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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Census Bureau canvassing has begun

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, SHORES AND WOODS — Residents can expect a knock at their doors in the coming weeks as the 2020 Census Bureau has begun address canvassing — set to go through Tuesday, Oct. 15 — in Grosse Pointe City, Farms, Shores and Woods.

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the United States and the five U.S. territories. “This is a preliminary on foot information gathering effort to determine if dwellings are single residences or multiple residence properties,” Shores Director of Public Safety John Schulte said via email. Census workers will

have U.S. Census Bureau identification name tags and will ask limited questions. They also will have a tablet for administrative purposes and may or may not take a picture of the structure. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire — online, by phone or by mail. This will mark the first

time residents are able to respond to the census online, according to a press release from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. “The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers and many others use to provide daily services, products and support for the residents and the community,” said Jennifer Boettcher, presi-

dent of the chamber. “Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads and other resources based on census data. “The results of the census is critical because it also determines the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and they are used to draw congressional and

state legislative districts.” The chamber is facilitating the 2020 Census for the four Pointes. Residents with any questions or concerns may call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 or visit grossepointechamber.com. The regional census office in Chicago may be reached at (312) 579-1500.

Local NAACP to host forum for candidates

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS — Public servants should be held accountable for more than strictly fulfilling the duties of their positions, local NAACP members say. If the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Chapter has its way, elected officials will make efforts to reduce community division and eliminate wrongdoing as well. A candidate forum hosted by the branch at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, aims to call attention to the need for vigilance by those serving the Pointes and Harper Woods. Ten 2019 electoral candidates, including incumbents and unopposed officeholders, in races throughout the Pointes and Harper Woods have confirmed their participation, which will take place during the chapter’s general meeting at The War

Memorial, said First Vice President John Clark. “We invite the candidates to tell us what they have done or plan to do in keeping with the mission of the NAACP,” Clark said. The organization’s official statement reads: “The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to secure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights, in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.” Forty-two invitations were sent to candidates, so others also are expected to attend the forum, Clark added. The chapter has held annual candidate discussions since it formed in 2015. Voter education is one of the organization’s key initiatives, Clark said. See FORUM, page 3A



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Park’s newly retired City Manager Dale Krajniak and newly appointed City Manager Nick Sizeland watch a slideshow made to recognize Krajniak’s years of service. Find more photos from the event at grossepointenews.com.

Krajniak honored at foundation fundraiser

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Recently retired Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak was presented a plaque at the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation’s fundraising gala, Saturday, Sept. 7, that will adorn Palmer T. Heenan Municipal

Center. The brass tablet recognizes Krajniak for 31 years as city manager, collaborating with the foundation, city departments and other agencies to develop and enrich the community. The plaque will be the Park’s first

monument to a city manager that has ever greeted visitors to the Heenan Municipal Center, said Mayor Robert Denner. Krajniak called the fundraiser “another fantastic party for the foundation” and praised organizers for generating

almost \$100,000. “It is why our foundation is so successful,” he said. “It has the support of so many great people. They are willing to step up to the plate and make a difference. See HONOR, page 3A

City’s public safety memorial plaza plans take shape

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following the announcement that the old City of Grosse Pointe public safety fire bell would be placed on display outside of the new public safety building currently being constructed on Mack, council approved the ad-

dition of a public safety memorial plaza, among other project amendments, during the meeting Monday, Sept. 16. The public safety memorial plaza is set to be constructed around the entrance to the building and will not only feature the restored fire bell on a stand, but the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s public

safety police dog sculpture, Alger, as well. The \$19,343 project — paid for by the capital project fund as well as a \$10,000 contribution from a private donor — will be made complete with a memorial to fallen officers surrounded by decorative bricks, a seating area and flag poles. The City also may look to off-

set costs through soliciting additional donors and through donations made to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation. Construction on the building itself continues to move forward with plans to have the structure enclosed by late December, reported Lauren Gallinger, proj-

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Alex Lefief
Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Grosse Pointe South sophomore committed to charity and youth ambassadorship for type 1 diabetes



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Pier Park chase suspects to proceed to trial

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Judge Matthew R. Rumora determined there is probable cause for 23-year-old Dawaun Al McQueen of Clinton Township and 29-year-old Michael Thomas Sims of Chesterfield Township to continue to trial through Wayne County Third Circuit Court after an unusually drawn-out preliminary examination. The People vs. Sims and McQueen took place at Farms court Friday, Aug. 30, Wednesday, Sept. 4, Friday, Sept. 6, and Saturday, Sept. 14.

"I'm a patient man, but we're conducting this as if it's a trial," Rumora remarked the fourth day.

"This exam should have been done in half a day."

The two men allegedly were involved in a car chase that ended with a crash through the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park gate and a car in Lake St. Clair around 5:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13. Both have been charged with three counts of assault with intent to murder, three counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and three counts

of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The case is largely made up of circumstantial evidence, Rumora said, but he found the probable cause presented by prosecution strong enough to allow for dismissal of two of the charges for both defendants — discharge of a firearm from vehicle causing injury, one count each, and felony firearm, 14 counts for McQueen and 11 for Sims.

The remaining offenses between them also include McQueen's charge of possession with intent to deliver less than 50 grams of heroin.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Julie Powell argued McQueen was the driver — and Sims a backseat passenger — in one of the two cars — a 2006 gray Dodge charger — which chased and fired shots at three men in a white Dodge Charger down Moross.

The incident began in front of the Sunoco gas station at 7 Mile and Hoover, where victim Lavelle Matthews — who had to be subpoenaed and was the front-seat passenger in the white Charger — claimed an SUV pulled in front of the car and fired a shot

through the windshield, missing all occupants.

Victim and driver of the white Charger, Lonnie Moton — who also had to be subpoenaed — said he and Matthews had just picked up backseat passenger Donte Taylor after partying at C Note Lounge when the incident occurred.

The chase up Moross began as the gray Charger, allegedly carrying the defendants, joined the SUV. Moton said the vehicles were traveling around 140 mph as bullets continued to be fired and they entered Grosse Pointe Farms.

Reaching the end of Moross with nowhere else to go at such high speeds, Moton drove through the Farms Pier Park iron gate at around 80 mph, while Taylor rolled out just prior at Kercheval and Moross.

When the white Charger would no longer accelerate due to damage from the gate, Moton placed it in neutral and rolled out as well, leaving the vehicle to end up in an unoccupied boat well with Matthews still inside.

Beyond superficial scratches, no one involved in the chase was harmed.

Shores officers responding to the incident found the defendants walking along the breakwall, sweaty and out of breath.

The gray Charger was found abandoned in the yard of a home in the 400 block of Kercheval.

Co-officer in charge of the case, Detective Bryan Ford, reported approximately 82 items of evidence were collected for this case.

A receipt from T-Mobile and a discharge summary form from McLaren Macomb, both dated May 2019, were found in the glove compartment of the gray Dodge Charger with McQueen's name on them.

Sims admitted in an interview with Ford the day after the incident that he had been a passenger in the vehicle, but said he was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time, was not aware there were weapons in the car until the shooting started and did not participate in the shooting himself.

His statement also said the white Charger had shot up his brother's house earlier that day.

One firearm was found on the driver's side floorboard of the gray Charger and another on the passenger's seat. Both were

reported stolen out of Detroit when the serial numbers were run through LEIN.

Other evidence submitted includes security footage from the Sunoco gas station showing individuals in the same clothing Sims and McQueen were arrested in.

During final arguments, David Cripps, attorney for McQueen, focused on the credibility of the investigation into the case, as well as his claim of lack of proof that McQueen was in the gray Charger at the time of the incident or that he ever possessed a gun.

Kevin Bessant, attorney for Sims, focused on the third passenger in the gray Dodge Charger — a man called P, who was not mentioned until the fourth day of the exam.

The identity of P is unknown, but detectives believe he was in the front passenger seat and the investigation into him is ongoing.

Bessant argued since one of the two guns found in the car was on that seat, P could have been the shooter and there is no proof Sims aided or abetted.

"Only one aspect of the case has been presented," Cripps added.

