brownell and, most recently, Grosse Pointe North High School. At Monteith, Salisbury launched and organized a scrapbook fundraiser and served as a room mom and frequent lunch supervisor. At Brownell she chaperoned field trips, helped with school-wide activities like Clue Night and the production of "Little Mermaid."

Salisbury has continued her connection to the arts at North as choir boosters president this year, supported the production of "The Addams Family" and "The Wiz" and assumed responsibility for producing "Sister Act" — even without a child in the show. She also served as fundraising chair for the class of 2019 and chair of the senior all-night party. In describing Salisbury's "contagious joy," Murray said, "She doesn't just make sure our students and staff are physically fed. They are also emotionally fed by her laughter, optimism and selfless support of our educational community."

**Krystina Sharpe** was nominated by Karen Frakes and Principal Roy Bishop for her involvement at Mason Elementary School. Sharpe approached administration about creating a volunteer program to support Mason families in safe practices at drop-off and pick-up. Inside the building, she served as a room parent communicating with parents and designing SignUpGenius posts to organize events behind the scenes. For the past two years, she worked with Mason's fifth-grade teachers to chair fundraisers for camp and put together a fifth-grade memory book. She also worked with the student council to decorate the Ford House contest wreath during the holidays.

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more young families are moving into the area. Aside from standard coworking amenities like USPS mailboxes, high-speed internet access, a lounge area, and world class amenities, The Nott also offers learning sessions from a variety of speakers and meeting room space with one touch video conferencing to non-members. The main floor space will also be available to rent in its entirety as a event space, that offers full service

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Member plans start at \$245 a month. The demand for coworking spaces has grown significantly in the past few years. Grosse Pointe and the surrounding areas have a great need for a space like this. Grosse Pointe Park now has a community space that will bring life back to the once bustling corner of Nottingham and Mack.

Advertorial





# Farms probation officer awarded for 40 years of service

Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Katherine Sarvis-Adamski, probation officer for the Farms, is currently the longest serving district court probation officer in Michigan.

“The most rewarding thing of my job is when someone comes to me and says, ‘You were tough, but I wouldn’t have changed if it weren’t for you,’” she said.

Wednesday, May 22, Sarvis-Adamski received the 40 Years of Service Award from the Michigan Association of District Court Probation Officers.

“I felt very honored to accept that award,” she said.

Although she once considered becoming a veter-



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**Katherine Sarvis-Adamski is the longest serving district court probation officer in Michigan.**

inarian, the 1975 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate ultimately pursued a bachelor’s degree in social work with a specialty in family and children’s services from Wayne State University

before earning a master’s degree in psychology.

After two other jobs, her career began in 1979 as a volunteer probation officer in Riverview 27th District Court before she was promoted to probation director within two months.

“I started with a volunteer job and found that it was something that really, really intrigued me and that I had the chance to help save lives or change direction in somebody’s life,” Sarvis-Adamski said.

She was hired in 1983 as a part-time probation officer for Southgate 28th District Court and Lincoln Park 25th District Court. She was promoted to full-time director of probation in 1984.

Due to a desire to move back to the eastside, in

1989 she was hired at the 32A District Court in Harper Woods, although she maintained part-time employment at the 27th District Court two more years.

However, Sarvis-Adamski’s grandfather, John R. Sutton Jr., was the police and fire commissioner for the Farms in 1933 and in seeking to follow his legacy, she had always wanted to work for the Grosse Pointe municipal courts.

She started employment in the Farms court in 2009 and currently serves as the city’s probation officer.

“I love what I do and it makes me sad that eventually I will have to retire, because I work with a great bunch of people here and it’s a tight fam-

ily,” Sarvis-Adamski said. “We believe in community outreach and we like to treat all the people that come through our court with respect and dignity.”

She is an internationally certified criminal justice professional and critical incident debriefer.

“That means that whether it’s a natural disaster or a man-made disaster, we are called in after the incident to debrief the first responders to help them to get healthy to get back into the mainstream of life,” she said.

Sarvis-Adamski has used her skills in some situations that have happened in the recent past.

In 2018, Sarvis-Adamski retired from the Harper Woods Probation Department, continuing

to work in the Farms.

Regarding what 40 years as a probation officer has taught her about life, she said, “I realized there are so many different walks of life and circumstances behind everybody’s life. ... People need to be more open to other people’s problems.”

In the past two years she has been instrumental in the 9/11 memorial on the corner of Allard and I-94, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Service Excellence Award and most recently received a national honor from the Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

“Probably when I’m 100 I’ll retire,” Sarvis-Adamski said. “I love what I do.”

## PLANS:

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munity-driven economic development strategy that utilizes historic preservation and stakeholder engagement to revitalize or continue the success of your downtown district,” Young said. “What that means is that really it’s the community’s ownership and buy-in to the future of their down-

town district.”

She reported the program to-date has: put more than \$286 million of private investment, coupled with \$89 million of public investment, back into participating districts; been instrumental in bringing in more than 1,000 new businesses; and seen 690,000 volunteer hours within communities using this program throughout the state.

The MMS likely would work through the Downtown Development Authority board, which would make quarterly reports to City council.

This would require hiring an executive director to manage and delegate. Mayor Christopher Boettcher said it would be difficult to find the funds, but it could be done if they get creative.

The MMS currently has 25 communities participating in the state, largely around southern Michigan, including the city of Wayne, Mexicantown, Detroit and Howell.

Only three communi-

ties are accepted into the program every annual application period.

The council will determine if the community wishes to move forward by September. If so, the City must submit a plan by December and make a formal presentation to the advisory council in February; it would receive notification of acceptance or denial in March 2020.

“I think one of the biggest advantages of going forward with this program would be that it is a process to allow the whole community to come forward and get behind a single direction,” City Manager Peter

Dame said.

The Redevelopment Ready Communities program is more broad and would provide a roadmap moving forward for the city as a type of self-help program with no financial commitment.

It would aid in pre-development assistance, general technical assistance funds, site marketing assistance, as well as offer matching dollars via monetary assistance.

Over 260 Michigan communities are a part of RRC, according to Community Assistance Team Specialist Dominic Romano.

To pursue participa-

tion in this program, the City would need to update the master plan since it’s older than five years.

Council spoke in favor of pursuing both programs and determined the next course of action will be to have the DDA discuss its interest since the responsibility would largely fall on the board’s shoulders.

“I think it’s a great opportunity for the community and people to become engaged,” Boettcher said.

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# C-SPAN honors ULS filmmakers

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

What does it mean to be an American? This was a question University Liggett School sophomores Camron Herbert, Carsten Higbie and Giorgio Malkoun addressed in their film, "Rails of the Republic," as part of a national competition hosted by C-SPAN.

StudentCam challenged students to submit their own documentary relevant to this question, choosing a constitutional right, national characteristic or historic event and explaining how it defines the American experience.

A record 6,318 students from 48 states and Washington, D.C., participated, according to a C-SPAN news release. "Rails of the Republic" earned an honorable mention and a visit from C-SPAN as part of its nationwide tour to recognize all the competition's winners.

ULS hosted a student assembly May 31, to honor the three students and show the documentary, which 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.

Joining students on stage were Doug Hemmig from C-SPAN, history teacher Brad Homuth, who led the documentary project, and Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Pro Tem Arthur Bryant.

Bryant presented the



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Pictured after their tour of the C-SPAN bus are, from left, Brad Homuth, Giorgio Malkoun, Camron Herbert, Carsten Higbie, Doug Hemmig and Mayor Pro Tem Arthur Bryant.

students with a certificate of recognition from the Woods city council and mayor.

"I thought it was a tremendous video," he said. "I honestly believe that the quality of the production was as good as anything I've ever seen (American filmmaker) Ken Burns do. The factual nature of what was in there and the heartfelt interest in the different sides of what happened ... was just wonderful."

Bryant added May 10 was the 150th anniversary of the hammering in of the final spikes of the Transcontinental Railroad.

The students also received a certificate from Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Hemmig said



History teacher Brad Homuth and the documentary makers and their families had an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the C-SPAN tour bus from staff.

a certificate from Sen. Gary Peters' office was on its way.

Among the reasons "Rails of the Republic" caught the attention of

the producers and education teams, Hemmig noted, were the students' "passion for the topic"

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# TV production programs excel

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Once again, TV production programs at area schools had strong showings at the Michigan Student Film Festival.

Students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high and Pierce middle schools participated in the festival sponsored by the Digital Arts Film and Television organization, Michigan Interscholastic Press Association, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Student Production Awards and the Meijer Great Choices PSA contest this year.

North students Owen Grice, Emmerson Navaree and Zach Hogrebe received the Best of Show award for "Our Dark Room." This public service announcement about a teenager struggling with various problems was interlaced with cutting-edge effects. This is the fifth consecutive year North has been awarded a Best in Show.

Receiving awards of excellence from North were Tyler Peters, Andrew Justice, Tyler Moore, Jon Perkins and Sydnei Harris for their PSA about cheating; Theo Goolsby, Brianna Muawad, Hunter Adelson and Jerry Carney for their short film, "Laugh Track"; Goolsby, Muawad, Adelson, Cam Colbert, Moore, Joe Hamunda, Logan Crook, Brian Stackpoole, Mekhi Blackwell and Jamare

Jordan for the short film, "TV Noir."

Receiving awards of excellence from South were Joelle Reich for her documentary on the new emergency medical training class at South; Noah Dakho and Zeke Maes for their short film, "The Game"; Henry Ayrault, Isabelle Backman and Patrick FitzSimons for their GPTV News opener; Reich and Brandon Wortman for their short film, "Panic"; Miles Dearing and Jude Walsh for their short film, "Subjective"; Colleen Morris, Riley Brennan, Sophia Kielt and Kaya Musicki for their short film, "Love in Red"; Reich and Morris for their short film, "Nostrum"; and Izak Sahutske, Colin Southers and William Glasser for their documentary, "The Chill Room."

North student Owen Grice won honors for "Vets Returning Home." Awarded honors from South were Dearing and Walsh for their documentary, "Welcome to Bert's"

and trailer for their short film "A Penchant for Vengeance"; Reich, Wortman and Lily Bates for their commercial on the school's CTE programs; Dearing, Walsh, Chase Tomlin and Wale Kinni for their short film, "Stolen Car"; John Kyle and Chuck Ulbrich for their PSA on vaping; and Morris, Brennan, Kielt and Musicki for their PSA on bullying.

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# 37th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day is July 10

Metro Detroit Youth Day organizers expect more than 35,000 students, 1,600 volunteers and 300 community partners to attend the 37th annual youth-centric event, which takes place 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, on Belle Isle's athletic fields.

"Metro Detroit Youth Day represents the community coming together to instill a positive impression on our youth during an entertaining and educational day," said Ed Deeb, founder and chairman of Metro Detroit Youth Day and founder of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association. "We're honored to be able to have an impact on young people's lives and are looking forward to an inspirational event with metro Detroit youth and our supportive community. We extend many thanks to all the sponsors that make this event possible."

Metro Detroit Youth Day is the region's largest single-day youth event in the area and provides activities that focus on everything from sports to education.



Ed Deeb

Workshops focus on a variety of topics, including combating crime and bullying, the importance of health and wellness and the spirit of entrepreneurship. Those in attendance receive a free lunch — made possible by contributions from more than 25 partnerships and sponsors — and have the opportunity to make crafts, memories and new friends. Additionally, prominent city leaders and dignitaries are honored for their contributions and influence on the community's youth.

Metro Detroit Youth Day features education

and entertainment areas where students have the opportunity to interact with organizations such as the Department of Natural Resources, Detroit Public Library, Crime Stoppers of Michigan and The Parade Company. More than 100 interactive activities and exhibits are available, including robotics demonstrations, chemistry experiments, artistic exploration sessions and more. Martha Reeves kicks off the event by singing the national anthem, followed by three U.S. Air Force jets flying overhead to commemorate the day.

College Row provides a unique opportunity for students to visit school representatives and learn about more than a dozen Michigan colleges and universities. University and collegiate representatives engage students with hands-on activities such as robotics exhibits, educational yard games and themed trivia.

Metro Detroit Youth Day's parent organization, the Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation, will recog-

nize high school students for community and academic achievement by awarding scholarships to those who submitted an application and essay for consideration. Courtesy of the support of sponsors, colleges and universities, community organizations and the public, more than 120 scholarships will be awarded this year. The foundation has awarded nearly 2,000 scholarships since 1991.

Students will have access to organized sporting exercises, pickup games and other activities including martial arts, boxing, golf, track and field, soccer, lacrosse, bowling, football, basketball and more. NFL alumni will be present to participate in football drills and share anecdotes from their time in the league. Representatives and mascot friends from various colleges and the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers also will be on hand.

All attendees are required to register in advance of the event or at the registration area on Belle Isle's athletic fields. A form of identification is required for all participating youth.

Metro Detroit Youth Day came about following altercations on Livernois Avenue when a dozen young people were running into food stores to steal alcoholic beverages. During a two-week period, one grocer and two youngsters were shot and killed. Event organizers sought to create an event that focused on the positive.

Deeb, who received a Presidential Point of Light Award, has earned numerous honors for establishing the event, including being named to several Halls of Fame and honored by The Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News.

For more information or to register, visit metro.detroityouthday.org/register.html or call (586) 393-8801.

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and quality of the interviews.

"That's very key in a winning video," he said. "... Your interviews really taught us something and advanced the video and that is really hard to do, even for professionals."

The most popular topics in this year's competition included First Amendment rights at 17 percent, equality and discrimination at 13 percent and immigration at 9 percent, Hemmig said.

"Your video was very unique and stood out to us as a different way to look at what it means to be an American," he said.

After the assembly, the students and their families had the opportunity to tour the 45-foot, state-of-the-art C-SPAN bus, learning from crew members about the onboard interactive tools and educational features of the public service television network's traveling classroom.

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Pictured are Grosse Pointe North TV Production students in Times Square.

## Trip to the Big Apple

This spring, 12 TV production students from Grosse Pointe North High School traveled to New York City to study film production in a professional setting. They had the opportunity to attend a live taping of "Good Morning America," tour

NBC Studios and enjoy an extensive, private tour of C N B C Global Headquarters. There also was a panel presentation of professionals actively working in the industry. One participant was a 1993 graduate of North City and won an Emmy for

editing a documentary. The group also visited a private production studio and film school while touring various areas of the city. The TV production trips alternate between New York City and Los Angeles each year.



**NAACP**

Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods branch

## Local NAACP chapter has taken no position on school closings

The Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods branch of the NAACP has monitored the progress of the Grosse Pointe Public School System as it develops reconfiguration strategies. We have participated in the school system's Blue Ribbon Committee meetings, met with school officials and attended community meetings.