Both attorneys also

found issue with public safety's handling of Taylor throughout the investigation. While the third passenger in the white Charger was initially a suspect, he was cleared after detectives determined he was a victim.

Cripps argued he could have rolled out of the white Charger early in order to ditch a gun he didn't want to be caught with, which would provide basis that the defendants were engaging in self defense.

Rumora was asked to drop all charges against both defendants before making his determination.

While both defending attorneys also asked Rumora to lower the bonds, McQueen's bond remains at \$1 million. Sims' bond was lowered to 10 percent of \$500,000 with the stipulations that he must have a Wayne County Sheriff's GPS tether attached prior to release and have no contact with any of the witnesses.

The case will move forward with an arraignment of information at Wayne County Third Circuit Court at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, where the judge for the trial will be determined.

Armed robbery at Mister A's Party Shoppe investigated

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — An unknown

suspect entered Mister A's Party Shoppe on Mack at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, and stole approximately

\$170 from the cash register.

According to Farms public safety, the suspect is an approximately

6-foot-tall, thin, white male who was wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and Halloween-style clown mask with a black hood attached.

A 22-year-old St. Clair Shores employee was stocking a cooler with beverages when the suspect entered the store and motioned him toward the cash register.

The suspect then uttered, "I expected someone else to be here," as they walked toward the register, the victim reported.

While the victim said he did not observe the suspect to have any

weapons at the time of the robbery, he did feel an unknown hard object — Farms Public Safety Director Dan Jensen speculated it may have been a screwdriver handle — pressed against his lower back as he opened the cash register drawer.

"It's still considered an armed robbery," Jensen said. "For an armed robbery, you don't have to see a weapon as long as it's implied. And the conviction is the same. So if you lead someone to believe you're armed in the commission of a crime, it's armed robbery."

The suspect then grabbed a handful of cash, mostly \$20s, and exited the store through the front Mack entrance.

A witness said he saw the suspect fleeing on foot northbound across Mack toward the parking lot of Pointe Plaza.

The Farms K-9 unit — Officer Tim Harris and his K-9 partner Duke — were called in and tracked the suspect to the parking lot of Pointe Plaza where they found an empty car space with a wet spot on the pavement, indicating a possible recent vehicle departure.

"It looks like he had a car there waiting or he got in his own car and drove away," Jensen said. "The track ended there."

There are no leads on the suspect yet, but detectives are still interviewing.

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Paying it forward

Farms K-9 unit donates dog food to honor fallen officer

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While Farms K-9 Officer Duke often gets accolades for his wide skill set, his partner Tim Harris recently got a taste of what it's like to compete as a K-9 — and excelled.

At the annual Ohio Tactical Officers Association SWAT Conference in Ohio Tuesday, June 4, Harris won first place in a competition requiring the officers to race on all fours.

"There's a good video of it somewhere," he said, laughing. "... I had a diving finish too."

The prize for the glorious first-place victory? A year's supply of dog food from Kinetic



COURTESY PHOTO

Tim Harris and other K-9 handlers compete in a four-legged race.

Performance Dog Food, which Harris decided to donate to the Detroit Dog Rescue after realizing it wouldn't work well for Duke.

"Looking at their for-

mulas, they make really good dog food, very high-quality dog food, but Duke has a lot of allergies and things like that and I have a food now that's working for him and he's not really breaking out with it," Harris said. "If he wasn't so allergenic, I would put him on this food."

Harris decided since he couldn't use it, he wanted to donate it to a shelter.

"The Detroit Dog Rescue, they do a lot of work with the Collin Rose Memorial," Harris said. "And Collin Rose was a K-9 handler for Wayne State who was killed in the line of duty and I knew him, so it just made sense for me to donate to their cause because they've done things for us."

The Detroit Dog Rescue will now receive one 35-pound bag a month for a year.

"Winning such a thing like that is such a fun experience," Detroit Dog

Rescue Operations Manager Dustin Banooni said. "... The first thing (Harris) thought of is, 'What good can I do with this good experience?' ... He decided to share that winning, happy experience all with us and the dogs of Detroit Dog Rescue. It makes us feel like we won a contest too."

Banooni said food always is needed at the shelter, since it houses more than 90 dogs at any given time.

Anyone interested in donating food to the Detroit Dog Rescue can go to detroitdogrescue.com to find the donation wish list for needed items and types of food that are most used, as well as drop-off locations around Detroit and metro Detroit.

There also is a link to the organization's Amazon wish list where food can be ordered and shipped directly to the rescue.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Tim Harris and Duke with a bag of Kinetic dog food.

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ect manager for Partners in Architecture, PLC.

"You can kind of see by driving by the corner there at Mack and St. Clair ... we've got the foundations coming up, we've got the basement slab poured, so that is

kind of where we are let's say early September," she said.

The start of the transfer to the new building is expected in late April 2020.

Other amendments to the City's multi-faceted project involving public safety, public works and the City courtroom discussed at the meeting

were additional lockers and electronic latching door mechanisms for the new public safety building and an additional mezzanine to house seasonal equipment for the new public works building.

Sidewalk work at city hall along Maumee also was addressed, but the vote was postponed to

allow the city to explore other bids.

Former City of Grosse Pointe mayor from 2001 to 2017, Dale N. Scrace, will be honored at the next council meeting Monday, Oct. 21, when the City of Grosse Pointe's marina at Neff Park will officially be named after him.

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Letting candidates express concerns and share their experience addressing challenges in the Pointes and Harper Woods is beneficial to anyone considering which ballot to cast, he added.

"This year we're interested in voting rights and what the candidates have done to help ensure that everyone has the opportunity to vote," said Clark.

Each candidate will be introduced before being given two minutes to present themselves and discuss their positions. While the candidates

won't be asked individual questions by a moderator or audience members, issues like the scheduled closure of Poupard Elementary School, predominantly attended by students of color, are likely to be discussed, Clark added.

"What are the overarching considerations in whether a school remains open or whether it closes?" he asked. "What are the thoughts of the candidates behind that? I don't think the candidates will say, 'Well it's an issue for the school system. It's not an issue for us.'"

While the branch doesn't endorse candidates, it encourages public attendance and

interaction with forum participants, who will be allowed to answer questions and chat with audience members after the event.

"We need to come

together socially, as well as educationally, to help the community understand why these issues connect us as one," said Cynthia Douglas, chapter president.



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"I am honored to be respected by such a great group of individuals," he added. "It's easy to come up with an idea or project, but we are fortunate to have so many supporters in the Park that bring

those projects to fruition."

Krajniak always has been a key contributor, the mayor said: "We're going to miss Dale and wish him the best. But we're glad he'll still be here in the Park to give us his support."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Bridge walk

Grosse Pointe Woods held its annual bridge walk across two bridges in Lake Front Park on Labor Day. The walk began at the activities building. Walkers made two loops around the park's paved walking path, then walked across the drawbridge and wooden pedestrian bridge. Two-year-old Jacob Grabowski said he had fun at the event with his parents, Stephanie and Brian. For more photos from the event, visit grossepointenews.com.

School threats deemed non-credible

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Academy and Grosse Pointe South High School faced separate school threats on the same day early last week.

Both were made through social media targeting specific people and were deemed non-credible, Farms Public Safety Director Dan

Jensen reported.

"In other words, there was no immediate threat," he explained. "They didn't have the ability to carry it out, there were no guns or weapons at home, all parents and suspects were interviewed."

The Academy's threat was by a former student who now goes to Brownell Middle School, while

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee fall clean up at Osius Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

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15-year-old is youth ambassador, philanthropist

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Type 1 diabetes does not define Alex Lefief.

The sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease April 3, 2017, and within the next year, became a diabetes youth ambassador with JDRF, the global leader in type 1 diabetes research.

"For me, it's an opportunity to kind of be like a spokesperson and a leader to those in the type 1 community," Lefief said. "A lot of my friends who are type 1 diabetics aren't as confident in their own disease as me and I feel like as a youth ambassador, it's really important to me that I'm able to tell my story and tell the truth about type 1 diabetes and the struggles and the triumphs with it."

The ambassadorship also includes volunteering at the annual Promise Ball Gala and speaking with donors.