The NAACP mission is to ensure political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

In keeping with this mission, we await the outcome of the school board vote on the reconfiguration plan.

As the plan most likely will involve school closings, the NAACP will determine the impact of those closings on minority students and their families and take appropriate action.

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# Kerby teacher named Ferry interim principal

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

After 18 years in teaching, Jodie Randazzo has an opportunity to step into the role of principal. Randazzo was named interim principal at Ferry Elementary School upon the retirement of Gloria Hinz. Hinz, a 30-year educator, served as Ferry's principal 14 years.

Randazzo has taught in the Grosse Pointe Public School System since 2000 — 15 at Monteith Elementary School and the last three at Kerby Elementary School.

A grade-level curriculum leader, Randazzo has prepared for this new role in many ways, from attending the Galileo Leadership Academy from 2015 to 2017, to helping develop the Grosse Pointe Learning Network, a teacher-driven, district-wide learning network.

Randazzo's impact extends beyond Kerby to expanding opportunities in the district. This year she helped organize the district's first #One GP Parent Camp and has served on a number of district committees, including strategic planning, unity for diversity, the Educational Programs Leadership Council and technology and the 21st century.

As a teacher, Randazzo's focus is on using universal design for learning to promote flexibility and student reflection and identify barriers; effective use of



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The Board of Education approved Jodie Randazzo's appointment as interim principal at Ferry Elementary School at the regular meeting June 10. She is pictured before the meeting with her husband, Jim.

standards-based grading; and maximizing opportunities through project-based learning, STEAM and maker spaces. She has shared her expertise at Kerby, in the district and beyond, coordinating an innovation/coding club, providing student-led "hour of code" for all classes school-wide, hosting sessions at several district-led professional development days, organizing educational book talks for colleagues and presenting on standards-based diverse learning in the Lake Orion School District.

"I'm very happy for her," said Kerby Principal Sara Delgado. "She's excited and I'm excited for her."

"It will be a huge loss to Kerby," she added. "She's only been a teacher at Kerby for a few years, but she's been an awesome addition and the students and parents fell in love with her."

Delgado looks forward to working with Randazzo in her new role.

"Ferry is very lucky," she said. "They have an enthusiastic, excited leader who is ready to come and take the helm."

Randazzo received a Bachelor of Science degree in education at Wayne State University, Master of Education degree in elementary education at Saginaw Valley State University and Master of Education degree in teacher leadership from Oakland University. She has a K-12 administrative certificate and school leadership license from the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

"I am just excited to continue to serve our district in a new capacity as principal and get to know the Ferry family and community and support them in any way I can," Randazzo said.



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## Those were the days

Above, members of Grosse Pointe South's Class of 2019 took a walk down memory lane at Defer Elementary School. Below, Grosse Pointe North High School graduates gathered at Poupard Elementary School to celebrate where their educational journey began.



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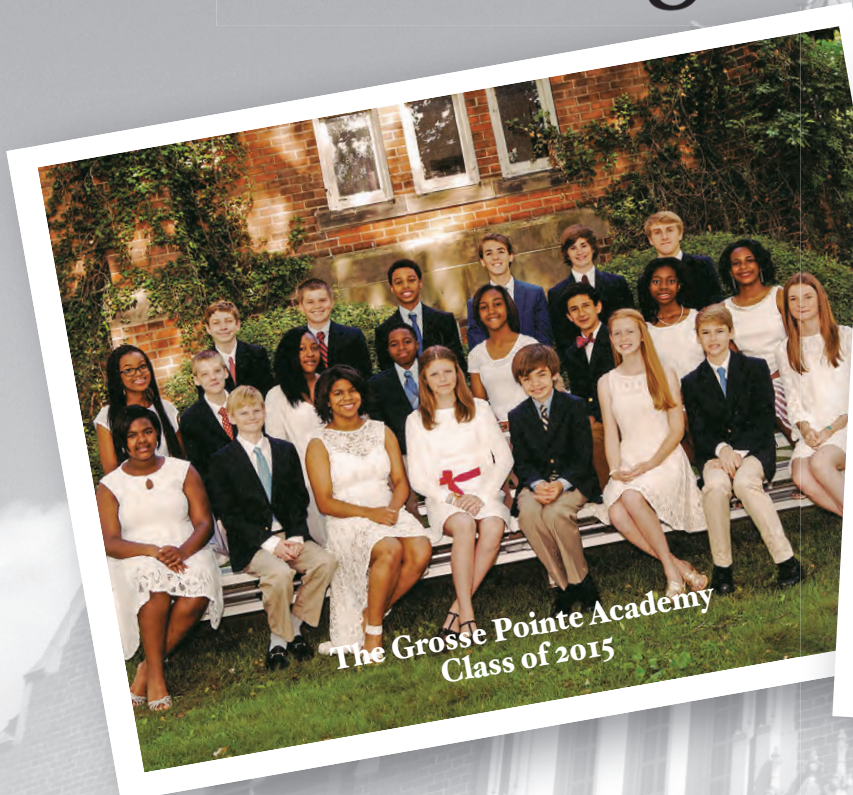
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“Over the Edge” by Bashar Abouljoud



“Cronus’ Gauntlet by Daniel Draper

South art students recognized

Four Grosse Pointe South High School students earned honors from the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center’s regional high school art competition.

Siblings Daniel and Scarlett Draper, Bashar Abouljoud and Christopher Bower each will receive a cash award or college scholarship for their work.

Abouljoud, a junior, received a \$12,000 scholarship from the Savannah College of Art & Design for his piece, “Over the Edge.”

Bower, a sophomore, received a \$500 scholarship from Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University for his piece, “Fish Ring.”

Daniel Draper, a senior, received a \$150 Tina

Parfitt Memorial Award; a \$16,000 scholarship from the College for Creative Studies; and a \$3,000 scholarship from Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University for Cronus’ Shield.

Scarlett Draper, a sophomore, earned a \$500 scholarship from Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University for “Vision.”

Shores senior earns top theater honors

Detroit Country Day Student Steffi Roche, of Grosse Pointe Shores, was unanimously selected by the faculty to receive the Courtney B. Vance Theatre Award, presented by Vance, a Detroit native and Country Day alumnus, to the top theatre conservatory student.

Roche has been actively involved in the Country Day Conservatory program, which features a strong theatre arts, film and fine arts department. Roche earned her conservatory certificate, which is comparable to a dual degree, while earning summa cum laude honors as a senior and magna cum laude her freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Roche is an accomplished singer and earned the lead in all high school musicals/plays. Outside of school, she has performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre in La Boheme, Carmina Burana, iPagliacci, HMS Pinafore and The Nutcracker. Roche has



COURTESY PHOTO

Steffi Roche

by my classmates to represent the Class of 2019,” said Roche.

Roche plans to study broadcast journalism at the University of Missouri’s School of Journalism and pursue jazz vocals and theatre. She received the top high school jazz vocalist awards for the State of Michigan and top musical theatre awards at Michigan’s Thespian Festival, in addition to her Detroit Jazz Festival honors as youth diva and youth all-star.

Ursula Walker, Detroit’s Grand Diva of Jazz and the Detroit Jazz Festival, has known Roche since her first performance at the Ford House at age 10. Walker and her husband, pianist Buddy Budson, were so impressed with the young singer they personally coached her on her jazz vocals and phrasing.

“Steffi is one of the most unusually talented and intensely serious students we have ever had,” Walker said, adding she is “also as sweet as she is talented.”

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Pointe Farms. Heather Albrecht is the producer and Michelle Stackpoole is the director and choreographer.

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# Book series engages young readers

## Woods author inspired by 'precocious' daughter

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Gary Abud Jr. does not take his blessings for granted.

Thanks to the kindness of strangers, today Abud can drive, read, work and gaze at his wife — things that would have been next to impossible not long ago.

"Twelve years ago, I had my first corneal transplant and 11 years ago, I had my second corneal transplant," Abud said. "I had an eye disease as a child that took my vision as a teen. I couldn't read; I had to listen to audio textbooks. I couldn't drive."

The impact two donors — strangers — had on Abud's vision and life do not go unnoticed by the Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

"I appreciate not just that gift, but what it means to show love to other people and be a blessing to others," he said. "I want to make an impact and serve other people with my gifts and talents."

Those talents include a mastery of science — while a science teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School, Abud was named the 2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year — and a talent for writing. Putting the two together, Abud next month will release the first book in a children's series, the purpose of which is to engage young readers in interactive experiments.

The "Science With Scarlett" series launched this week with "What Color Will It Be?"

"It's about a little girl scientist with a teddy bear assistant," Abud explained. "It teaches real science in an interactive way so the reader feels part of the experiment."



Gary Abud, above. Right, five-year-old Laina Abud, who inspired Abud's series of children's books.



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"What Color Will it Be?" is the first in a series of children's books.

And the topic is near and dear to my heart.

"One of the things I learned in my own experience is how much we can take our vision for granted," he continued. "Until we have that experience, it's hard to appreciate the ability to see. It's a miracle the human eye can do what it does. ... I'm excited to teach the wonders of sight to children and appreciate the fact we can see in the first place."

Abud credits his accomplishments — as a science teacher, business owner, husband, father and now author — to the gift of sight. And he credits his daughter, Laina, 5, for inspiring the book series.

"I have a little girl who has a precocious attitude for science and a fun nature," he said. "I thought I'd take some of the fun science experiments I did as a high school teacher and turn them into stories."

"When I was an elementary principal, science was low priority while reading was high priority," he continued. "I wanted to use reading to teach more science to elementary-age students."

The main character, Scarlett, is a 7-year-old

scientist.

"A little older than my daughter, but spunky, with a precocious attitude — very much like my daughter," Abud said, noting he hopes the book helps shine a light on science, "a very viable, exciting career path. There's lots you can do with science. Getting kids interested when they're young can open up their inner geek and open up pathways. It's important for young girls to see the pathways viable to them. It's important to give more attention to possibly identifying with characters who are young girls."

Additionally, through his business SAGA Educators, Abud said he's working on piloting a science program and curriculum to go with the book series, "something classrooms and educational groups can use," he said. "So if a school wanted us to come in and do an assembly or a community group wants to host a science program, this would be an opening to allow them to consider that."

The book also allows Abud the opportunity to raise awareness for Eversight, an organization that makes sight-

saving cornea transplant surgery possible.

"I've done fundraising and advocacy for them," he said. "I want people to be aware of donor registries and organ donation. The cornea is only a small portion of eye tissue. To know this is an option makes a big impact. It's something I want to bring attention to."

Abud, an Eversight ambassador, also has pledged 15 percent of the book's profits to the organization. He came up with the percentage by adding the years of his

own corneal transplants — '07 and '08.

Though Abud is still tossing around ideas for follow-up books, he said physics, forces and motion likely will come into play.

"All the books are going to have a constructionist approach to the story and plot," he continued. "The characters will pose a situation and ask the readers a question. Readers will predict what will happen and then the answer is revealed. We want all of them to be concepts accessible to young children, accessible to that style of teaching and learning."

"What Color Will It Be?" is available at Barnes &

Noble, Amazon and other book retailers, including Circare at 9 Mile and Mack. Soft cover, hard cover and eBook versions are available.

"It was fun to put together," Abud said.

The book was brought to life by Detroit illustrator Liz Craft, published by Covenant Books in South Carolina and entirely made in the U.S.

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# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Anne Clark** and **Lindsey Clark** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at Marquette University. Anne Clark graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and Lindsey Clark graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social welfare and justice.

**Max Yoshida** of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from Dickinson College in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience and biochemistry and molecular biology. He also was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List. Yoshida, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School,

is the son of Drs. Atsushi and Barbara Yoshida.

**Duncan Ragland** graduated from Bucknell University and was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester.

**William Norris** of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated in May from William Jewell College with Bachelor of Science degrees in business administration and applied critical thought and inquiry.

**Henry Joseph Leto** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at Michigan State University

in the School of Arts and Letters. A member of Grosse Pointe South High School's Class of 2016, he is the son of Joseph and Paula Leto.

**Colin Gudenau, Rachel Stander** and **Tyler White** of Grosse Pointe Woods, all graduates of Grosse Pointe North High School, were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester at Albion College. Gudenau is the son of James and Allison Gudenau. Stander is majoring in biology education with a minor in psychology education with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development and is a member of the

Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Douglas and Debra Stander. White, a biology major, is the son of Michael White and Lynne Zablocki-White.

**William Michels** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from Albion College cum laude with a degree in biology and a minor in anthropology and sociology. Michels is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Christina Rafail** of Grosse Pointe Shores was recognized as one of the top four students in Albion's Class of 2020, presented by faculty for excellence in academic work.

Rafail also was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester. The daughter of Nicholas and Lia Rafail, she is majoring in kinesiology-exercise science and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. Rafail graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School.

**Matthew Stander** of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Alma College summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry, with Albion College Honors.

**Brian Blanzly** and **Samuel Blanzly**, both of Grosse Pointe Park, graduated from Albion College, each earning a degree in finance. They are the sons of Jennifer and Robert Blanzly and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Pierce productions received accolades as well. Receiving awards for excellence were Logan Detweiler, Jane Kuhnlein, Guilana Lutfy, Noah Rhodes and Henry Sandra for "Cooking with Cassandra"; Henry Fish, Wells Graham and

Charlie Groustra for "Grape Ape"; and Luc Michaud, Jack Ryan, Noah Rhodes, Gavin Webster and Jack Weigand for "Grosse Pointe Themes."

Honors winners from Pierce were Jai-Lauryn Dearing, Megan Ecclestone, Camille O'Mara and Sophie Schuetz for "You've Got a Shadow."

## NEXT:

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thing that really isn't what it is," he said. "Unfortunately the 'H' in some of the kids' (schedules) is very important sometimes. There's the self-esteem thing.

"I think we're doing a disservice to the kids by creating a so-called honors situation in the middle school when they're still young," he continued. "They still mature so much. ... That's why math and science start to shoot up for boys in high school — they start to get the deeper concepts."

Looking ahead to high school, the teachers agree the change in middle school honors will have little to no impact on students' ability to excel in honors and advanced placement classes at the next level.

"There aren't any preqs when kids sign up for classes," said Geerer. "There are kids who can go into honors classes in high school now who never took an honors class in middle school."

Sonnenberg has discussed the changes in the science curriculum with department chairs at both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools to make sure the new standards are aligned with high school expectations.

"The feedback we're getting is (for students) to be prepared as possi-



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**A writing assignment accompanied this social studies project made by two students in Alexis Lecznar's general education social studies class.**

ble has very little to do with content and everything to do with skill," he said.