"As a youth ambassador, if people say, 'Oh, I hope you don't mind me asking, but what's that on your arm?,' I always take



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX LEFIEF

Alex Lefief, right, became a youth ambassador for JDRF less than a year after she was diagnosed.

that as an opportunity to inform people I'm a type 1 diabetic and then I tell them all about the disease and I'll tell them about JDRF and what our mission is," Lefief said.

Last year, she raised \$2,500 for the JDRF One Walk. She currently has raised around \$1,000 for the 36th annual One Walk, which is Sunday, Sept. 22, at Detroit's RiverWalk.

"I would like when I'm

older to be a bigger part of JDRF and help more within the type 1 community and raise more for the type 1 community," she said.

This year, she will apply to be part of the Children's Congress in Washington, D.C.

"It's kind of just to help bring awareness to type 1 diabetes and if there are trending issues going on within the type 1 community, the children go there

as spokespeople," she said.

Even before her diagnosis, Lefief has lived a life intertwined with charitable works.

"I'm growing up in Grosse Pointe and ... I have a lot to be grateful for and I feel like through volunteering, I always want to give back to the community and I always want to help people who are underprivileged," she said.

Around nine years ago, before she even hit double digits, Lefief began volunteering with Jimmy's Kids, a charity serving indigent children.

Each year, she dresses as an elf and gives gifts to underprivileged children at Harms Elementary School in Detroit.

"I personally know Jimmy and he's such a great guy and the charity is so amazing," Lefief said. "All of the people who work in it are just so thoughtful and willing to give back to the community with their time and money. It's just such a great charity."

The 15-year-old also bakes for auctions, makes flyers and helps improve the website for Phoemale, a nonprofit her mom, Jenelle Lefief, along with friends created to help women and children in Detroit who are victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence and human trafficking.

"They pick a couple women each year and they basically help them get back on their feet," Lefief explained. "They'll help them with a range of things, from applying to

get a job to applying to get a house to getting therapy or medical treatment."

Then, for one woman each year, the nonprofit rebuilds a home in Detroit to help restart her life.

An annual auction called Phire & Ice helps fund the nonprofit's efforts.

"I'm so proud of my mom," Lefief said. "It's grown so huge. I'm hoping in the near future to have more of a role with it."

Lefief's other future ambitions include going to an Ivy League school and then into the medical field.

"I'm aspiring to either be an endocrinologist or an anesthesiologist," she said. "I've always had a passion for sciences and science-related things and honestly I find autoimmune disorders fascinating. Even though I do have one, I choose not to let it define me, but I do find it interesting how the body works and how type 1 diabetes came to be."

Lefief also is on South's track team, student association, student council and, soon, German Club.



Director of Community Engagement Denise Fry rings the bell after a moment of silence for the victims.



William Fishwick sang "Pater Noster" accompanied by Brooks Hoste, vice president of community engagement and programming, on piano.



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Remembering those lost

The War Memorial hosted its first 9/11 Service of Remembrance on its back lawn Sept. 11. Two moments of silence were held at the exact times American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the towers of the World Trade Center. The names of Michiganders who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001, also were read.

Rabbi Joe Klein of the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council was among those who addressed the crowd. Seated, from left, are Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Therios; the Rev. Drew Van Culin, rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe and board chaplain of The War Memorial; War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke; and War Memorial Board Chairman Thomas Smith.

Farms K-9 unit tracks homicide suspect

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE

FARMS — Officer Tim Harris and his K-9 partner Duke were called in to assist the Detroit Police

Department in tracking a suspect wanted for homicide at 9:06 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

The man in his 20s was wearing yellow shorts and a white T-shirt and was last seen running west across University when the K-9 unit arrived.

When Duke showed interest in the back porch where a board was lying and at the rear window of

a house in the 6000 block of University, DPD stated they had not checked the area.

The house was completely boarded up with the exception of the rear window and the board on the rear porch matched the boards that were cov-

ering the other windows on the residence.

There was a torn screen on the window and it was unlocked, so Harris opened it and then noticed shoe prints in the dust on the floor and a handprint

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Leading officers to the scene

After a Ring Video Doorbell captured footage of a 21-year-old Detroit man pulling on car door handles on Lewiston at 3:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, the suspect told officers he had just left his friend's house on Ridge.

The 27-year-old homeowner at the house he identified did not know the subject and found a bag of change and cash missing from his unlocked car.

A bag of cash and change was found on the subject and he was arrested.

One after the other

While at a traffic stop at Moran and Lothrop at 1:09 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, a LEIN/Secretary of State check on the 24-year-old Detroit driver showed he had several warrants, 20 current suspensions and five prior suspensions.

He was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Dropping the act

A 47-year-old Farms man unlocked his vehicle in his Mount Vernon driveway around 7 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, and then went into his home.

When he returned one minute later, he saw an unknown male inside the vehicle.

The suspect shoved the car door open into the man and ran toward a black Grand Cherokee waiting in the street, tripping on the way and dropping the items he had grabbed from the vehicle.

Hospital threats

A 59-year-old Detroit woman has been making frequent early morning calls to a Kercheval hos-

pital emergency department, where she is a mental health patient, asking for the physical therapy department and then swearing at the staff.

She recently threatened to send gunshot victims to the ER, prompting staff to contact public safety Thursday, Sept. 12.

Two for the price of one

When a vehicle was pulled over at Lakeshore and Whitcomb for speeding at 12:14 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, the 26-year-old Madison Heights driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated, while his 27-year-old Madison Heights passenger was arrested for multiple outstanding warrants.

Operating while impaired

When an officer noticed a vehicle on eastbound Mack drifting from side to side, the 43-year-old St. Clair Shores driver was pulled over at 12:51 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 15.

The man admitted to consuming alcohol hours earlier and preliminary breath test results showed his blood alcohol content at .099 percent.

He was arrested for operating while impaired.

Running out of luck

A 24-year-old Brownstown woman was pulled over at 2:42 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, after driving through a red light on Lakeshore.

The woman stated she ran the red light because she was running out of gas and she admitted having margaritas hours earlier.

Her eyes were red, her

speech was slurred and a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content was .10 percent.

She was arrested for liquor transport in open container, operating under the influence and improper/expired insurance.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Erratic driving

A 28-year-old Farms driver was issued a citation for speeding at 8:49 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, after she pulled into oncoming traffic while turning onto East Jefferson, corrected the vehicle and rapidly accelerated to approximately 67 mph in a 35 mph area, where DTE crews had multiple vehicles blocking a lane of traffic to effect repairs.

Leaving empty handed

A 74-year-old Grosse Pointe man left his Loraine residence around noon Wednesday, Sept. 11, and returned with his wife around 9:45 p.m. to find it had been broken into.

Officers found multiple rooms ransacked and a plastic bag with various electronics in one of the back rooms.

The victim didn't notice anything missing from the residence at the time of the report.

Real life 'Scream'

Around 9:52 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, a

22-year-old Grosse Pointe woman received a cell phone call from a blocked number, in which an unknown male voice threatened to kill her when she got home.

Unending patience

In May 2019, a 63-year-old Grosse Pointe man's Roosevelt home and vehicle were egged by two teenagers who were not allowed to attend a party hosted by his daughter and who later bragged about the incident on social media.

The man's home and vehicle were egged again Friday, Sept. 13, after the teenagers were heard talking about doing it again.

The man told officers he does not wish to press charges, but would like to have this behavior stopped.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No new incident reports.

— *Laurel Kraus*
Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Restroom vandalism

Strewn feces, an overflowed toilet and a bent stall door were among damages discovered around 10:46 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, in the men's restroom at Ghesquiere Park.

Staff at the park esti-

mated damages, which also included a soap dispenser torn from the wall, total approximately \$800.

No suspects have been identified in the vandalism, believed to have occurred before the restroom was locked from 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, to 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

Park foot chase

A 17-year-old boy is being investigated for attempted robbery after an incident involving plans to buy marijuana at Ghesquiere Park around 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15.

A 15-year-old boy told police he expected to meet another teenager at the park to buy \$60 worth of marijuana, but the youth never arrived. Instead a 17-year-old acquaintance arrived, the 15-year-old told public safety.