The new science curriculum's emphasis on student-driven investigation, group work and engineering — and basic fundamental skills such as graphing, data interpretation and knowing how to organize and maintain a notebook — will benefit all students as they move on to high school, he added.

Sonnenberg urged parents "to get out of the box of traditional (thinking that students) must have harder material and more homework because we're going to test it. That whole concept has to shift. This is such a colossal change in how we're teaching."

For those with doubts, Sonnenberg invited them to visit next year to see the students in action.

"The best way for parents (to assess the change) is to come visit a classroom and see how it works," he said.

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## PRIDE:

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**Will Colborn** of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Albion College with a degree in communication studies and a minor in psychology. Colborn is the son of Theodore and Catherine Colborn and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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**Madeline Denison** of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Albion College Sigma Xi with a degree in chemistry and

Spanish. Sigma Xi recognizes outstanding research potential. Denison is the daughter of James and Deborah Denison and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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**Andrew Fabry** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from Albion College with a degree in economics and management. Fabry is the son of David and Nancy Fabry and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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**Malene Smith** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated

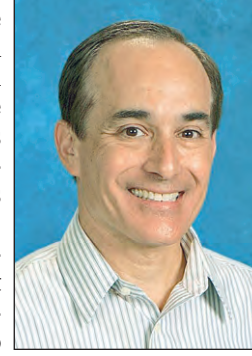
from Albion College with a degree in ethnic studies and biochemistry. Smith is the daughter of Carl and Suwana Smith and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

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The following students were placed on Grand Valley State University's Dean's List for the winter 2019 semester concluding in April: **Delaney Bandos, Emily Barour, Meagan Beach, Caitlin Bush, Riley Crook, Claire Dalian, Alyssa Dall, David Gerlach, Matthew Harrison, Amy Hiltz,**

**Agibail Kafarski, Gabriel Korkmaz, Isabella Lawson, Sophie Leslie, Jack Liagre, Heidi Marchi, Ian Murphy, Hannah Nihem, Cameron Schultz, Natalie Schunk, Christina Sicklesteel, Anthony Simon, Sophia Smith and Jacqueline Veneri**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe; and **Charles Calcaterra, Clark Frick, Alexandra Golus, Devin Henderson, Tegan Jones, Erin Morris, Madison Parthum, Gabriel Rogers, Matthew Torlone and Katie Wilk**, all of Grosse Pointe Park.

## Good chemistry

Grosse Pointe North High School teacher Steve Kosmas has great chemistry with his students. That chemistry is evident in his commitment to students inside and outside the classroom through his work with North's chemistry club,



STEVE KOSMAS

rocketry team, material science exploration and green chemistry.

The American Chemical Society rewarded Kosmas's dedication by naming him 2019 Chemical Education Division Outstanding Educator.

— Mary Anne Brush

## BEST:

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In 1999, she had an opportunity to join Pierce's counseling staff, making the transition from teacher to a counselor. After 10 years, she returned to Brownell, this time as a counselor.

"It was like coming back home," she said.

While raising three young children — Alexandra, Theodore and Georgianne — Niforos decided to pursue her Ph.D., commuting an hour each way to Oakland.

"There's never a great time to go for your doctorate, but with three young kids, that was perfect for me," she joked.

It took her six years to write her dissertation, titled "Middle School Counselors' Use of Academic Interventions to Enhance Student Success."

### Counselor role

Enhancing student success has been Niforos's focus throughout her career. Middle school is a unique time for this challenge, in her view, with the counselor's role to provide support in three areas — academic, career and college planning and social/emotional.

"From the academic standpoint, we journey with the kids for three years to make sure that we help prepare them for high school," she said. This includes monitoring student progress, ensuring appropriate class placement and providing intervention if students are struggling.

Counseling staff also assist with transitions on both ends of a student's middle school experience, from working with fifth-grade teachers to scheduling and class placement at both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools.

Should the Board of Education approve a grade reconfiguration, moving fifth-graders from elementary to middle school as proposed, Niforos said she would "welcome the fifth graders" and help with their transition to middle school the same way she currently supports sixth-graders, continuing through their transition to high school.

"The beauty is, we have them longterm," she said, adding while social workers and school psychologists are available at the elementary school level, these are based on specific needs and parent requests.

"But with a counselor, you are automatically assigned to us," she said. "It's not a parent signing up to give permission. It's automatic. ... That will be a new feature, which I think is going to be very helpful. ... Step one with the fifth-grade is they'll get to know a new type of

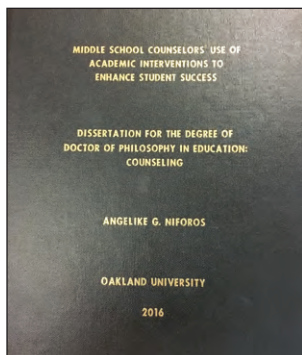


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**Niforos's dissertation, which took six years to write, focused on the academic success of middle school students.**

resource person that's with them for four years. That's longevity. It's a long-term relationship."

Counselors also expose students to college and career planning, assessing their interests and strengths through Naviance, a software program also used at the high schools. In addition,

Niforos helped organize Brownell's first career day this year. Niforos hopes to repeat its success in future years.

### Finding balance

The area of most concern, however, is addressing students' social and emotional needs. Niforos said she has seen a dramatic increase in her 20 years as a counselor in anxiety and depression. Causes are multi-faceted, but social media is a big factor, in her view.

"Social media has definitely played a major role in auditing to kids' struggles — with their self-confidence, with their ability to cope with peer situation," she said. "Certainly there are so many different ways that it's influencing them."

Parents also are struggling, she added. "Our focus is on kids, but we do quite a lot with parents.

We're oftentimes guiding and supporting parents with what their needs are and collaborating with them to be helpful."

One solution all three middle schools offer is the opportunity to get involved in extracurricular activities, Niforos said.

"We like to see that our kids get involved with something. Middle school is a time to really explore, see what your interests are, see what you don't like and then move forward with some more involvement as you proceed into high school.

"If we can get them to just balance their lives with some other activities, I think that's the healthiest thing we can provide our kids," she continued. "Give them a balance, give them an opportunity to get away from those phones and socialize in person and have relationships with people and

communicate effectively and actively with your peers and adults. That's what we're missing out on now; we're not seeing as much direct communication. That's what these phones have done for us — they've gotten us away from that. It's so easy to put it out there and comment on it and react to it and be bothered by it and then let it affect you. In the meantime, you're missing out on other opportunities. That goes for kids and adults."

### No regrets

As a state winner, Niforos will be evaluated for National School Counselor of the Year, announced in the fall.

"The attention is overwhelming," Niforos said. "People who know me know this is not me. I have so many colleagues who work hard too.

"An award like this hap-

pens because I've had so much incredible support over the years, not just from my own family and my parents were incredible role models, but from an incredible staff that I work with," she continued. "The Brownell community is exceptionally supportive. I can't say enough about the parents, the staff, my administration — just overall the Brownell community. (They are) just so supportive of everything I do and I'm very grateful."

At one point in her doctoral studies, Niforos had to choose between the administrative route of educational leadership and counseling.

"Life brings you these opportunities and you have to stop and think, where are you now?" she said. "... But at that point in my life, it was counseling. I've never regretted it. It was the right thing to do."

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## RESTART: Continued from page 1A

While Superintendent Gary Niehaus said in a statement he was grateful to the MDCR for hosting the listening sessions and providing “an additional opportunity for the community to share their insight into reconfiguration,” the two resolutions remain on the board agenda for the 7 p.m. meeting Monday, June 24, “as promised to the community.”

“I was disappointed that there wasn’t more testimony or participation,” Niehaus told the Grosse Pointe News. “I thought it was a small sample size.”

In comparison, the Board of Education and administration have “a lot wider perspective” from a range of community members over the past several months. According to the statement, the MDCR summary “will be carefully considered as part of the many transparency efforts informing this critical decision, including our 15 town halls attended by over 1,196 people, our meetings with the PTOs at each of the four schools being considered for closure, the work of the 58 Blue Ribbon Committee members, the hundreds of emails to the board, the numerous public comments at televised board meetings, the social media posts and the individual and small group meetings in my office.”

Responding to several of the MDCR’s recommendations, Niehaus added the district already has enhanced its efforts in marketing and begun staff training on district-wide racial equity, implicit bias



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**Pictured during the Michigan Department of Civil Rights morning listening session on May 29, are panelists, from left, Senior Managing Partner Sylvia Elliott, Executive Director Agustin V. Arbulu and Director of Enforcement and Investigation Patricia Barrera. Standing and seated far right are interpreters for the hearing impaired.**

and structural racism. The release noted the district is committed to equity when budgeting resources to meet student needs, will review the in-district transfer policy and has doubled preschool programming, with waiting lists for the infant program.

General takeaways from the MDCR report included:

- ◆ The closing of schools with the most diversity and/or the one particular school of color — Poupard

- ◆ The potential impact of moving fifth-graders into middle school who are not emotionally ready; lack of transparency and selection process relating to the Blue Ribbon Committee

- ◆ Lack of fair process and openness from the board/Blue Ribbon Committee while aiming to control the narrative

- ◆ The need for more time to consider the long-term consequences/impact — waiting for census data; why be in a hurry to arrive at a decision?

- ◆ Transportation and walkability (safety) issues related to school closings

- ◆ Neighborhood schools serve as a hub in bringing together families, educators and community partners.

Additional issues concerned “property value, contamination/pollution, overcrowding of schools, Head Start programming and transparency/lack of openness.”

The report identified several themes. One was a sense of division, as conveyed through reference to “those across the freeway” or “closing Mason means now crossing the bridge.”

“MDCR questions what is taking place beneath the surface. Such comments imply that the non-dominant culture is on one side of the freeway and not part of ‘us.’ This also suggests divisiveness within the school district not only along racial lines but also along socio-economic (class) lines. To state it bluntly, the use of careful words or phrases suggest a dominant view controlling the narrative while silencing other voices.”

Other themes were fear the district was underestimating the number of families with children

moving into the Pointes, particularly Grosse Pointe Park; lack of trust in the process among community members impacted by the reconfiguration; an overall disruption on the community with a particular adverse impact on students of color; and the role of elementary schools “as an important fabric for neighborhoods and the students, families, educators and community partners, especially during the formative years of a child’s development.”

The report expressed particular concern for Poupard, the district’s only majority black school, questioning why Poupard faced a decline in student enrollment the past two years. One culprit identified is the district in-school transfer policy, which had a disproportionate impact on Poupard, according to data included in the report.

According to the report, “Poupard faced the largest percentage of transfers compared to other schools while having the fewest number of transfers to Poupard. A related factor is the flexible policy for in-district transfers. If the flexible policy allowing for in-district transfers is revised and made tighter, one could see more students attending their neighborhood schools, like Poupard.”

The report traced implicit bias and its impact on communities to “the role that history and culture play in creating racially inequitable outcomes,” recommending proactive approaches “to create and sustain equity long-term.”

The report concluded the school board has two realistic options: to “proceed to take a vote to adopt and implement a policy that was developed without the inclusion of all residents, and in particular a process that excluded

those who will be most affected” or “to begin the process anew and determine whether the current proposal is still the one they wish to adopt after they have considered the input of all the residents the Board is empowered to represent.”

Board President Brian Summerfield said Arbulu is invited to present at the board meeting during the superintendent’s report, giving board members the opportunity to ask questions.

Based on Arbulu’s responses, board members will have the opportunity to make a motion to adjourn or table the agenda action items, but, “As of right now, the vote on the resolutions will remain the same,” Summerfield said.

Summerfield added he personally has a lot of questions.

“The report itself is somewhat vague. I have questions regarding what information Dr. Arbulu looked at, how he reached some of the conclusions he reached. Some of the conclusions are outside the area of the expertise of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and I wondered how he came up with those.”

“My understanding was the sole purpose of the sessions was to give the community another opportunity that was safer to raise concerns that they had,” he added. “... I did not expect the conclusions and recommendations section. It was kind of outside the scope of what I thought they were doing.”

Nor did the report touch on any concerns Summerfield had not heard already from Blue Ribbon Committee meetings, town halls, emails, public comments during board meetings or conversations with community members.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MDCR

- ◆ Extend or restart the deliberation period on the reconfiguration with an eye to creating a more inclusive and transparent process.

- ◆ Tighten the in-district transfer policy that has disadvantaged Poupard, the school with the most students of color.

- ◆ Develop a marketing plan aimed at increasing enrollment.

- ◆ Provide additional resources to the district’s only Title 1 school, Poupard.

- ◆ Consider closing one of the three middle schools in lieu of closing one or more neighborhood schools and retain the current middle school grade configuration.

- ◆ Implement training for the school board and staff district-wide on racial equity, implicit bias and structural racism, and hold community forums on the importance of equity and inclusion.

- ◆ Adopt a racial equity lens to guide the decision-making process on reconfiguration.

— from the MDCR Summary Report, June 17, 2019

It’s possible Arbulu didn’t understand the depth and breadth of community involvement the board and administration already experienced, he said. For example, many people chose to remain after town halls, allowing board members and administrators to address their concerns in greater depth than possible during the public meeting.

Summerfield particularly took exception to the comment related to the board controlling the process to reach a certain outcome.

“That is absolutely false,” he said. “If you paid attention to the process at all, you would know that that’s not true. If that were true, you wouldn’t see the process evolve the way that it has based off of community feedback.”

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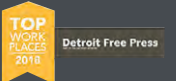
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## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

### Paintings honor Motown legend

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A series of three paintings honoring the memory of the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, were unveiled at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch on Monday, June 17.

Artist Curtis L. Lewis spoke briefly about each piece before revealing his work, which is part of a 30-piece exhibit he plans to complete near the one-year anniversary of Franklin's death, Aug. 16.

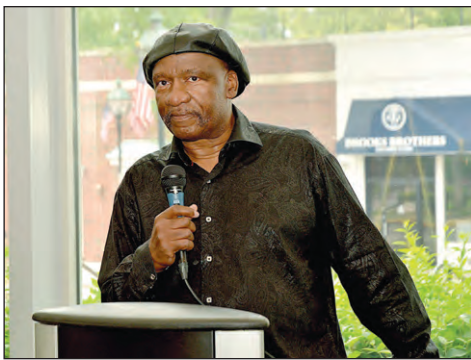
"I've done shows all over the country, city and state, but I have yet to do something in Grosse Pointe," Lewis said. "When we put the schedule together for the tour, I started with the libraries, because Aretha Franklin was about education. She used to go to the public library in her city and used to read to the little children. This lady that sang for kings and queens and presidents and even popes, when she came to read for children, I was told, she was very nervous. That's because she was doing something that was from her heart.

"A lot of celebrations of Aretha are centered around music," he continued. "I wanted to tap into other things she did — Aretha the person."

Lewis, whose friendship with the Franklin



Above, "Aretha Franklin/I Sing Because ..."  
Right, the artist, Curtis Lewis.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

family began when Aretha Franklin commissioned him to paint a portrait of her father, the Rev. C.L. Franklin — shared with an audience of library patrons and friends three paintings —

"Aretha Franklin/American Treasure," "Aretha Franklin/I Sing Because ..." and "Aretha Franklin/Songbird."

"I was her friend; I was her artist," he said. "Each one of these paintings



Above, "Aretha Franklin/I Sing Because ..."  
Left, "Aretha Franklin/American Treasure."

deal with a different aspect of Aretha. I am pleased to say we are here today to give you a peek of what we have."

"American Treasure" includes several images of the singer over a backdrop of the American flag. Her hometown of Memphis, Tenn., as well as Detroit are represented in the painting, as are her parents, a pink Cadillac and the opening notes to "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." "No one knew at that

time this little baby screaming would become a voice America would treasure," Lewis said. "When she was 3 years old at the church, she would stand on a chair and sing to the congregation. It was an anointing placed on her. She was appointed and anointed. She had that soulful sound."

The second painting, "I Sing Because ..." represents Franklin as a civil rights activist.

"Aretha is in color, but the rest of it is in black and white," Lewis said, "because it represents what she stood for and what she sang for."

Lewis shared a story about Franklin asking permission to sing with Dr. Martin Luther King during his marches throughout the South when she was 19 years old. She knew it might be risky, he said, but she

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## No matter the challenge

### Author provides inspiration for living

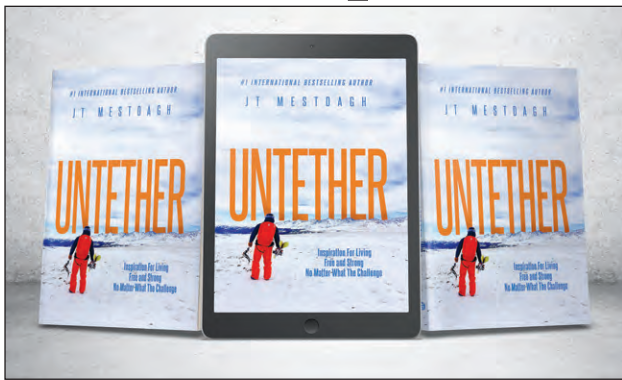
By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

JT Mestdagh doesn't necessarily consider himself a daredevil.

He just likes to live life to the fullest.

That's part of the reason he's climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and driven the Autobahn, and why he still wants to swim with a whale shark and go helicopter skiing. He likes to set goals for himself; it's one way he makes sure to make the most of his experiences.

Facing challenges has been a part of Mestdagh's life since birth. Diagnosed with a life-threatening syndrome called VATER/VACTERL, he endured 250 days in hospitals before age 3 and had 16 major surgeries before age 16. He also has severe dyslexia and short-term memory loss. In fourth grade, he was told he'd be



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"Untether" is available in hard and soft cover, as well as eBook.

illiterate for life.

"Throughout my life, I've had a few challenges that stem from medical to educational that, from birth to now, I deal with day to day," he said. "It's a journey, but also a learning experience for me."

Mestdagh chooses to persevere, stay positive and fight his battles. With help from significant mentors, he not only

learned to read and write, but last month published, "Untether: Inspiration for Living Free and Strong No Matter What the Challenge."

"It's a memoir of my life and shows all the people who have been mentors and supportive and life-changing for me," he said. "It's about perseverance, obstacles and how I overcame them — by surrounding myself with

people who helped support me to do that."

The 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident said having VATER syndrome helped him overcome the adversity he faced hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro.

"In the last chapter, I highlight that goal of mine — a bucket list item," he said, "how an adventure with the right people was a success. Even though there were obstacles along the way on that journey alone, I had the backbone to succeed because of previous challenges."

"I want people to know that whatever the challenge is, they can get through it if they put their mind to it and find avenues of help," he continued. "Find the right people to help you reach your dreams and goals and cures."

Mestdagh said he's



JT Mestdagh

inspired by people and helping people, as well as by nature and "what God created for us and the ability to see what God's created," he said. "I felt I

had a story to share. With it, what inspired me was the ability to hopefully impact at least one life. If

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# Artists celebrate 'Our Rivers, Our Lakes' After 6 on Kercheval kicks off June 22

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association invites the public to the juror lecture and awards presentation for its exhibition, "Our Rivers, Our Lakes," at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23, in the Terrace Room of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The exhibition includes 46 pieces by 35 artists from five U.S. states and Canada. The show runs through Sunday, Aug. 4.

Juror Senghor Reid grew up in Detroit's urban environment and always yearned to be closer to nature. In his recent series of paintings, "Distilled," he explores what water resources like Michigan's lakes and rivers mean to Michigan residents.

Reid earned a Bachelor



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From the "Distilled" series by Senghor Reid.

of Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and a Master of Teaching degree in art education from Wayne State University. He attended the internationally recognized Marathon Program at the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture in New York City.

He currently is an artist-

in-residence at the Cranbrook Schools and a national board-certified visual arts educator. He has received many awards, including the Kresge Arts in Detroit Visual Artist Fellowship and the Governor's Award for an Emerging Artist.

Reid's work has been exhibited in the U.S. and abroad in galleries and

museums, including the Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit; Kentler International Drawing Space, New York City; St. Catharine Museum in Canada; and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York City. His work is in private, public and corporate art collections.

Presenting sponsor Red Crown invites the community to After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 22.

The event features entertainment by The Gobies; a Turbo Tubs carnival ride; a dunk tank sponsored by Flagstar Bank and Grosse Pointe Sail Club; performances by the Detroit Tap Repertory, Jasen Magic and Blue Crow Talent Fire; food and drinks from High Octane, Buffy's Mexi-Casian, Comfort Cafe and People's Pierogi Collective; and vendors For Your Little, ThirtyOne, Twistful Thinking and Suzy & Izzy Soap.

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After 6 on Kercheval takes place once a month during summer. Additional dates are July 27 and Aug. 24. For more information, visit [grossepointepark.org](http://grossepointepark.org).

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### The Helm

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

- ◆ Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

- ◆ Ascension St. John Providence Mobile Heart and Health Screening, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays, June 21, July 12 and Aug. 23. Cost is \$60 and includes a medical health assessment, blood pressure check, electrocardiogram, body mass index, ankle brachial

index, carotid ultrasound and abdominal aorta ultrasound. A "fasting lipid panel," which measures cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose, is available for \$20.

- ◆ The movie, "The Wife," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 28. Cost is \$2. An optional lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and costs \$5, including the movie.

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

### Jardinieres

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Jardinieres meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20, for a riverboat cruise and luncheon aboard the "Clinton Friendship" in Mount Clemens. The hostess for this event is member Sharon Lutz. Ladies are encouraged to wear boating attire for the last meeting of the season.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 21, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 23, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, June 21, 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, June 26, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

### Cottage

Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, celebrates 100 years with a community-wide birthday party noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23, in the surface parking lot next to the parking deck at Ridge and Muir roads. The event includes outdoor games, music and food trucks. People born at Cottage receive a gift and prizes will be awarded for the oldest and youngest born at Cottage since 1919. Share memories and photos via email to [cottage100@hfhs.org](mailto:cottage100@hfhs.org).

### ERC

The Eastside Republican Club Family Fun Picnic takes place 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at Patterson Park, at the foot of Three Mile Drive. Hot dogs, chips and lemonade are provided; guests are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. RSVP by calling (313) 505-3646.

### Libraries

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

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

- ◆ Michigan Science Center presents "Egg-pollo 11 Workshop," 2 and 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 24.

- ◆ Music Production Workshop, 2 p.m. Thursday, June 27, with Grosse Pointe Music Academy, for ages 11 to 13.

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

- ◆ Signing Story Time with Momcat Kelly, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 24.

- ◆ Actor's Workshop with 4th Wall Theatre, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, for ages 6 to 12.

- ◆ Moon Gardens with Hope Hoffman of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 26.

- ◆ Yoga for Trauma & Stress, 1 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27, with Katherine Page of the Macomb County Veterans Center.

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

- ◆ Archery in Space, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 24 to 27.

- ◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion Group, 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 24. The group discusses "Sing, Unburied, Sing," by Jesmyn Ward.

### Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, June 24, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielk at (313) 884-4201.

### NAACP

In recognition of June as Gun Violence Awareness Month, the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP features Chief Robert Dunlap of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department at its next meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus speaks.

### Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A Passing of the Gavel event takes place with outgoing President Gary Niehaus and incoming President Judy Masserang. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. For more information, visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org).


### NAMI

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



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# Days for Girls Grosse Pointe Farms: 'Every Girl. Everywhere. Period.'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In many developing countries, girls miss school and women miss work several days each month during their period. That's around 200 missed school days per teen, each day putting her further behind, threatening to discourage her and derail her education.

Days for Girls International wants to give those days back to girls and women, so they can avoid being isolated during their periods due to lack of menstrual hygiene materials or the taboo surrounding menstruation.

"Girls in these areas have nothing. It's shocking in 2019, but they have nothing," said Days for Girls Grosse Pointe Farms co-leader Mary Garlough. "They sit on leaves or cardboard (during their periods). When they're menstruating, they miss a week of school or work. So these kits give days back to these girls and women."

With menstrual health kits, Days for Girls not only provides the proper menstrual hygiene items, but also educates girls about female anatomy, sex education and more. The Grosse Pointe chapter is one of 600 around the world.

The international organization was formed outside of Seattle by Celeste Mergens in 2008. While visiting Kenya, she realized girls had no hygiene products. She asked what they did during "that time of the month," to which they replied, "Nothing."

Since its inception, Days for Girls International has given more than a million menstrual hygiene kits — and as a result, 115 million days — to women and girls around the globe. Locally, Days for Girls Grosse Pointe Farms has donated more than 1,000 kits since it began in July 2017.

Each kit comes in a drawstring bag, which girls often treasure and use for other purposes. Inside each cloth bag is a gallon Ziplock bag containing the kit components:

- ◆ two shields that snap around the crotch of a pair of underwear. Inside each shield is a waterproof lining that keeps fluids from staining underwear or clothes;
- ◆ eight liners in various



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT ROSSBACH

## Days for Girls volunteers assemble kits.

colors that fold to fit into the shield. Users can insert as many liners as needed for their flow;

- ◆ two pairs of underwear. Each bag is tied with a ribbon, the color of which indicates the size of the underwear inside;
- ◆ one washcloth;
- ◆ one small bar of soap;
- ◆ one instruction sheet and
- ◆ one additional Ziplock bag to use for washing the components in as little water as possible for areas where access to water is unreliable.

Both the shields and liners are washable and made to dry quickly — and to not look like menstrual hygiene items, if they are drying in public view.

"We created or bought everything that goes in these kits," co-leader Sandra Mengel said. "The shields are meant to conform to the body; there have been 28 versions. They went through the process of what works well, what doesn't work well. There are very strict guidelines on how they're sewn, the dimensions, etc."

Early kits were disposable, but eventually non-disposable kits were created that last three to four years. Each kit costs \$10, "but we have funders ... so we're able to make them for a donation of \$4,"

Garlough said. "For three years, that's a pretty decent kit." When kits are distributed, a sturdy instruction book is included in the gift. Developed by the international organization, the book provides an educational component.

"We don't just hand out the kits," Garlough said. "Generally girls don't know why they're bleeding. They don't know what's going on. This is very eye-opening for them."

Menstruation is considered taboo to differing degrees in different countries, Mengel said.

"This book goes through biology, menstruation, hygiene, personal safety and human trafficking," she said.

Human trafficking becomes an issue, because even if women have access to sanitary products, most can't afford them. Usually, they'll find a "boyfriend" who can pay for the products, but the girls are then in an intimate relationship they may not want because it's currency to them.

To further educate women and girls, the mission partners delivering kits have started working with them to create enterprises, Mengel said, training them to make kits themselves.

"It's a win-win," she said. "They can make

money and they're pushing products in their country."

So far the kits have made their way to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Kenya and Tanzania, thanks to mission partnerships formed with local churches and organizations. Such partners include Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica, Grosse Pointe Park-based Friends of Kenyan

Orphans, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Haiti and Africa Relief Team, Hope for Haiti in Troy, Lutheran Synod in Detroit and Woodside Bible Church in Troy.

Hope for Haiti is represented by Grosse Pointer Joan Richardson, who helped Mengel and Garlough start the local Days for Girls chapter. While Richardson no longer is a part of Days for Girls, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Libby Van de Putte has filled her shoes.

The local group initially was mentored by a team in the Farmington/Livonia area.

Days for Girls Grosse Pointe Farms meets twice a month — a Saturday at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and a Monday in Garlough's basement. Some members choose to sew at home as well.

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church acts as the group's "home base."

"We get generous funding from them and a lovely workspace," Garlough said, "and they've taken kits for distribution."

Along with funding from the church, Days for Girls Grosse Pointe Farms also has received funding from Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe, both Grosse Pointe Rotary groups and the Grosse Pointe chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Along with sewing, members wash, iron and cut fabric; sort and fold underwear and washcloths; cut ribbon; singe ribbon ends to prevent fraying and pack kits. The group offers training materials, so even those with no experience are



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## A diagram of a kit.

Orphans, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Haiti and Africa Relief Team, Hope for Haiti in Troy, Lutheran Synod in Detroit and Woodside Bible Church in Troy.

Hope for Haiti is represented by Grosse Pointer Joan Richardson, who helped Mengel and Garlough start the local Days for Girls chapter. While Richardson no longer is a part of Days for Girls, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Libby Van de Putte has filled her shoes.

The local group initially was mentored by a team in the Farmington/Livonia area.



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## Orphans in Nchiru, Kenya receive kits.

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# AHEE jewelers hosts 'Summer Night in the City' June 22

## Souper Summer Celebration XXXVIII benefits Capuchins

The 38th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, hosted by Edmund T. AHEE jewelers of Grosse Pointe Woods, takes place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22. The annual fundraiser benefiting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen expects to attract more than 7,000 guests who will be treated to a night of entertainment, food and cocktails at Comerica Park.

"Summer Night in the City" is the theme for this year's event.

Comerica Park opens its doors to the public free of charge for the 16th year of this partnership. There is a new entrance to the park this year; doors are located at Gate B, at

Witherel and East Adams.