After telling the 15-year-old to come to him, the 17-year-old raised his shirt to reveal the handle of a pistol, the victim said. Instead, the victim ran, yelling to witnesses, "Help! He has a gun!" as the other teenager chased him.

Police later recovered from a trash bin a BB gun believed to belong to the suspect.

— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Theft of car parts

Two vehicles in the 1400 block of Balfour were discovered without wheels and tires after the parts were stolen between 9:30 p.m. and

3:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

A Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer noticed the altered vehicles while patrolling the area.

Home invader nabbed

A 52-year-old man was arrested for home invasion around 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, in the 1400 block of Yorkshire.

The suspect reportedly fled a residence after public safety responded to a burglar alarm at the site. He was located and taken into custody a block from the crime scene.

The suspect is believed to be connected to several other recent burglaries in the neighborhood.

Unlawful moving of moped

Two male suspects are sought for unlawful driving away of an automobile around 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, in the 15000 block of Kercheval.

Surveillance footage shows the men pushing a black Tao Tao moped from the location without using the ignition.

Operating while intoxicated

A 31-year-old man was arrested at Jefferson and Cadieux after driving erratically around 2:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15.

The driver was detained and found to be intoxicated. The suspect reportedly had three earlier arrests for operating while intoxicated.

— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

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in the dust on the wall.

Harris gave three verbal warnings that a K-9 was being released — with no response — and then Duke was sent into the residence with Harris and two other officers.

When Harris and Duke entered the basement,

they found a door to a storage area under the stairs.

Upon opening it, they confronted the suspect and Duke caught him on his left thigh. When the suspect pushed away from the K-9, Duke grabbed his right leg.

The suspect was placed under arrest and then transported to Ascension St. John Hospital.

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South's was by a student who is a repeat offender and threatened another student on social media.

"Parents need to pay more attention to what their kids are doing on

social media," Jensen said.

Both threats were vague, he added, but had to be sent to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for review.

"Nowadays you can't do that and these students have to know that," Jensen said. "More

importantly, their parents have to know that. ... (Wayne County) takes it really seriously."

The Prosecutor's Office could pursue charges for the threats or reduce them to disorderly con-

duct, among any number of other outcomes, Jensen said.

The threats also are still under review by the school system and the students in question are currently not in school.

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OUR VIEW

Wollenweber brought depth of experience to the Pointes

The Grosse Pointes will surely miss Mark Wollenweber.

Mr. Wollenweber pulled off the unusual feat of holding the top administrative post in two of the Pointes, as Woods city administrator and then as Shores city manager. His retirement from the Shores in early October comes after 12 years of combined service to those cities and the community overall.

When he arrived in the Pointes, he already had 27 years of such experience on his resume, having been city manager in both Huntington Woods and St. Clair Shores.

That solid history paid off handsomely for the Shores, in particular, which was on Michigan's fiscal watch list when he arrived and also embroiled in a fight about overbilling with the yacht club. Mr. Wollenweber brought the finances back in order, ultimately obtaining a AAA rating for the city, and got the billing dispute resolved through mediation.

Shores Mayor Ted Kezierski noted that Mr. Wollenweber's reputation extends far beyond the Pointes. "When I talk to people outside the area ... you're the guy. You're at the top of the class," he said last month when the retirement was announced at the Shores City Council meeting.

As his work history might suggest, Mr. Wollenweber is a native Michigander. He grew up in Detroit and attended the University of Detroit, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in urban studies fields. His first stop from there was the Michigan Municipal League office in Ann Arbor, then Westland and Plymouth, before he took his first city manager job in Huntington Woods.

His lengthy resume includes certification as a city planner, membership in professional associations and even a short stint in Ferndale as interim city manager. Also to his credit, the state has tapped him to serve on two financial review boards for troubled cities.

He's especially appreciative of the Pointes because "we get people who run for office for the good of the city." He noted the skills currently represented on the Shores City Council; "you can't buy that kind of expertise," he said.

Not that it's always easy. Budgets have to be balanced even as the state tinkers with various municipal funding formulas, to the cities' detriment, of course. Roads and sewers have to be fixed or upgraded. Big pieces of equipment have to be bought, repaired or borrowed. He's seen enough council antics through the years to know that's something he won't miss.

What did he not get done here? High on the list is the repair or replacement of the aging seawall along Lakeshore Road through the Farms and Shores, a project Wayne County has largely given the cold shoulder even though it's presumably a county problem.

Mr. Wollenweber also cites a hope for increasing amounts of cooperation among the various Pointes. City managers and mayors get together as a group several times a year and the cities do work together on a few limited areas such as trash disposal.

But inevitably, he returns to talking about the good people he's worked with, the team effort involved in a city hall, how co-workers become like family.

"In each place, you make so many friends," he said.

Those wishing to congratulate Mr. Wollenweber on his retirement are welcome to stop by the Shores end-of-summer picnic lunch midday Tuesday, Sept. 24, on the city hall grounds.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Shores had its annual Doggie Days of Summer event in the pool the day after Labor Day, when the pool closes. This is the only day dogs are allowed to swim in the pool. Ellie Casazza swam with her dog, Lucy.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

OUR VIEW

Fiber deal not a business for district

It could be said the Board of Education finally got down to business, except that the entry of the schools into full-scale fiber optics is, in no way, a business.

That's been a common misunderstanding throughout the months of dithering over bringing high-speed internet into public facilities. It was first proposed as joint construction among the Grosse Pointe Public School System, the cities and the library system. But not all the municipalities came on board; the district, after prolonged and tortuous discussions, proceeded on its own with a 6-1 vote by board members Sept. 9.

There's little sign there will be any profit in this decision. The district may recoup some of its start-up costs if any of its potential partners from the past choose to join in eventually, but that's hardly a given.

What's important and exciting is that students, teachers and even the business office staff will log into new speeds and the possibility of increasingly complex uses. The latest in technological tools will be at their fingertips.

District voters passed a bond issue last November that included wiring the schools for high-speed applications. By the start of the 2020 school year, five schools are expected to be ready to plug in: South High School, Parcels Middle School and Defer, Ferry and Monteith elementary schools.

The remaining schools will get phased in as work under the bond issue continues into 2021 and 2022, according to the current schedule.

As of this writing, the contract had not yet been signed with Rocket Fiber, the company designing the fiber-

optic route and stringing the lines. Details were to be worked out at a meeting Tuesday, so an update may be available for the board at its Sept. 23 meeting.

Rocket Fiber initially had the best bid for building the community fiber-optic ring. Under the current plan, it will build the ring, connect the school buildings to the ring and eventually connect the school network into the Merit network, a nonprofit consortium of Michigan universities.

The company will string its own fibers along with the district's, adding another level of competition for services to local business and residential customers. It will not compete with the district for any interested local governments.

Although the initial fiber-stringing bill seems steep, it is partially balanced by Rocket Fiber's commitment to free maintenance on the ring for 20 years, plus a 15-year free internet connection. That gives the district ample time to connect into the Merit network hubs.

Somehow, during the protracted discussion, the company's name became shorthand for the entire project, perhaps confusing people into thinking the district's fiber-optic ring was itself a business or joint venture. But it's more like a potential public service and the district has even downsized the number of fibers it is ordering to emphasize it doesn't intend to hawk its wares on every street corner.

Once the schools are wired and connected, the district's fiber-optic network will fade into the background, as just part of the infrastructure. Finally, everyone will be able to concentrate on what it means for education. The district isn't likely to profit, but students surely will.

A momentous decision for Board of Ed

A surprise donation announcement at the end of the most recent school board meeting has breathed new life into the idea of expanding early childhood care and education in the Grosse Pointe schools.

It would be a wonderful gift. But there's a drawback, too, in that it's anonymous. It's unclear what expectations the donor or donors have, other than that the school district move quickly on the plan — which means upending the school board's June decision to close two elementary schools.

It's also not cash in hand. As a former board member pointed out in an email to the school board president, the district has been stiffed before on at least one promised donation that didn't come through.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is a public entity and every aspect of its finances needs to be crystal clear to the public — including where charitable donations come from. If there's an agenda behind the donation, other than the education and well-being of children in the district, it needs to be straightforward.