The stadium's Tiger Club, Pepsi Porch, Cigar Lounge and several concession stands will be open for food and cocktail purchases. Attendees will be treated throughout the evening to musical acts such as a live performance by the band Your Generation, a performance by the Capuchin Gospel Choir and music played into the night by DJs Nothing Elegant.

A fireworks display begins at 10:30 p.m., immediately followed by the raffle drawing.

This year's raffle offers new custom prizes, unlike previous years. The grand prize is a diamond jewelry design, custom made to the winner's specifications by the AHEE design

team, for a retail value of \$5,000. Other prizes include a sapphire custom jewelry design, an aquamarine custom jewelry design and a champagne tour of the AHEE jewelers showroom and workshop with the choice of a retail item from the showroom. Another new prize this year is a Shinola package, including his and hers Shinola watches, a tour of the Shinola factory in downtown Detroit, a one-night stay at the new Shinola hotel and dinner for two at San Morello.

One hundred percent of raffle ticket proceeds go directly to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, an organization beloved by the late Edmund T. Ahee Sr., founder of AHEE jewelers. He



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE AHEE FAMILY

Members of the Ahee family during a previous Souper Summer Celebration.

established the first Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration with his wife, Bettejean, and their seven children in 1981. The annual event, along with the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund, has raised more than \$6.5 million for people in need in Detroit.

Anyone age 21 and older is welcome to attend. Dressy

summer attire is suggested. Complimentary self-parking and valet parking are available. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$5 each at AHEE jewelers in Grosse Pointe Woods, by calling (313) 866-4600, at the Capuchin Center or at the June 22 event before the raffle begins. Ticket holders need not be present to win.



## Garden party celebrates Ford House blooms

Lovers of roses are invited to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, for an evening in Eleanor Ford's Rose and New gardens during the second annual Evening of Roses from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27.

Attendees will experience the ambiance of the historic estate's gardens after hours, sip wine and delight in the roses in full flourish during the prime bloom of the year. Casual educational opportunities, chats with experts and music by a live strings duo also are featured.

Patrons are invited to

sample desserts created by internationally-inspired sweets maker Warda Pâtisserie, artisan chocolates from Hamtramck confectioner Bon Bon Bon, half sandwiches from Detroit-based Rocco's Italian Deli and rose hip soda.

"The Rose Garden is at its peak bloom typically only twice a year and Evening of Roses provides a great opportunity for guests to fully take in the beauty of the garden during its prime," said Ford House rosarian and horticulturist Kelley Maricle, who designs and cares for the estate's gardens,

teaches workshops and created flower arrangements for the event. Maricle will attend the event to chat with guests, answer questions and share her expertise.

Other highlights of Evening of Roses include learning about historical and cultural uses of roses and a rose hip syrup and jam tasting. New this year, ILERA Apothecary shares the rose's skincare benefits in its vegan and organic bath and beauty products. Event-goers can sample ILERA products and make their own bath salt or bar of perfume

to take home. Also joining Evening of Roses for the first time, Antonio Maldonado, owner of Detroit-based Ecuadorian rose business Handpicked Exports, engages guests in conversation, answers questions and provides a peek into the world of roses — how different climates affect their growth and even Handpicked's fair labor practices.

"The food, wine and atmosphere of the gardens create a unique, casual learning opportunity to round out the Summer of Roses workshop series," said Emily Weiss, Ford House education programs coordinator. "We encourage guests to come back and explore the Rose Garden in different ways through the workshops, whether it's gardening, photography or even painting."

Evening of Roses is the centerpiece of Ford House's Summer of Roses series, themed for Eleanor Ford's favorite flower. Upcoming opportunities include Macro Photography, focusing on floral close-ups, taught by Creative Vision Photography on Saturday, Aug. 10, and Art in the Rose Garden, a watercolor session led by Venturrelli Studio on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Details and tickets for Evening of Roses and the Summer of Roses workshops may be found at fordhouse.org or by calling (313) 884-4222.

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# Optimists donate bike repair station to Neighborhood Club

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe has been contributing to charitable causes and awarding scholarships to community members for 35 years.

Last month, club members took their efforts a step further with the installation of a bicycle repair station at the Neighborhood Club. Debra Renshaw, incoming vice president of the club, spearheaded the effort.

"I saw a station down at the library," she said. "The club has done a lot of great charity work and given scholarships, but we have no signature project, so I thought why not get these around the city?"

The station includes an air pump and collection of tools — "Whatever you need to fix a bike," Renshaw said. "You put your bike on the station, use the tools, fill your tires with air and off you go."

Neighborhood Club Executive Director Stu Alderman said his staff was thrilled with the idea of having a station onsite.

"A lot of our members ride bikes, but also people in The Village ride bikes



David Francis, Optimist Club president; Julie Baumer, Optimist Club vice president; and Stuart Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club.

too," he said. "As soon as it was installed, people stopped in at the front desk and told us what a great idea it is. ... We're all about fitness and wellness here. Something like this fits with what we're all about."

"This station bodes well for our members and it bodes well for the community," he continued. "We appreciate the donation. It's an enhancement for us and it promotes the Optimists too."

"This station not only promotes the Optimist Club itself and raises

awareness ... but one of our main missions is to serve youth," said Julie Baumer, club vice president and incoming president. "When Debra came up with the idea, we thought it went hand in hand with our mission. Adults can use it, but it also will be for kids."

Lakeshore Optimist Club President David Franks stated, "The Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe is proud to donate the Dero Fixit Bicycle Repair station to the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club. We

share and support the mission of the Neighborhood Club to enhance the health and well-being of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities. We hope that this repair station will make it just a little easier for all of our neighbors to be healthy and fit."

Renshaw said the club hopes to continue to install bike repair stations throughout the community, noting she'd like to see them at each Grosse Pointe park. While the original plan was to install one per year, Baumer said

with such a positive response to the Neighborhood Club station, they may speed up the program to every six months.

The station cost the Optimist Club \$1,400. Money was raised by club members through donations and a yearly Texas Hold 'Em fundraiser. Through its fundraising efforts the club regularly supports several organizations, including Ryan's Case for Smiles, Coats for the Cold, The Fowler Center, Racing for Kids and others. Funds also go toward scholarships, presented via its Optimist Oratorical Contest and Youth Appreciation Awards.

"We're also trying to figure out other projects we can do to get our name out there and have people come join us," Renshaw said.

Meanwhile, Baumer is working to start a Junior Optimist Club at Pierce Middle School.

"Within the past six months, it was delegated to me by the president to get a hold of middle schools to find out who would permit us to charter a Junior Optimist Club," Baumer said.

With help from Pierce Principal Sara Dirkse, the

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To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

club has visited the school during lunch hour in hopes of signing up a few students. To date, 30 have

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this book can do that, it will all be worthwhile for me and mean a lot to me."

Some of the people who inspire Mestdagh are featured in the book, including Steve Tattum, creator of a reading program called LearnUP. It's the program that helped Mestdagh become literate and change his life.

"It's been adopted into the Grosse Pointe Public Schools and University Liggett and other local schools," he said. "Steve comes from Denver. He's had a huge impact on my life. I had the opportunity to move to his school in Denver, which specializes in dyslexia."

"He was a huge inspiration to write this book," he continued. "He really thought I needed to share the dyslexia side of things. He became such a good friend and mentor of mine."

Mestdagh — who graduated from University Liggett School in 2004, and High Point University with a degree in business administration and sales in 2018 — said the book is meant for "anyone with challenges or struggles with education or medical issues, but also for my

age group and above — high school to college and beyond."

Since its release last month, it's gotten positive feedback and is an international bestseller on Amazon.

A percentage of its proceeds benefit the JT Mestdagh Foundation, a 501(c)3 he founded last

*'God has given me challenges and blessed me with the attitude to learn from them ...'*

JT MESTDAGH,  
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summer to support children facing medical and learning challenges.

Mestdagh said he's available for book signings and speaking engagements for all ages. In the meantime, the full-time marine salesman at Colony Marine in St. Clair Shores plans to enjoy his summer — hopefully embarking on his passion: boating.

"I do a lot of boating with my family," he said. "I grew up around boats. One thing on my bucket list was getting my 100-ton captain's license, which I have now. In my industry, it's something valuable and helpful."

Establishing a foundation and writing his memoir also have been checked off his bucket list, but he has yet to get his pilot's license, ski the Alps or learn to surf — among many other goals.

"With my challenges, I realize for me, I'm very fortunate I get to live life very normally," he said.

"There's a medical procedure I have to do once a day that takes an hour, but other than that, I'm fortunate to be able to do a lot of other things. I can escape my challenges in nature. It's my happy place. ... It's tranquil to me."

"The daredevil part — I've got to live life to the fullest and try new things and learn from them too," he said. "I've done bungee jumping in Africa in Victoria Falls. I hope to go skydiving this summer. Someone told me a long time ago to write down the things I want to accomplish in life. That way, you're able to see them visually and achieve

them. That works for skydiving and bungee jumping, but also in the business world or medically. If it's something you want to accomplish, that's a way to achieve that success."

Apart from a supportive family and friends, Mestdagh finds strength in his faith, which also is captured in "Untether." The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church member and former Young Life student said faith is a huge aspect of his life.

"God has given me challenges and blessed me with the attitude to learn from them and do something with them," he said. "He's gotten me through every one of those challenges. Nature is where I feel closest to God and where I have the opportunity to leave behind different struggles and focus on him and what he's created for us."

"Untether" was ghost written by Anita Palmer and published by Elite Online Publishing. It's printed in Dyslexia font, "which helps a person

with dyslexia decipher letters a little bit easier," Mestdagh said.

It's available on Amazon in eBook, soft cover and hard cover edi-

tions. An audiobook will be available on Audible next month. For more information, visit jtmestdagh.com or find him on social media platforms.

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# GPYC hosts Optimist Nationals July 20-28

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The grounds of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club will be thick with young sailors for eight days next month as the club hosts the 2019 Optimist Nationals.

Approximately 400 sailors, ages 8 to 15, are expected to arrive at the club Saturday, July 20, to get their boats measured. Sailing kicks off with three days of team racing, Sunday through Tuesday, July 21 to 23.

"There are three boats on a team," said Blaise Klenow, regatta chairman. "Their combined performance makes their score."

Wednesday, July 24, is set aside for girls' championship racing. The national championship is spread over the last four days.

"What really hap-

pens," Klenow said, "is most of the team racers and girl racers stay for the national championship and will be on the water Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

Klenow said people from around the United States have signed up for the event; others are expected from Canada, Brazil and other countries.

"This truly is an international event," he said.

GPYC hosted its first Opti Nationals in 2013, an event people still are talking about six years later, Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation President Jim Morrow said. With experience comes proper preparation.

"We're working closely with Grosse Pointe Shores," he said. "They're going to house some of the boats on the

property adjacent to us, because there are so many boats."

The fence between the club and neighboring Osius Park will be removed and spaces painted to accommodate 300 boats. Another 100 spaces will be reserved at the club's sail center, though those are reserved for the green fleet, or "learn-to-sail kids," Morrow said.

Parking for parents and coaches will be available at Grosse Pointe North High School and shuttle bus service is offered by University Liggett School.

"This is the biggest deal the USODA (United States Optimist Dinghy Association) does in a year," Morrow said. "In 2013, we were extremely successful in our ability to launch boats and get them back in here. It's a

huge event; it consumes the club."

As in 2013, sailors this year will get a commemorative coin. They'll also receive a backpack full of information from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and event sponsors. The packet will include information about the Grosse Pointe community and its offerings.

"We're talking 350 to 400 kids, 8 to 15 in age, so they don't come alone," Morrow said. "Parents drive in from around the country and spend the week here — in the community, at the club — spending money. We're rolling out the red carpet."

An economic impact study was conducted by the Detroit Convention Bureau and Grosse Pointe chamber — verified and compiled by the National Association of

Sports Commissions — to better understand the financial impact this event should have on the community. The study states, "The gross economic impact of this event upon our community is roughly \$2,562,585, with visitor spending and the subsequent local recycling of visitor dollars inducing a gross impact on local spending in the amount of \$4,200,960."

To prepare for an influx of hundreds of families, the club set up a website — gpycusoda.org — that includes details of the event, as well as a selection of lodging and "areas of interest."

"There are quite a few hotels on the list," Klenow said. "These folks have set up blocks of rooms and are offering attractive rates."

"Aside from the fact

people are going to be staying in the area, everybody's got to eat," he continued. "We feed the kids breakfast and lunch, but they're traveling with their parents or coaches. They need to eat and entertain themselves."

Added Morrow, "There's an official dinner Friday, July 26, on the lawn. The America's Cup people are coming in to speak to the kids. All the kids will be there and the parents will be there too. That's the only big night. The rest of the week, they're eating on their own."

While some parents may choose to board a spectator boat for part of the day, they may not want to be out as long as their children, Morrow said. Information packets and the website also

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Grosse Pointe Rotary members, who labeled all of the tools, from left are George McMullen, Bob Lucas, Philip MacKethan, Ted Everingham, Mike Carmody, Liz Vogel, Jessica Keyser and Steve McMillan.

## Rotary continues tool partnership with GPPL

Since 1943, during World War II, the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe have worked together to provide tools to the community. The tool collection now totals more than 150 items.

"The library's tool collection continues to evolve," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "With the support of the Rotary Club we're able to bring more and more resources to the community. We have everything from an aerator to an

X-ACTO set."

Started as a project of the Boys' Work Committee of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe, the club wanted the tools to encourage manual dexterity among the younger generation. Because of the scarcity of tools at the time, the Rotary gift made tools available to all citizens of Grosse Pointe.

In 1979, the Rotary tool collection was memorial-



Rotarians applied new labels to more than 150 items in the Grosse Pointe Public Library's tool collection.

1973, said Michael T. Carmody, executive secretary and director of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

"We're humbled to renew our sponsorship and financing of the Rotary tool collection," Carmody said. "The next time you need a tool, check it out from the Central Library, our compliments."

ized in recognition of Robert M. Orr, library director from 1949 to

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## Jane Marsden

◆ **Title:** Youth Services Librarian

◆ **About:** Miss Jane, as she is affectionately known, is a youth services librarian at the Central branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Before joining the library in 1996, Miss Jane worked in law firms for 20 years.

"Becoming a librarian opened up a whole new world to me," she said.

◆ **The job:** As a youth librarian, Miss Jane plans programs such as story times and crafts. She also hosts a middle school book group once a month from September through April and she helps develop the library's youth collection with other youth librarians.

"I developed the STEAM kit collection." STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

◆ **Hobbies:** Outside the library, Miss Jane enjoys crossword puzzles and watching the freighters.

"My husband and I go to St. Clair or downtown Detroit," to watch the freighters go by. She also loves current events.

◆ **Favorite books:** Two of her current favorite children's books are "Raymie Nightingale" by Kate DiCamillo and "Ungifted" by Gordon Korman. "I take a look at all the new books coming into the library every week," she said, adding she likes to "match kids with books."



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She also gets feedback from the students in her book group about the books they're reading.

◆ **Best part of the job:** "Story times are by far my favorite," she said, adding she enjoys getting to know the kids and their families and watching them grow.

"They're just little sponges."

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include things to do, like shopping or other activities in the Pointes.

For those who like being in the thick of things, and to make the event run smooth, the club seeks volunteers — "as many as we can get," Morrow said. A variety of jobs is available.

"Launch and retrieval of the boats is paramount," Klenow said. "We need people to direct traffic during check-in. All kids have to go across the driveway, so we need crossing guards. We need help for spectator boats, to take people around, answer

questions and make sure things are running properly."

The website includes a SignUpGenius link that lists jobs and takes volunteer registration. Volunteers do not need to be club members or have boating experience.

"It's so gratifying to see the community come together," Morrow said. "Last time, they just wanted to be here; it's such a huge event. Anybody that wants to be involved, we'll show you what to do. The more people involved, the better it is."

For the youngsters involved, the event also is a chance to learn while having a good time.

"It's a fun event,"

Klenow said. "It's nice for local sailors to get to be a part of the green fleet. It's a great opportunity to see some really world-class sailors. Some of these sailors are going to be our next Olympians. For local kids who maybe won't get to that level — or maybe they will — it's inspiring for them and they can learn."

Added Morrow, "It could energize them to step up. There is that opportunity to be in it. My granddaughter, who is in the green fleet, is 9. I want her to experience what it's like. This is a national thing — it's real exposure."

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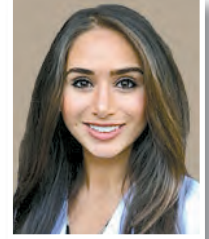
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# OBITUARIES

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

## Kerry J. Albrecht

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Kerry J. Albrecht, 61, of Hobart, Ind., passed away suddenly Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

Kerry embraced his work and life passions to the fullest. His love of animals launched his work life at 16 years old at Lou's Pet Shop. He worked at Grosse Pointe Park's Windmill Pointe Park for many years beginning as a lifeguard and leaving as head of maintenance. He studied at Wayne State University and then completed his electrician apprenticeship. He worked for Town Center Electric Inc., and taught evenings at ABC Electrical Apprenticeship.

Kerry was an avid snow skier as well as loved all water sports, music and cooking; however, his lifelong passion was trains. He was involved with many model train organizations and he loved designing model train layouts. For the past decade, he had the best of everything by working for Canadian National Railroad Co. He was able to combine his love of trains with his electrical knowledge as a senior systems engineer at Kirk Yard.

In his free time, Kerry created a beautiful backyard landscape for his loving wife of seven years, Lou Ann Suits Albrecht and himself. He is survived by Lou Ann; his parents, John Albrecht and Stacia DeLisle (Richard); sisters, Lisa (Steve Slaber), Dana Leonard (Brian), Jill Ash (Roy) and Tara Rogers (Tim); and nephews and nieces, Kyle Leonard, Lottie and Jacob Ash and Adam and Lauren Slaber.

A memorial visitation was held June 17, 2019.

Donations may be made in Kerry's name to Hobart Humane Society at [humane.society.of.hobart.org](http://humane.society.of.hobart.org) or South Oakland County Model Railroad Club at [socmrrc.habitant.org](http://socmrrc.habitant.org).

## Frederick Bryan Bellamy

Frederick Bryan Bellamy, 80, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Born June 17, 1938, to Bryan and Winifred Bellamy, Fred grew up on Wilshire Drive in Detroit, graduating from Denby High School in 1956. He continued his education at Wayne State University, earning bachelor's and juris doctor degrees.

Fred was uniquely suited toward the law and worked with great passion at various Detroit law firms; most notably he was partner with Frimet, Bellamy & Gilchrest, ending his career with Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC.

Fred had the great fortune to marry the love of his life — and high school sweetheart — Janette Hyslop Yates Dec. 3, 1966. They spent more than 50 loving years by each other's side and raised two wonderful sons.

Fred was an avid and successful sailor, a man who most enjoyed being on or near the water — never happier than when he was at the helm. He was an Old Goat of the Port Huron to Mackinac Race on his beloved sailboats, "Narcissus" and "Pogo," and presumably still finding fair winds and following seas in the next life. He and Janette enjoyed traveling the world and spending time with friends and loved ones.

Fred was foremost a loving husband, proud father and doting grandfather, always proud of his family. A man of fierce intellect and passionate beliefs, but never far from a quick joke with an impish grin and twinkle in his eye. He lives on through his legacy in the law, his loving devotion to his friends and family and the joy he brought them.

Fred is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janette; sons, James (Melissa Dorn) and John (Joanie Conlan) and grandchildren, Lucas, Bryan, Millicent, Tyler, Jack, Yates, Avalon, Iris and

Penelope.

A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

## William Daniel Cohan

William Daniel "Bill" Cohan, 95, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in Wilmington, N.C.

Born Sept. 11, 1923, in Detroit, Bill attended Holy Redeemer and University of Detroit High School. Before graduating high school, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941. He served in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1945 and was given an honorable discharge in 1945 with the rank of master technical sergeant. On the GI Bill, he then earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit and a master's degree in taxation from New York University. He practiced estate and trust law more than five decades. He also served as a board member of Art Centre Osteopathic Hospital in Detroit.

Bill lived most of his life in Grosse Pointe. He was a longtime member of the Detroit Athletic Club and Country Club of Detroit, as well as a member and commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club. He enjoyed sailing (15 Mackinac races), playing squash, golf (Michigan Seniors), reading and spending time with family and friends. He had a truly remarkable memory for the people and events that touched his life and he was never more energized than by simply enjoying the company of others. Bill and his wife, Mary, moved to Wilmington in 2009 to live with their youngest daughter, Christa.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, William and Helen Cohan; brothers, Dan and George and sister, Barbara. He was the devoted husband for more than 70 years of Mary Grace Cohan, who also predeceased him.

He is survived and beloved by his six chil-



Kerry J. Albrecht



Frederick Bryan Bellamy



William Daniel Cohan

dren, Dan Cohan (Cathy), Pat Cohan (Pam), Marty Cohan (Patti), Mary Kay Crescimanno (Mike), Ann Orders (Mark) and Christa Cullen (Lee Murray); 10 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

To honor their father's wishes, a private family memorial service will be held.

Donations may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Education Fund, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Manresa Retreat House at [manresa-sj.org](http://manresa-sj.org).

## Lynn Elizabeth Maitland

Former Grosse Pointe resident Lynn Elizabeth Maitland, 73, died Sunday, March 31, 2019, at her home in Bay Village, Ohio.

Born May 11, 1945, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Kenneth and Irene Maitland, Lynn grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from St. Paul on the Lake High School. She graduated from Michigan State University and then earned master's degrees in social work and medical ethics and a Ph.D. in moral philosophy from Loyola University, Chicago.

Lynn recently retired from her position as vice president of mission and ethics at UH St. John Medical Center, part of the University Hospitals System in Cleveland, where she oversaw the ethics program, palliative care, community outreach and pastoral care. At the time of her death, she was an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University Graduate School of Nursing.

Lynn was a founding board member of Kevin's Song, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower communities to prevent suicide and offer hope and healing to survivors. Kevin, who ended his life in 2013, was Lynn's nephew. Lynn was instrumental in helping Kevin's Song establish its annual conference on suicide.

Lynn loved to travel, garden and care for her rescued cats and dogs.

Lynn is survived by her



Lynn Elizabeth Maitland



Dorothy Ann Neuman

daughters, Julie, Maureen (Rich Howley) and Katie (Steve Morgan); sister, Gail Urso (John) and brother-in-law, Andy Meltz.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Sally Maitland.

A celebration of Lynn's life will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at The Ivy Room, 12 E. Ohio St., No. 100, Chicago.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following causes Lynn was passionate about: Kevin's Song, 21 Kercheval, Suite 345, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or [kevinssong.org](http://kevinssong.org); Best Friends at Best Friends.org or Doctors without Borders at [doctorswithoutborders.org](http://doctorswithoutborders.org).

## Dorothy Ann Donnelly Neuman

Dorothy Ann Donnelly Neuman, 90, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2019, at home with her loving family around her.

Born Nov. 9, 1928, in Grosse Pointe, to Harold Bennett and Kathleen Marie (nee McCarthy) Donnelly, Dorothy attended Eastern Michigan University. Working for American Airlines, Dorothy enjoyed frequent travels to Europe and throughout the United States.

Dorothy married the love of her life, Raymond J. Neuman, July 16, 1960. Throughout nearly 59 years of marriage, they lived all over the globe, including Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Pakistan, Ireland, New Zealand, New York City, San Diego, Detroit, Cleveland, Sandpoint, Idaho and 19 years in

Warren, Ohio.

Dorothy lived a faith-filled and inspirational life. She loved baking and cooking. The Howland police and fire departments greatly enjoyed her cowboy cookies. In this day and age of the internet, Dorothy was a prolific letter writer. Everyone loved receiving a personal letter with her stationary, feeling so special with her thoughts and words. An active woman throughout her life, she enjoyed skiing, tennis, fishing and walks along the beach. She always had a smile on her face and lifted those with whom she would talk.

Cherished memories of Dorothy will be carried on by her husband, Raymond; son, Dr. Thomas Neuman (Dr. Eileen Kelley); daughter, Mary Catherine Neuman and son, Peter Neuman; brother, Harold "Bud" Donnelly; sister, Janet Best and grandchildren, Monica, Joseph, Nicolas and Tatiana.

She was predeceased by her parents; sister, Kathleen Frank and brothers, Robert and James Peter Donnelly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at noon Saturday, June 22, at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 3020 Reeves Road N.E., Warren, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dorothy's name to the American Cancer Society at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org), where she volunteered much of her time.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Carl W. Hall Funeral Home, Warren, Ohio.

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## Paul Jerome Morgan

November 2, 1957 — May 25, 2019

The Man. The Myth. The Legend. Men aspired to be him; Women wanted to be with him. Paul J. Morgan lived his life boldly and with gusto. He died Saturday, May 25, 2019 after a long, debilitating illness related to a brain tumor and subsequent treatments.

Paul made life larger by living it fully, steeped in friendship, faith, passion, generosity, and family. Paul selflessly gave back much more than he took from life.

His greatest achievement is his two beautiful daughters, Sophie Rae and Elle Morgan. They are and will always be the true light and loves of his life. Throughout his illness, the moments he shared with his girls were the bright spots which kept him going.

Paul loved the world in all forms. He was a lifelong photographer and through his lens he captured the incredible layers of human beauty. His remarkable tal-

ent and creativity coaxed nuance, color, light, and shadow out of every shot. His demands on his staff for perfection lifted all to new heights.

Paul traveled extensively with Flying Doctors of America documenting the tragedy and heart and soul of humanity.

Paul passionately immersed himself in his hobbies. There are harrowing tales of double diamond skiing with the Dog Brothers, careening the highways with JimBob on their motorcycles, and challenging the wind and waves while sailing the Great Lakes and Lake Texoma. Taos was his true spiritual home and Paul spent many years visiting and eventually living at the feet of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

He was a man of deep faith and ready to meet his maker. His last conversation went something like this, "We love you, Paul..." and his re-



ply was "Right back atcha."

Preceded in death by his parents, James and Veronica and siblings, Suzanne, Michael, and Peter. Survived by his daughters, Sophie and Elle; siblings, Gregory, Morgan, Mark, Veronica, Bernadette, Dodie, and Rosemary as well as extended family.

Donations can be made to Flying Doctors of America. Visit [www.fdoamerica.com](http://www.fdoamerica.com).

A private celebration of life will be held at a date to be determined.



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### Dwight Wallace Edwards

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dwight Wallace Edwards, 87, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 1, 2019.

Born Dec. 27, 1931, in Detroit, to Dwight Wallace Edwards Sr. and Helen Vickery Edwards, Dwight graduated from Highland Park High School in 1950. He then attended the University of Michigan, where he met his wife, Mary Louise McWilliams; they married in 1953. Dwight graduated in 1954 with a business degree and began working alongside his father at the family business, Ideal Furnace Co., before moving on to his long-term career of investment real estate.

In his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf and tennis and attending professional baseball and hockey games. He was an avid bridge player and always enjoyed listening to his vast collection of records he acquired over the years.

Dwight is survived by his four daughters and their families: Katherine Edwards; Susan and Robert Earl and son, Alex Harbart (Sarah); Nancy and Mark Hauck and

children, Byron (Alyssa Torby), Carlin (Max Feinstat), Taylor Leonard (William), Dana Azzoug (Abde) and Archibald; Karen and David Sutherland and daughter, Hollin and great-grandchildren, Mahrez Azzoug and Jenna Azzoug.

Family and friends will gather at 11:45 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by a memorial service at noon.

### Marilyn E. Monahan

Marilyn E. Monahan, 83, passed away Saturday, June 15, 2019.

She was the beloved wife of Edward "Ted"; dear mother of Michael P. Monahan (Janean), Kimberlie A. McAllister (Andrew) and Kevin C. Monahan (Sarah); grandmother of Matthew Monahan (Jonese), Andrew McAllister, Erin Monahan, Kerrie Monahan, Brian McAllister, Nicholas McAllister and Gavin Monahan; great-grandmother of Cora Monahan and cousin of Cindy Marasco (Jim) and Carole Kolar.

Marilyn enjoyed bowling, golfing and playing tennis. She was a member of the Indian Village Tennis Club. Marilyn also was a member of the St.



Dwight Wallace Edwards



Marilyn E. Monahan

Paul Altar Society.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 20, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at the church at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI or at michiganhumane.org.

## PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

# Desiring to know

After the initial release of the Mueller report I heard many people, elected officials and the electorate alike, saying they need to know the entirety of what is in the report regardless of whether or not there is classified information in it. While there is a tantalizing curiosity about the contents, I wonder if this doesn't reveal a relatively new fixation in our modern culture.

The generations before us were much more content with the limits of what they could know. They were equally curious, but able to embrace what could be known and were more comfortable with the mystery of what couldn't be known or what wasn't theirs to know.

We live in a world where we have unprecedented access to information. Much of what we want to know is just a few quick clicks away. This on-demand access can morph our desire to know into a perceived "need" or even a "right" to know. At times we get frustrated when we can't get the answers we seek or we hit limits of what can be known. Many have experienced the exasperation of walking

out of a doctor appointment with no clear diagnosis, muttering under our breath, "I thought I was paying YOU to know!"