As announced by a lawyer at the Sept. 9 meeting, the intent is to build the future student population and stave off school closings — the threat of which is what also

seemed to inspire the Grosse Pointe Park group that put together the early childhood plan. That plan was presented to the board Aug. 12, and the board held a work session to discuss the proposal more thoroughly Aug. 26.

The general reaction to increased early childhood options seems to have been strongly positive. The district's early education center at Barnes School currently is the only district site with rooms for infants and toddlers not ready for preschool and it has a waiting list. It's less clear whether the district's current programs for 3- and 4-year-olds are meeting demand; parents may choose other options partly because the district has a sort of "if you come, we may build it" strategy.

Parents also tend to stick to the places where their children have started, suggesting that infant and toddler rooms are key to growing the program — not just for emerging preschoolers, but also for kindergarten and beyond.

The planning group estimated the startup costs for an initial expansion at around \$1 million, an amount the anonymous donation appears intended to cover.

This is a momentous decision for the board. Expanding

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Air quality concerns

To the Editor:

I recently heard a report on NPR, "Detroit's east side is already polluted. Will Fiat Chrysler make it worse?" (Heard on All Things Considered, Morning Edition).

It is disturbing to learn

from this report that air quality in our area falls below EPA standards. More alarming is the fact that representatives for the new Fiat Chrysler plant, currently under construction only 1 1/2 miles away, have acknowledged the new facility emissions will add more toxins to the current substandard pol-

lution level.

According to City Airport historical wind statistics available online, 75 percent of the time the dominant wind direction delivers Fiat Chrysler pollution directly into the Pointes.

Current and future pollution levels pose health risks for all who live in the vicinity of the plant, including Grosse Pointe residents. This is an urgent matter. Fiat Chrysler's new expanded Jefferson North Plant will be completed in late 2020. It is imperative that you and a collective of Grosse Pointe civic leaders meet with Fiat Chrysler decision makers now to negotiate viable solutions that will protect our health and the future of the Grosse Pointes. Our air quality directly affects our qual-

ity of life and the future desirability of residing in the Pointes.

In order to get EPA approval for the planned acceleration of toxic emissions on Jefferson, Fiat Chrysler has offered to clean up its Sterling Heights location to exceed EPA standards. Fiat Chrysler believes the Sterling Heights clean up will compensate for adding chemicals and compounds to the air we breathe that already exceeds levels determined to be safe. This is not acceptable.

Grosse Pointers need to be informed. Air pollution does not stop at Alter Road. Grosse Pointers can be part of the solution.

IRENE CORREIA
Grosse Pointe Farms

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The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

A bird's eye view of nature and nurture



This summer my husband and I enjoyed a unique window into the private world of a mourning dove family. Literally.

You might call it the opposite of a bird's eye view. The mother and father dove — we named them Lovey and Dovey — built a nest on the air conditioning unit outside our oldest daughter's bedroom window. We could stand at the foot of the bed and lean toward the glass, our faces inches from the roosting mom or dad.

A friend informed us both parents sit on the eggs. Until then we assumed — it's sexist, I know — it was just the mom. More attentive now, we noticed differences. One was slimmer and more elegant; the other, well, a bit chunky. (Fun fact: mourning doves eat roughly 12 to 20 percent of their body weight per day. Dovey must take this to heart.)

Their markings were similar, though, and each regarded us with a steely, blue-ringed, unblinking eye. If they were apprehensive at first, poised for flight, they got used to us. Or perhaps they, too, were trying to determine from our markings and size which was the female and which the male.

In June, one of two eggs hatched and the young

dove successfully took flight. We thought that was it for the patient pair, who perched atop the eggs — and later the baby — without fail. (Unlike human progeny, fledgling doves don't appear to mind being smothered 24/7.) But my husband's internet search revealed doves produce multiple broods a year. Sure enough, another egg appeared in a matter of weeks — a single egg this time (they typically have a clutch size of two, we discovered).

The incubation period, we learned, is short — only 14 to 16 days. Not knowing when the egg first appeared, we worried. Day after day passed with no sign of a hatchling. What if the egg wasn't fertile? How long would Lovey and Dovey

sit on the egg before abandoning hope? Is there some instinctive timing mechanism triggered when all faith is lost? If a robin can hear a worm underground, surely a dove can detect inner workings of the life within.

So we waited. And made frequent trips to the third floor. Finally, early one morning, I saw a tiny, ruffled head nestled up against its parent's breast. I rushed downstairs to share the news with my husband. We rejoiced and named her (him?) Glory.

The internet informed us doves leave the nest at about 11 or 12 days old. The parents no longer sit on them at night once they begin to self-regulate their body temperature. (This explains the "smothering" part.)

We began to worry again. Fledgling doves are on the ground several days before they're able to fly back up into a tree, according to our research. What if a predator got to Glory during this vulnerable stage? How could her parents allow her to leave the nest before she could even fly?

Then we remembered: Even human children leave their homes not fully equipped for success in the adult world. That's the beauty of combining nurture with nature; there are some skills they must acquire on their own.

So we held our breath, knowing Lovey and Dovey prepared Glory to lead her very best dove life, same as we did — or tried, at least — for our own brood of three.

Unlike our own chil-

dren, Glory will never return to the nest, even for a visit. Lovey and Dovey, on the other hand, will stay together — or so the internet tells us — returning to the same nesting site year after year.

In the meantime, we trust they're still out there, feasting on the bounty of berry bushes and seed-bearing flowers in our backyard as they prepare for their next hatch. Occasionally we hear the haunting, mournful cooing sounds that earned them their name and catch a glimpse of their blue-speckled feathers as they flit from tree to tree. Their wings — another fun fact — make a whistling sound when they fly.

We leave their nest undisturbed. When the time comes, we'll return to our own perch on the third floor, patiently waiting and watching as the next life unfolds on the other side of the glass.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

COURT SHARING PLAN DROPPED: The plan for the division of all of the municipal court cases of the four Pointe villages equally among

the township justices of the peace which originated in the Farms some months ago was definitely rejected by the Farms trustees themselves.

It was the refusal of the Shores village to cooperate in the plan that determined the negative action of the Farms.

1969

50 years ago this week

FIRE THREATENS NEW HIGH SCHOOL: The barns of the five-acre tract of the old Vanderbush property adjoining North High School burst into flames, demolishing all but one of the buildings.

Fortunately, North High School suffered no major damage, although a number of windows in the Performing Arts Center were cracked from the heat.

The board of education recently acquired the property — for additional parking at the school — and planned to demolish the barns this week.

— Karen Fontanive

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Seek the solution

To the Editor:

On Sept. 20, the largest climate mobilization in history will take place across cities in America. Inspired by 17-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, millions of children have been walking out of schools on Fridays to protest climate change and, this week, adults will join them.

Climate change may be a huge threat, but we have solutions at hand. In the United States, the

Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, HR 763, has been introduced to put a steadily rising price on fossil fuels. Studies show that in just 12 years this legislation would reduce carbon emissions by at least 40 percent and add 2.1 million jobs to the American economy.

In Michigan, Reps. Brenda Lawrence, Daniel Kildee, Andy Levin and David Trott are co-sponsors of this bill. I urge our other members of Congress in Michigan to support this legislation. The welfare of our communities depends on it.

CLARA FANG
Detroit

DECISION:

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the district's early childhood program comes with some risks and many questions remain. It also means living with lower density in the elementary schools for at least a few more years and perhaps for a long time.

On balance, it seems like a risk worth taking, perhaps by suspending the elementary school closings for a year or two. With donors identified, a dedicated effort could begin to open another full-range early childhood center in one school during 2020. If it fails, the board can return to its current plan. If it succeeds, the district can celebrate a new route to a great education in the Grosse Pointes.



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GROSSE POINTE ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This is part of a series featuring alumni of Grosse Pointe high schools who have gone on to pursue careers in a variety of fields out of state or in Michigan.

South graduate brings love of lacrosse to Detroit

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Liam McIlroy, head boys' lacrosse coach at Cass Technical High School in Detroit, takes things day by day. In fact, this was the team's slogan last year and he hopes to carry it forward as he continues to build a team and culture founded on hard work and accountability.