This mindset can present a variety of challenges, including in our relationship with God and his word. A stumbling block for some of us is that if we can't get the answer we are seeking from God, we want to dismiss him, reducing God to a divine Google search. At times we approach the Bible and are frustrated that it doesn't address all our questions, regardless of how individual or modern they may be.

It is wise to recall the purpose and scope of Scripture. The Gospel of John gives voice to its purpose: "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing you may have life in his name."

It would be tragic to miss the heart of God and the unique answer to the problem of our sinfulness, Jesus Christ, due to our demand for instant, expected answers.

Rizer is the pastor at Living Hope Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## CHURCH EVENTS

### St. Paul Evangelical

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

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

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

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

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

## St. Ambrose Church hosts Jefferson/Chalmers talk June 23

Changes are ahead for Detroit and the area surrounding St. Ambrose Parish in Grosse Pointe Park. Author and parishioner John Gallagher presents, "Jefferson/Chalmers: A Strategic Neighborhood," from 9:45 to 11 a.m. Sunday, June 23, in the ARK at St. Ambrose, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, as part of the parish's ongoing Motor City Makeover series. Gallagher will discuss three development projects.

◆ A new development with a grocery store and affordable housing is expected to anchor a revamped Jefferson Avenue in east Detroit. The project is part of the Strategic Neighborhood Fund, a Detroit initiative seeking to reinvigorate areas in the city outside downtown and Midtown with the help of philanthropic dollars. Jefferson-Chalmers is one of seven neighborhoods the city is targeting to attract investment. Plans seek to attract investment to return East Jefferson to the walkable, thriving retail corridor it once was.

◆ On Mack between Connor and Cadieux, approximately 41 percent of the lots are vacant. While many of those vacant lots are between Connor and Alter, there are still many empty lots on the south side of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. The Eastside Community Network has stepped up to try to stymie disinvestment and redevelop the area. To further reinvest, ECN hired VENTRA Group and Hamilton Anderson Associates to develop a strategy to improve Mack from Connor to Cadieux.

◆ Detroit will get a Jeep factory, the Motor City's first new auto assembly plant in a generation, as part of a \$4.5 billion manufacturing expansion in southeast Michigan by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles that will mean nearly 6,500 new jobs. FCA said it would convert the Mack Avenue Engine factory to an assembly plant for the next-generation Jeep Grand Cherokee and a new, large Jeep SUV.

All are welcome to the free talk.

## Atwater to unveil custom brew to celebrate DSO, Ford House concerts

Beer lovers will get the first taste of Summer Symphony No. 10 during a beer-tapping event at Atwater Brewery in Grosse Pointe Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20. The custom Atwater golden ale was brewed for Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, toasting the 10th year of the historic estate's annual musical summer tradition, DSO at Ford House. A small ensemble of Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians will perform live music on Atwater's patio at the June 20 tapping.

There is no admission charge for the tapping, which includes give-

aways and a discount on tickets to the summer concert.

DSO at Ford House takes place Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13, with music by the DSO and picnicking on the lakeside lawn of Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, capped off by fireworks. In celebration of the concerts' 10th anniversary, Summer Symphony No. 10 and other Atwater beers will be served in the estate's first beer garden during the concerts.

Tickets are on sale at dso.org.

Summer Symphony No. 10 was brewed with

inspiration from Ford House's English architecture, as well as the DSO's Friday-night musical selection, Sci-Fi movie favorites.

Atwater brewer Brad Etheridge described the beer as "a symphony of styles, with a fresh hop aroma — a British golden ale at heart with UK Challenger, Fuggle and East Kent Golding hops, Americanized with late addition Comet, Galaxy and Falconer's Flight hops."

Atwater in the Park is located at 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, visit fordhouse.org or the Ford House Facebook page.

# Worship Services

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saint Ambrose Catholic Church</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">15020 Hampton Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230-1302</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday — 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(313) 822-2814 • stambrose@comcast.net • stambrosechurch.net • facebook.com/stambroseparish</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We share the light of Christ by actively loving and serving our neighbors in the world.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">20475 Sunningdale Park (313) 884-4820 www.stmichaelsgpw.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sharing God's grace through Christ, we love, pray, rejoice and serve. <i>All are welcome!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Schedule</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:30 am Worship/Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:45 am Christian Education For All Ages!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>www.stpaulgp.org</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">375 Lothrop at Chalfonte Grosse Pointe Farms 313.881.6670</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Rev. Justin Dittrich</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christ the King Lutheran Church and Preschool</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mack at Lochmoor • 884-5090 www.christthekinggp.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:15 &amp; 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:30 a.m. - Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:45 a.m. - Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 p.m. - Worship Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd &amp; 4th Monday of the Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 a.m. - Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Randy S. Boelter, Pastor</b> <i>Making New Disciples - Building Stronger Ones</i></p>



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# Circle of Love: Improving lives in a fun, thrifty way

By Theodore G. Coutilish  
Guest Writer

Mary Fodell heard it all too often.

As an art teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, she would listen to parents of children with special needs ask about life after school. Questions like, "What happens to my 26 year old? Where do they go? What will their life be like?"

Fodell was grappling with the same questions.

Her daughter, Amy Fodell, now 39, who has special needs, was attending Grosse Pointe North High School.

"I did not want to beg for jobs," Fodell said. "I wanted to develop jobs."

Seeing the need for transitional support for families with children with special needs after they exit school, Fodell and others founded Full Circle Foundation in 2009.

FCF's mission is to foster a sense of self-worth and independence in people with various special needs. The nonprofit organization has a board



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of directors and oversees a variety of education and job-training programs for GPPSS students and Team 26, which includes any student who has exited the school system.

Each day, students work on lessons in academics and life skills. They grow and sell vegetables through the Edible Garden, learn cooking skills, shred paper and do laundry for local businesses.

There is also the Upscale Resale Shop, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, which the students help run. The shop sells everything from clothing to jewelry to artwork. It offers a variety of jobs at differ-

ent skill levels, from tagging clothes to running the cash register to selling donated items on eBay and other online sales sites for items they do not have room to sell in the store.

"We needed something to offer for the whole spectrum," Fodell said. "We found once they learn the skills, they become more confident. You really see them blossom. They are never late. They are honest. They are positive workers. They want to be productive citizens."

Students say they benefit from the on-the-job training.

"It's fun to do laundry and it keeps me occupied," said Chloe Fox, 28,

a City of Grosse Pointe resident nicknamed the Queen of Clean. "We learn how to live independently. I enjoy hanging out with my friends. Full Circle gives us somewhere to go and be productive. I love it here."

Donors agree. "People at Full Circle are mission-first and it shows in everything they do," said Joe Moran of Grosse Pointe Farms, a retired commercial lending executive. "They have true hearts, minds and souls."

Full Circle is celebrating its 10-year anniversary every month this year. Plans include a garden party in July, end-of-summer picnic in August, back-to-school event in September and its "Evening Under the Stars" gala in November.

Inspired by the Full Circle Foundation, "Circle of Love" is dedicated to people with special needs living in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities and those who love and support them. For more information, visit [fullcirclefdn.org](http://fullcirclefdn.org).



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Teacher Lori Corden, Jane Turnbull of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, teacher Teresa Muniga and teacher Sue Sullivan, with the award-winning students and their banner.

# Neighborhood Club preschoolers are three-peat winners

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

For the third time in four years, preschoolers at the Neighborhood Club have been named national winners of a banner contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution's Junior American Citizens Committee.

This year's theme celebrated the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing.

The timing was perfect, said Sue Sullivan, whose classroom of 4- and 5-year-olds had been learning about outer space when the theme was revealed.

A classroom spaceship toy provided artistic inspiration and children took to the art table to work on the banner.

gives them a chance to do a weekly unit around Thanksgiving," said Sullivan, whose class began the project in November. "We learn patriotic songs and have new things to talk about. The kids love it. We always look forward to finding out what the theme is."

Monday, May 13, DAR member Jane Turnbull,

chapter chairwoman of the Junior American Citizens Committee, visited the Neighborhood Club to present students with American flags and ice cream to celebrate their win.

"The Junior American Citizens Committee that DAR has is meant to foster American ideas and ideas about American heritage in such a way to work on the banner."

"What we love is it

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# RESPECT:

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wanted to sing so King could afford a payroll for his organization.

"America was a different kind of America to different people," Lewis said. "She sang because no one is born to hate. ... Some people had the wrong idea. She knew some of them were following a tradition they were raised in."

The painting features several historical figures like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks, as well as King, Trayvon Martin and former President Barack Obama.

"One day she sang in the White House and she made a president cry," Lewis said, pointing to

the painting where Obama wipes away a tear.

The third painting, "Songbird," Lewis painted specifically for Grosse Pointe, he said. He told a story about the thousands of species of birds in the bird kingdom — the hawk, the hummingbird, the ostrich, the eagle — and how different each one is, the strengths each one has. And then there was Franklin.

"All these birds gathered around this bird sitting on a perch so quiet," he said. "They asked, 'What does she do?' Finally, that bird opened up her mouth and she said, 'R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Find out what it means to me.'"

"That bird kept on singing and that bird sang for 76 years," Lewis contin-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Curtis Lewis speaks about Aretha Franklin's life after all three paintings were unveiled. On the right is his wife, Cynthia Lewis.**

ued. "When that bird sang her last tune, she then flapped her wings and soared to the heavens."

Lewis has several more paintings planned for his "Long Live the Queen" exhibit. While a few will be named after Franklin songs like "Pink Cadillac" and "Think," another will be dedicated to the city of Flint, which invited Lewis

to show his work. He'll call it "Bridge Over Troubled Water," a Simon and Garfunkel tune that Franklin also sang. He also plans to paint pictures of Franklin as a child.

As part of the exhibit, Lewis is working on creating a coloring book, because, "We want to have something for everybody," he said. "Art

is education. Coloring books are one of the most important books in the world. It's the first book we are entrusted with before we even learn to read. It allows us to take the colors and tell our own stories right on the page."

Lewis, whose career spans more than four decades, is a native of Grand Rapids. He began illustrating at age 5. During high school, he took courses at the Detroit Institute of Art and was invited to lecture and exhibit at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University.

At age 16, Lewis met U.S. Congressman John Conyers in the elevator at Hudson's downtown. After looking at Lewis's sketchbook, Conyers told the youngster he had a

gift and one day would be a prolific artist. Lewis never forgot that encounter, which led him down a path to receive a full scholarship to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of Chicago.

His first commission was of sports legend Spencer Haywood of the 1968 Olympic Gold medal U.S. men's basketball team and NBA Championship L.A. Lakers. He also has been commissioned to paint Jesse Jackson, Billy Sims, Steve Yzerman, Dave Bing, Mohammed Ali, Gov. Rick Snyder and U.S. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence.

The trilogy will be individually displayed at the three GPPL branches for at least two months, he said.

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12B | FEATURES

# Parade with a purpose

Sunrise on Vernier, a memory care community, hosted a parade Friday, May 17, to raise awareness for Alzheimer's disease. Thirty residents, family members and volunteers, including representatives from Home Instead Senior Care, paraded down Mack Avenue from Sunrise on Vernier to Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods. The group was escorted by Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety. Local businesses cheered on participants and provided snacks, beverages and gifts. The parade concluded with a reception. The event was sponsored by Wilson Law, Rendezvous with Tea, Edible Arrangements and Josef's European Pastry Shop.



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# WINNERS:

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get children involved," Turnbull said, noting it also sponsors community service and art projects for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The banner contest is for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students.

"After they make the banner, they turn it into the chapter," she said. "The chapter weighs it against other entries. The Neighborhood Club preschool was our chapter winner."

From there, the banner won at the state and divisional levels before going on to win the national award.

"DAR has three main missions — patriotism, historical preservation and education," Turnbull said. "This is part of it ... to educate children about America, patriotism and what America is about. I'm so pleased

(they) participate in this."

In addition to ice cream treats, DAR will present a check for Sullivan's classroom, which Sullivan will use to buy American-themed books.

"It's nice to build our library," she said. "This project works great for everyone. ... It's never too early to start learning history. And it enhances what we're doing already."

Stuart Alderman, executive director at the Neighborhood Club, said he's proud of the students for their continued excellence.

"This is a great project for kids to participate in," he said. "We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this contest. It's an honor to win this award — three national championships the last four years. The teachers all have done a fantastic job with the kids and the kids appreciate being involved in a project of this nature."

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**BIKE:**

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noted interest, Baumer said.

"So we formed a committee and we'll meet to decide how to move forward," she said. "I'm going to suggest (Dirkse) contact kids a month before school starts to see if they're still interested. ... We'll get everybody on board and go from there."

Baumer said Parcels Middle and Mason Elementary schools also have expressed interest in having Junior Optimist Clubs, but Baumer would like to pilot the program first and work out any kinks.

"I'm optimistic it's going to have a good effect," she said. "I can see us branching out to other schools."

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday, September to June, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The first half of the hourlong meeting, members conduct business. The second half, a guest speaks.

"Someone with a local charity," Renshaw said. "And we don't just limit it to Grosse Pointe. We like to reach out to Harper Woods and Detroit and other communities and contribute to them too. ... Any charities who want to talk to us, we gladly wel-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Deborah Renshaw, the Optimist member who spearheaded the bike repair station project, uses a wrench at the station to tighten her pedal.**

come them."

For more information about the Lakeshore Optimist Club, visit lake shoreoptimist.com.

**DAYS:**

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welcome to help.

"We can find simple things for them to do," Garlough said.

"Since we started, we've been quite diverse in age, ethnicity and city," she continued. "We're not just a homogeneous group of Grosse Pointe women in their 60s."

The women said member Frantzie Beauduy has been a big help connecting the group with volunteers. She's also taken kits to Haiti herself. On one trip, Beauduy knew she didn't have enough kits for the women who showed up to get them.

"Even though they knew they weren't getting a kit, they stayed for the education," Garlough said.

Garlough and Mengel are proud of the efforts of the Grosse Pointe group, which has hit its stride with confidence.

"Menstruation is having a moment," Mengel said. "I think it's a wonderful project. Even women who don't have time to be involved are interested to know it's being done."

Added Garlough, "This makes such change in women's and girls' lives, educationally, vocationally. It's worth my time. It's worth my effort. This is huge. ... And our volunteers are just priceless."

Mengel said the local group hopes to connect with additional mission groups and welcomes more volunteers. Donations also are accepted.

"We will gratefully accept gift cards to particular stores from which we purchase items that we cannot make," Mengel said. "We also appreciate general funding, which allows us to discount our kits from the \$10 general cost to \$4 each."

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## Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# South golf is best-kept secret

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys golf program has been one of the most successful in the state during the past decade.

In the past four years alone, the Blue Devils finished runner-up three times and were state champions in 2018.

"When a team is making good choices, how can any coach be upset or disappointed with that?" head coach Rob McIntyre said. "Sure, players will fail in the execution from time to time. More often than not, they will succeed. If we do things the right way, we will end up where we should be."

"All of the players showed grit and determination. More than that, they showed composure and control of themselves. Coach Wittwer and I could not be prouder. Proud of every member of this 10-person team. Work ethic, integrity, knowledge, commitment, I could go on."

"All traits displayed by



South's All-State players, Coalter Smith, left, and Tommy Sullivan.

all team members. The legacy of the team is not the trophies or titles. The legacy is the individuals who played golf for Grosse Pointe South. I am fortunate to be a part of that legacy."

This season, the Blue Devils roared back from a mid-pack finish after day one of the finals to take second place behind state champ Lake Orion.

The Blue Devils were led by a couple of All-State performers, Coalter Smith and Tommy Sullivan.

Smith is a two-time All-State golfer, as well as a U.S. Open Sectional qualifier and Free Press Golfer of the year. He was a team captain, earned All-State Academic Honorable Mention and won the

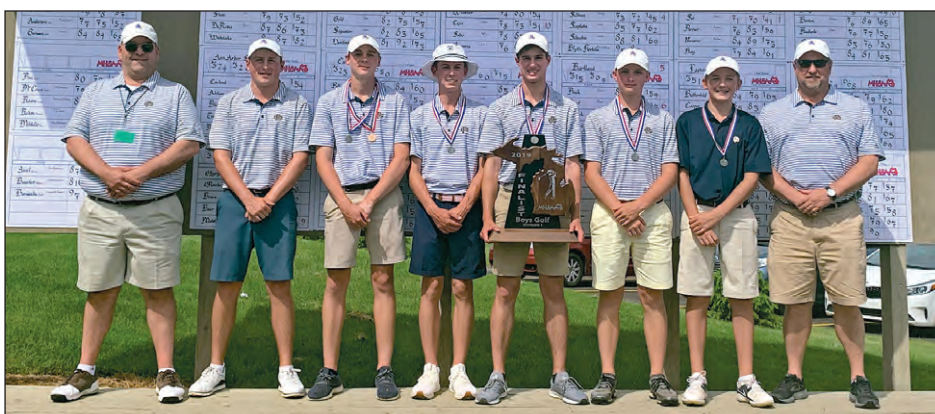
Macomb Area Conference Red Division tournament and regional tournament as an individual.

Smith lost in a playoff in the state finals tournament and was third in the finals the previous two seasons.

Sullivan also earned All-State honors this spring with his top-10 finish in the finals to help the Blue Devils to the top-five finish.

As a team, the Blue Devils made All-State Academic every season starting in 2011, as well as won regional titles in 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2018. They were regional runner-up in 2016, 2017 and 2019.

The Blue Devils have not missed making the state finals since 2012,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROB MCINTYRE

Grosse Pointe South coaches and players, from left, head coach Rob McIntyre, Coalter Smith, Tommy Sullivan, Chris Scupholm, Charlie Schuetze, Jeff Krotche, Alex Blyth and assistant coach David Wittwer after taking second place in the Division 1 state championship tournament.

and one reason why is McIntyre preaches it takes a team to win, not an individual.

Two recent graduates on the state championship team of 2018 were Patrick Sullivan and Evan Theros, and other top players on the 2017 and 2016 squads were Oliver Livingston and John Schooff.

The players on the state-qualified 2012 team were Joe Becker, Geoff Welscher, Will Hyde, David Szymanski, Robert Summerville and Jeffery Craig, and the year after

it was Jonathon Theros and Reis Becker walking the fairways as underclassmen.

Newcomers to the 2014 squad were Brennan Ifkovits and Wade Penman, and in 2015 David Scupholm was among the Blue Devils playing in the state finals.

Livingston was third in the 2016 Division 1 state finals tournament at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University.

Theros also made All-State by tying for fifth as the Blue Devils were run-

ner-up to Novi Catholic Central, losing by only eight strokes.

The Blue Devils were only 16 strokes behind Catholic Central in the 2017 state finals, and when they captured the state title in 2018 the Blue Devils beat runner-up Rockford by 19 shots.

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## Baseball

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights fall in D3 title game

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's baseball team had to beat perennial small school state power Homer to claim yet another state championship last weekend at Michigan State University.

The one problem the Knights have had this season has been scoring runs. Leaving men on base has been an issue, and the bug hit them again in the title game.

Homer used a four-run first inning and its pitchers got critical outs with runners on base to send ULS home with a 4-0 loss in the Division 3 state championship game.

Logan King started and Billy Kopicki replaced him in the second inning. King suffered the loss, giving up the four runs in 1 2/3 innings. Kopicki pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up one hit. The duo combined to strike out five batters.

Head coach Dan Cimini and his Knights haven't lost in a few weeks, but they couldn't get the big hit to prevent the defeat.

The Knights had a runner on second in the second inning, but a strikeout ended the threat, and then had two runners on base in the fourth, but consecutive strikeouts put that threat on ice.

The Knights had a lead-off double in the



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Above, University Liggett School senior Billy Kopicki delivers a pitch in the late innings in the state title game. Top right, ULS senior Mickey Walkowiak rips a pitch to left field late in the state title game, and below right, junior Drew Zelenak has a good eye on the ball as it hits his bat.

fifth inning, but the runner was stranded, and in the sixth an inning-ending double play off a fly ball to left field left them without a run.

Cimini's squad had one final chance to tie the game, and had two runners on base with only one out. However, back-to-back ground outs ended the game.

Kopicki, Drew Zelenak, Nick Post and Patrick Ilitch had hits for the Knights, which fin-

ished the season 24-10 overall. Homer finished its season 33-3.

In the semifinals at MSU, Alec Azar dominated on the mound, earning a 5-0 win over Gladstone. He went the distance, giving up only two hits, no walks and striking out 12.

In the top of the first inning, Zelenak singled with two outs and came home on a King two-run home run.

In the third inning,

Kopicki walked, Kellen Banaszewski singled and one run scored on a King groundout. Azar reached on an error, allowing another run to score and courtesy runner Ian Narva scored on a Post double.

Seven Knights had hits, including Azar and Post with two apiece.

Cimini loses Banaszewski, Mickey Walkowiak, Kopicki, Azar and King to graduation.



## CHSL &amp; CYO

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## No more Sunday sports events

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Catholic High School League and Catholic Youth Organization recently changed its policy to not allow student-athletes to play games or practice on Sundays.

University Liggett School is part of the Catholic League, and once in a while the

school's ice hockey teams had a game on a Sunday morning or afternoon.

"The rule will not have much of an effect on University Liggett School, as we have avoided Sunday athletic events before the CHSL made the announcement," ULS Athletic Director Alan Parish said. "With the exception of a rare Sunday

afternoon away ice hockey game, none of our athletic teams play nor practice on Sunday. In a time where youth and school sports consume so much time, we welcome any decision or rule that promotes wellness and gives our students the margin to rest."

Catholic League officials have been working on the policy change

since 2017. They worked with athletic directors, pastors, coaches and principals to create the most effective way to help student-athletes be at peak performance on the playing field and in the classroom.

Priests hope the day of rest means more people will attend the traditional Sunday Mass for Catholics, but officials say athletic teams will still maintain a full schedule. With the spring sports season winding down for high schools, the Catholic League had 37 teams still alive in the boys golf, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, baseball, softball and girls soccer state playoffs last weekend, including ULS in golf and baseball.

"Here in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we have a vibrant Catholic Youth Organization program for our grade schools and the Catholic High School League for high school athletes. Our teams play public, charter and other parochial schools. This commitment to youth sports will remain unchanged as we implement our new policy. In shifting away from sports on Sunday, we simply reclaim this holy day as one for wor-

ship, rest and family time — not one for rushing to various sporting competitions."

In a letter from the Archdiocese of Detroit, here are some excerpts pertaining to the new policy:

"At this time, informed and inspired by the pastoral letter, we are focused on shifting sports away from Sundays to encourage families to keep holy the Lord's Day. Beyond this, discretion is always encouraged regarding activities that occur on Sundays.

"We encourage families to leave Sundays primarily for celebrating Mass together, caring for others, prayer and other faith-based activities and family meals. The family nucleus is vitally important in today's secular world. Rest and enjoyment are good for everyone, and we have faith the Lord will bless this time spent with Him.

"We anticipate that some activities, such as service projects, youth group activities and faith formation could be appropriate ways to celebrate and remember Christ's death and resurrection. Ultimately, by removing the requirement of sporting activi-

ties, we leave more time for families to choose activities that prioritize time spent with each other and our Lord."

Other dioceses and leagues have made a push to limit sports on Sunday or encouraging coaches to schedule activities on other days. This new policy will be enforced by the CHSL and CYO leadership.

"We know that any society cannot be governed by policies alone, so our focus will remain on sparking a tangible 'change in culture' to orient all our parishes, schools and communities toward our Christ-centered mission. We are confident that since it is a direct result of prayer, broad consultation and reliance on the Holy Spirit, this change will bear fruit for all those involved."

The letter also said, "Officials with the Catholic Youth Organization and Catholic High School League will work closely with their counterparts in the public school systems to arrange for games to be scheduled on days other than Sunday. Exceptions may be made for state-level tournament competitions that we are not able to re-schedule."

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# Big Ten champs

Grosse Pointe North alumna Julia Gehlert, pictured right, and Lauren Sickmiller earned Novice of the Year 2018 and 2019 honors and recently helped U-M win the Big Ten rowing championships held Sunday, May 19, on Devil's Lake in Baraboo. Both girls took first in their respective boat races. Gehlert was in the 2V4 and Sickmiller in the 1N8. Neither rowed a day in their life until joining the Wolverines' program after a tryout. They row more than 15 miles per day and it paid off as the Wolverines won their sixth Big Ten title with 186 points. Michigan tallied wins in the first novice eight with a time of 6:37.253, second in varsity four at 7:30.616, second in varsity eight at 6:30.479 and first in varsity eight at 6:22.012. Ohio State was in second place with 171 points, followed by Wisconsin with 109, Rutgers with 107 and Indiana with 98 to round out the top five. With the win, Michigan earned the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Championships.



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**Scholarship news**

**GROSSE POINTES**

# Duo earn McSorley

Jackson Vyletel and Brandon Murphy are the 2019 Jack McSorley College Scholarship Award recipients. The announcement came at the annual Bulldogs Hockey Club post-season banquet.

"Moving from winter to spring season always accompanies many changes for each of us, and this time of year is frequently considered a time of re-birth and the awareness of new energy," said John McSorley. "There are sightings of crocuses and tulips and upcoming high school graduations, and student planning and preparation for future college or university life are another reality check."

"For the past 25 years, beginning in 1994 following our son Jack's death in 1992, my wife Judy and I, through the East Side Bulldogs Hockey Club, formerly the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, established a scholarship committee, and have enjoyed the privilege of reviewing scholarship applications, meeting student athletes for personal interviews, and culminating with scholarship awards."

The McSorley Scholar Athlete Scholarship has recognized high levels of excellence by accomplished student-athletes within the community. These graduating seniors have consistently presented with cumulative grade point averages, noting both honors and advance placement

curriculum, above a 4.0 as all have a GPA of 3.5 or above, leadership roles, National Honor Society members, participation with exceptional performance in athletics, particularly hockey, a history of participating in multiple sports at the varsity level and their generous commitment of time and energy for both in school and community service programs.

"The eight applicants for 2019 were similarly outstanding to preceding years," McSorley said. "In the past, scholarship awards have been presented to female and male student athletes. Their successes have also been recognized in other areas, including Michigan Hockey Player of the Year, All-State honors both academic and athletic, other scholarships and additional acknowledgements."

The purpose of this is to give further recognition to all of our applicants through the years, which is more than 200, and to our high school seniors, who have strived to reach their highest level of performance in their service efforts, academics and athletics.

"Repeatedly, I've had the privilege to meet these students, and wish to openly celebrate their outstanding achievements, and let our community know that we have remarkable young leaders, who have developed and will continue to grow into positive and productive members of our society," McSorley said.

**Baseball**

**LITTLE CAESARS**



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# Ranked No. 1

The Little Caesars 14U baseball team is ranked No. 1 in the nation at that age group. They are followed by Banditos Scout Team out of Texas and the Florida Hurricanes. Most of the players on Little Caesars are Grosse Pointers who will be attending Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett School or U-D Jesuit high schools in the fall. The team has won three tournaments this season and made the semifinals in a fourth tournament. In their most recent action, Little Caesars finished 5-0 and won the Midwest Super NIT USSSA. Team members pictured above are Ryan Jones, Joe Wisniewski, Jay Tuttle, Connor Stafford, Jordan Arseneau, Jack Jones, Brendan Downey, Cliff Grabowski, Reggie Sharpe and Quinten Dennis. Not pictured are Tommy Maccagnone and Mathew Greene.

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**Solution for last week's puzzle 6/13/19**

**ACROSS**

1	Church section	38	Nothing	11	Teller's partner
5	Gangster's girlfriend	40	My group	16	"Xanadu" band, for short
9	GPS forerunner?	41	Money under the table	20	Clumsy craft
12	Contemptible	43	Star-related	22	Parade
13	Met melody	47	Knock	23	Opposed
14	Expert	48	Bread spread	24	Society newbie
15	Grand	51	Greek H	25	401(k) alternative
17	Scouted	52	Reed instrument	26	Almond confection
18	Baltimore athlete	53	Lotion additive	27	Variety of 2-Down
19	Luxurious fabric	54	Lair	29	"Where did — wrong?"
21	Rocky Balboa's greeting	55	Collars	30	Huck's pal
22	Native New Zealander	56	Longings	35	Baby's cover-up
24	Lowers the lights	<b>DOWN</b>		37	Off
27	Proscription	1	Magazine contents	39	Lousy car
28	Make a sweater	2	Orchard fruit	40	"Born in the —"
31	Historic time	3	Ganges garment	41	Raised
32	Table scrap	4	Representatives	42	Assess
33	Id counterpart	5	Guy	43	Census statistics
34	Zinger	6	Plata partner	44	Anger
36	Anat. or biol.	7	Lucy of "Elementary"	45	Unsigned (Abbr.)
37	Fermi's bit	8	Cow catcher	46	Dregs
		9	Strict disciplinarian	49	Lawyers' org.
		10	"Super-food" berry	50	Burgle

**SCAM JAB OVAL**  
**ULNA ORO CAME**  
**BUOY ANCY EGAN**  
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