"We're not going to be the best team right from the get-go," the 2013 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate said. "But day by day we're going to get better. Kids really latched on to that. They had (the slogan) engraved on their sticks. ... We're really going to focus on a mindset of winning. What does winning look like? What does success look like?"

Sometimes this means remembering what defeat looks like. On the background of McIlroy's phone is the score of the team's first-round regional playoff loss last spring against powerhouse and ultimate champions Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice. Several players also made the score the background of their phones.

McIlroy calls this "motivation."

"We got mercied in the third quarter," he said. "The playoff rule is if you're losing by 12 or more in the third quarter, they call it. The final was 29-0."

The two-sport high school athlete knows what it's like to come back from adversity. After undergoing three hand surgeries, he earned second team All-State recognition as a face-off specialist on the lacrosse team. He also was a running back and kicker on South's football team, going on to play at Denison University as a running back.

That experience has been beneficial in his efforts to bring lacrosse to a city dominated by football. Occasionally after lacrosse practices, McIlroy would join in some of the



Top, Liam McIlroy, center, poses with Cass Tech's lacrosse team.

Above, "Coach Mac," co-founder of Detroit United Lacrosse, gathers youth players for a cheer.

football team's spring practice drills.

"If I can speak the language of football, that builds some credibility," he said.

When he accepted the head coach position at Cass Tech, he knew there'd be challenges. The school never had a men's lacrosse team. In fact, there had never been a lacrosse team at a Detroit public school that lasted

more than two seasons. One at Southeastern High School folded after two years when the coach left.

McIlroy began with a 28- to 30-man roster of high school students representing "an incredibly diverse cultural palette — Bengali, Latino, African American, white." There were non-athletes, first-time athletes, four-year athletes and "kids who wanted to try something

new and wanted to see if this was their sport.

"Even though they weren't necessarily the coolest kids right away because the football kids and basketball players tend to rule the school, our players fell in love with the game," McIlroy added. "They fell in love with the brotherhood that they created. We didn't win every game, but we won a few. We

ended up becoming the first Detroit public high school team to win a lacrosse game — ever."

Building on that success is only the starting point for McIlroy. Creating a feeder system is a primary objective. This was his focus before he began coaching at Cass Tech. Initially, he worked with the Chandler Park Conservancy to co-found Detroit Youth Lacrosse, beginning with about 10 players

and limited equipment and growing it into Detroit's first youth team for ages 9 to 13.

"They were on the field and they were playing and that's a big deal; it never happened before," McIlroy said.

His overall goal is to "build roots in the city to say hey, lacrosse is for everybody. It's not just for the upper-class kids in the suburbs. That's fundamentally the opposite of what it's supposed to be as the Native Americans brought us the game."

McIlroy left Detroit Youth Lacrosse to co-found Detroit United Lacrosse, a new youth program serving boys and girls from kindergarten to grade 12. The idea behind it is to create one umbrella program.

"Through resources we have and people we have brought on staff, we have the firepower to make that happen," McIlroy said. "... It's all about bringing the right people to the table."

In its first year of programming, boys' and girls' high school teams practiced at the University of Detroit Mercy and participated in two local tournaments. Five male players received their first college lacrosse interest letters and a few female players got Division 1 offers.

"Lacrosse for us isn't just for them to play a sport," McIlroy said. "What can the sport do for you? The academic piece, the holistic and character-building piece — that is something we will be kicking off in the wintertime. ... We have kids in the city who are really interested in learning. That's not just going to provide the lacrosse connection; there are life skills built-in."

In growing a sustainable lacrosse program in Detroit, McIlroy said he's received lots of help — from the Smith Family Foundation, Grosse Pointe lacrosse coaching guru and 313 Lacrosse founder Ken Brubaker and program directors on staff with a range of playing and coaching skills.

"Living in Grosse Pointe and going to Grosse Pointe schools and working in Detroit helped me have a fully well-rounded perspective of what opportunities people had and what opportunities they didn't have depending on what side of Alter Road they lived on," he said. "At the end of the day, can we give girls and boys who grow up in Detroit the same opportunities kids have in Grosse Pointe?"

"If lacrosse can be a mechanism to change that, to say Ivy League and the like are in your wheelhouse, to promote that educational accountability early on and to have it have an athletic tie to it so the kids can be active, that's an opportunity," he added.

He's looking for more participation from the community, including corporate partners, in his efforts to bridge the gap. Those looking to donate — monetary as well as equipment donations are welcome — should email McIlroy at coachmac@detroitunitedlacrosse.org.

"Time, talent and treasures — whatever you can give, we're incredibly excited to be on the receiving end," McIlroy said. "We believe we're doing it for the right reasons: the opportunity to grow lacrosse the right way which centers around community-first lacrosse in the neighborhoods of the city of Detroit. The upsides are tremendous so we can't wait for the future to come."

Building a lacrosse program in Detroit is more than a passion for McIlroy; it's a calling.

"I can't see myself to be a part of anything else," he said. "Nothing else calls me to do work like this. ... Every day you wait, what are you wasting?"

McIlroy was rewarded for his dedication to and advocacy for the sport when he was named 2019 Man of the Year by the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association. While he said he's humbled by the award and appreciates the recognition for his coaches and staff, there are other post-season awards he's more interested in chasing. These include his players receiving all-state, all-region and all-academic awards.

"We're building a program," McIlroy said. "If we can build that through a lot of players that are doing right in the classroom and getting recognized by athletic accolades, then those are just signs of progress. We'll get to those if we take care of ourselves. The rest will take care of itself."

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Test your North spirit

Visitors to the Bob Maxey Lincoln hospital tent before Grosse Pointe North High School's homecoming game Friday, Sept. 20, will have the opportunity to test drive a new vehicle.

For each test drive, Ford will donate \$20 to Grosse Pointe North athletics. The tent will be located near the soccer field beginning at 4 p.m. on game day. Test drives are limited to adults age 18 and up.

Early education expansion discussion continues online

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A \$1 million gift toward start-up costs for phase one of an expanded early education plan in the Grosse Pointe Public School System is on the table pending discussions between an anonymous donor group's attorney and members of the Board of Education.

In the meantime, the group of Grosse Pointe Park residents who developed the plan created a GP Early Childhood Education (ECC) Community Proposal Facebook page to communicate and engage with the community. The group is closed, but anyone can request to join by responding to a few questions.

According to a post by Jeni Nazarko, one of the page administrators, members of the planning group are "all parents of school-aged children that initially crossed paths earlier this year during the reconfiguration process; we all had our kids' great Barnes ECC experience in common."

"When we initially started crafting this plan,



Kristin Roche, teaching assistant, left, and Laura Stark, teacher, enjoy a laugh with the three-year-olds in their preschool class at Richard Elementary School.

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it began with our desire to keep our home school open and not lose valuable space in the district. However, the more we researched the current availability for early childhood care and education in this community, the more we found that just a handful of additional rooms at Trombly would not create a solution for the market demand or financially benefit the ECC and school system as a whole. We then took a

further step back and looked at this holistically — which has led to this proposal for community-wide implementation done through three management phases, in the majority of our nine elementary schools. We believe the GPPSS ECC at Barnes is a fantastic program and it needs to be expanded."

The plan, available on the Facebook page, proposes a comprehensive, full-time, full-year model

with larger satellite sites at neighborhood elementary schools providing complete infant to pre-K care in available classroom space.

Currently, GPPSS offers a variety of tuition-based options for full- and half-day childcare with one infant room, three toddler rooms, and two preschool rooms at Barnes Early Childhood

Center. Full-day pre-K is offered at Ferry, Monteith and Trombly elementary schools and half-day preschool and pre-K at Monteith and Richard Elementary School. The program uses aspects of an emergent, child-focused curriculum called HighScope.

The current GPPSS preschool program runs 12 months and offers all enrolled families childcare throughout the summer months. Enrolled families also are given a nine-month school year option. They can opt out of summer care and still be guaranteed a spot the following school year, according to Keith Howell, director of pre-K and elementary instruction.

While satellite classrooms aren't open over the summer, 4- and 5-year-olds enrolled in Ferry, Monteith and Trombly's full-day programs entering Young 5's or kindergarten are age eligible for Camp 'O' Fun, the district's summer camp, according to Sara Meier, director of preschool services.

The Facebook page includes links to preschool programs at a range of school districts.

Berkley, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Oxford and Plymouth-Canton provide tuition-based care for infants to age 4 in dedicated centers. South Lyon's center serves ages 2 to 4 only and requires residency for enrollment.

Ann Arbor has a dedicated center and offers tuition-based programs for 4-year-olds at two elementary schools. Birmingham offers childcare for infants through preschoolers in a dedicated center and high school, with preschool programming for 3- and 4-year-olds available at neighborhood elementary schools. Livonia offers preschool programming at a center and two high schools.

New on the horizon, Rochester's Caring Steps Children's Center opened last fall, construction is underway on Fraser's Little Learners Dooley Center and Troy's early childhood center was expected to open this fall.



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Celebrating GPA!

Pictured at The Grosse Pointe Academy's back to school picnic Sept. 3, from left, are Elena Decker, Gianna Decker, Lucy Martin, Bella Quarles, Sloan Shurafa and Jai Quarles. This year's festivities included balloons and the cutting of a cake to mark the 50th anniversary of the school's existence as a coeducational independent day school. Previously the Academy of the Sacred Heart, a day and boarding school for girls, faced impending closure due to a recommendation by the governing Province of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, with plans to tear down all the buildings, including the chapel, and subdivide the land into 62 home sites. A group of parents, alumnae and students called a meeting and the Campau Committee, made up of individuals determined to save the school, was formed. In an unexpected move, the committee filed a class action suit against the nuns in residence to buy time. During that 90-day waiting period, a Michigan law was discovered that made it illegal for the Province to sell and demolish the property as planned, without first offering it to an entity to use it for a like purpose. The Campau Committee formed a Board of Trustees and a headmaster was hired, new faculty and staff put in place and on Sept. 3, 1969, the building on 171 Lake Shore Road opened its doors as The Grosse Pointe Academy for the first time.

Historical excerpts taken from "Academy Magazine" published December 1994.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Caitlin Kefgen



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Schools: Maire and Trombly elementary schools
Years at Maire/Trombly: 3 (previously taught science and math at Parcels and Pierce middle schools)
Grade/Subject: K-5 physical education
Nominated by: Ryan Francis, Maire principal
Principal's quote:

"Caitlin has brought a fresh perspective to physical education that truly focuses on living a healthy lifestyle. Her PE program balances traditional sports and games with alternative fitness activities like Zumba and cardio drumming. At the heart of it all, Caitlin knows that the social and emotional growth of her students is key to lifelong success. Caitlin is a valuable addition to the PE department in Grosse Pointe and is an integral member of our Maire staff."

What motivated you to become a teacher?

I have many great educators in my family (aunt, uncle, grandmother,

mother, brother) so I think I always knew I was going to end up teaching. After taking the child care class at Grosse Pointe South High School and getting to see what teaching really felt like, I knew I was hooked.
What are some of your inspirations (past or present)?

I would not have wanted to be a teacher if I didn't have great teachers growing up in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Many of my former teachers are still teaching in our district (though I find it strange to call them by their first name when I see them at meetings now); I try to send one or two of them an email during Teacher Appreciation Week every school year to thank them for having such a positive impact on my life and, by extension, on my students' lives. I also am inspired by the Grosse Pointe elementary PE teachers for helping me transition to a new position three years ago, and by the women of the

math and science department at Parcels Middle School, who mentored and supported me as a new teacher.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

Teachers are knowledgeable and trained professionals, so be sure to view yourself as such so that others follow suit. We all deserve the respect and value for who we are and what we do every day for our students, their families and the surrounding community.

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Students matched with exploring global issues mentors

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Students in Grosse Pointe North High School's exploring global issues class met their mentors for the first time Sept. 12. The class is offered fall semester at North and spring semester at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Aligning students' interests with an organization is part of what Alicia Carlisle, Grosse Pointe Public School System SERVE coordinator, undertakes in her role helping North social studies teacher Dan Gilleran and South social studies teacher Meg Pierce facilitate the class.

Recruiting nonprofit organizations to dedicate time to serve as mentors throughout the semester is another. Returning this year are Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, Full Circle Foundation, Poupard Elementary School and Vista Maria. Newcomers are All About Animals, The Helm at the Boll Life Center and Hope House Detroit. Issues include homelessness, literacy, intellectual disabilities, mental health, human trafficking, pet overpopulation and independence for senior citizens.

The semester started off with discussions about human rights violations around the world, Gilleran said. Projecting a world map on a SMART Board, he put an 'X' on areas of the world under crisis, including the United States.

Working with local organizations helps the juniors and seniors connect with



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Poupard second-grade teacher Angela Whately meets with North students to plan after-school activities at the neighboring elementary school.

these global issues.

"When we start talking about some of these issues, it gets really depressing for the kids," Gilleran said. "... We like the idea that locally, we can make a difference. Every global issue is a local issue."

Later in the semester, students will have the opportunity to research and learn more about their organizations, Gilleran added.

During initial meetings with their mentors, students began to create a plan for the semester. Students working with mentors from Beaumont share an interest in the medical field and hope to plan a school or community event revolving around teen depression, in particular removing the stigma associated with it.

"I feel like if you make it more of an open environment, it can be better for people to talk about it," said Kai Dickerson. "Right now it's a stigma and people don't want to be labeled as sick or crazy so usually they don't say anything."

Students helping mentors from Hope House

Detroit will participate in the community center's literacy program, reading to children from Detroit public schools. Work at Vista Maria's supervised independent living program for girls and young women also affords North students the opportunity to have a direct impact.

"It sounds like they're going to come in and do some fun activities with the girls," said Jessica Marcetti, manager of volunteer resources. "They were talking about a spa night and doing some crafts together. I said our girls are really active; they like to do dancing and Zumba and exercise. One of the students is a cheerleader and said she can teach them a cheer routine."

Other ideas include a movie night with popcorn, arts and crafts with vision boards and talking about goals and the future, Marcetti added. But mostly, activities will revolve around building relationships.

"That's the biggest thing — relationship building and being consistent with them," Marcetti said. "Showing

up for them and showing them someone cares and hanging out with them."

Students working with COTS, one of the largest providers of housing to homeless families in Detroit, will help organize a coat drive, said

mentor Lindsay Karas.

"We've got about 150 families in the shelter on any given night with no coats," Karas said.

Students also will organize and develop an inventory system for COTS' clothing boutique.

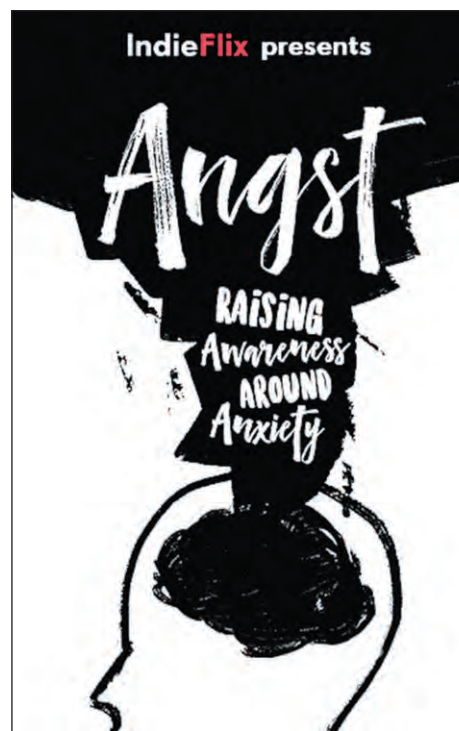
"You want students to have an opportunity to stretch themselves," said Carlisle. "Any time you work for a nonprofit, you see a lot of things you've never had to deal with. ... At the end, they've been empowered."

Angst: Documentary shines light on anxiety

IndieFlix is sparking a global conversation about anxiety through screenings of a new documentary, "Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety."

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, with the help of the Rotary Club and The Family Center, will hold a special screening of the documentary at Parcels Middle School to begin a dialogue between local families, community leaders and experts. The event will feature a viewing of the 45-minute film, followed by an informative discussion led by social worker Nicole Runyon.

Producers Scilla Andreen and Karin Gornick have one goal: to start a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Through candid interviews, they utilize the power of the film to tell the stories of many kids and teens who



discuss their anxiety and its impact on their lives and relationships, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. The film also includes an interview with Michael Phelps, a mental health advocate and retired competitive swimmer who holds the all-time record for Olympic gold medals.

In addition, the documentary provides discus-

sions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, along with the help, resources and tools available to address the condition.

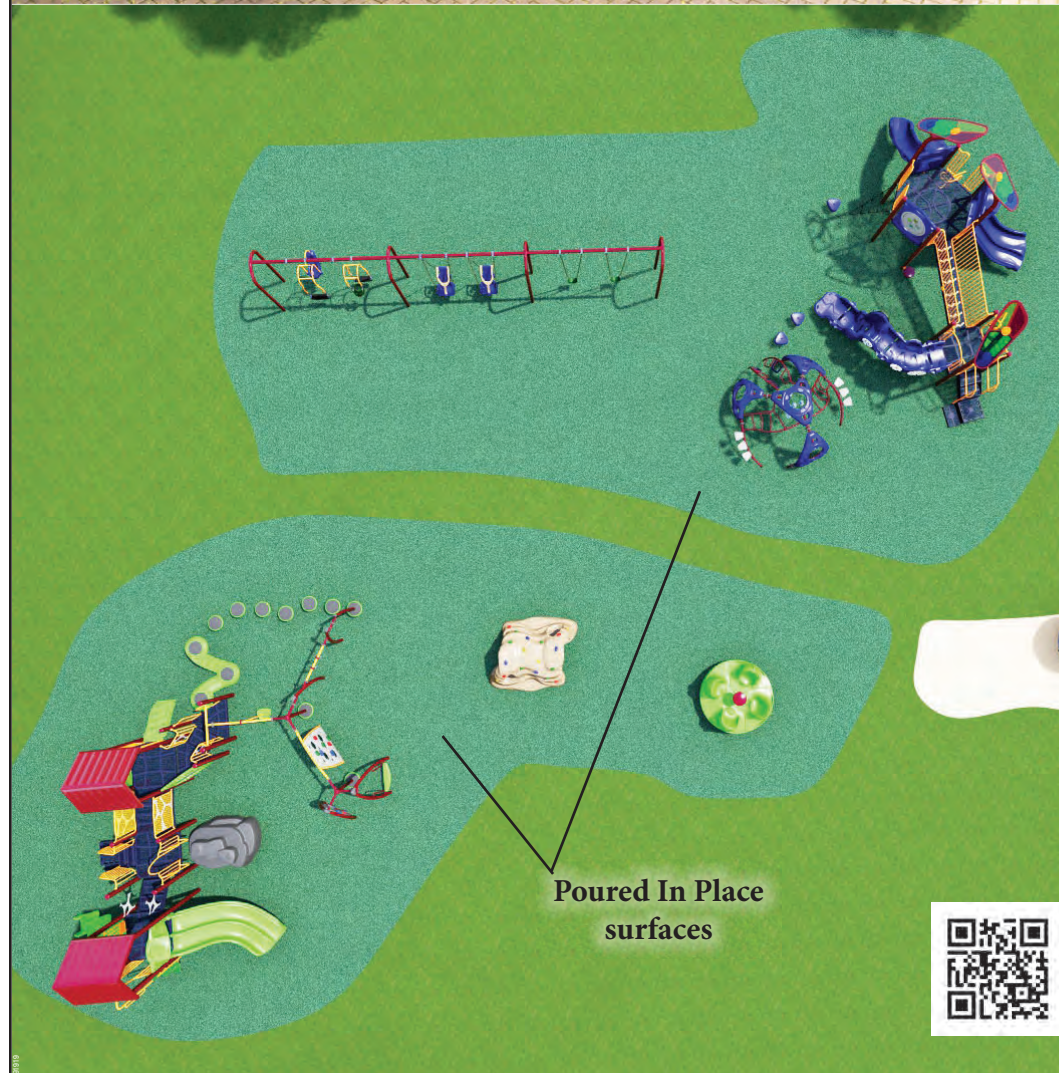
Free tickets are available at show clix.com/event/angst-parcels-middle-school. The screening will be held at the Parcels auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health challenge in the U.S., impacting 54 percent of females and 45 percent of males, with age 7 being the median age of onset, according to the World Health Organization. While anxiety disorders are treatable, only one-third of those suffering receive treatment.

Everyone involved in the development of "Angst" has a personal experience with anxiety — from the producers to the interviewees.



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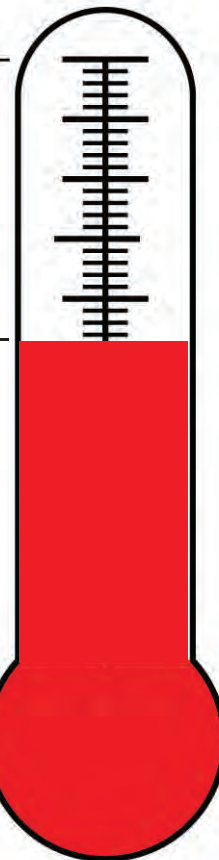
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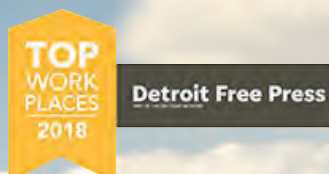
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Music therapy

Album an outlet for son's anger, grief

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

JC Whitelaw knows all too well how quickly life can change in an instant. It's been five years since he discovered his father, William, brutally murdered in his Bloomfield condo.

Whitelaw also knows how therapeutic music can be. The lifelong musician turned to his favorite pastime to channel his feelings and emotions in the years following his father's death. The result of his grief and devastation is the album, "Hammered," which he released in May.

"I've been a singer, songwriter, guitar player, producer since the late '80s," said Whitelaw, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. He found some success with the band Ash Can Van Gogh in the '80s, which he described as "The Byrds meets Zeppelin. ... It was the kind of music that was about eight years before its time."

During the 1990s, he released his first solo album, did some guitar work and produced for Detroit recording artists

like Anita Baker and Tyrese. He later formed the country rock band Forbes Brothers, "before it was cool to be country rock; I was always ahead of the game." He's produced and played on numerous recordings and has received more than two dozen Detroit Music awards and nominations.

"Then I saw the music business take a turn for the worse," Whitelaw said. "I was in my 30s and I saw the whole internet thing happen and I knew it was going to kill the industry."

Whitelaw used the production skills he'd acquired to get a job in commercial advertising, which eventually led to a video editing gig and then to his current role as audio-video producer/director and engineer for Henry Ford Hospital's Department of Surgery. The role allows him time to work on other projects, namely documentary films.

Despite moving away from making music as a profession, Whitelaw has remained passionate about performing — especially so since his



"Hammered" was re-released earlier this year.

father's death.

"It was a nightmare — the trial, the loss, the way that loss happened," he said. "That really knocked me off my rails for a while. If it wasn't for having such a dark sense of humor, I'd have lost it."

Whitelaw said he barely functioned the first two years after the murder. Even the June 2015 sentencing of the man responsible did little to comfort him. However, he eventually did find refuge.

New hope

Whitelaw, a father of three, got the opportunity of a lifetime after a casual conversation with his girlfriend's uncle, attorney James Bellanca Jr. Bellanca, then the executor of the Edward Frohlich estate in Grosse Pointe, invited Whitelaw on a walk-through of the expansive mansion.

"Mr. Frohlich was a big supporter of the arts," including the Detroit



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JC WHITELAW

JC Whitelaw will perform music from "Hammered" at Cadieux Cafe Sept. 28.

Symphony Orchestra, Grosse Pointe Symphony and Pro Musica of Detroit, Whitelaw said. "If you were a classical musician, you hung out at the Frohlich house."

Upon his passing, Frohlich willed his estate to be used by the DSO to house visiting artists and entertain prominent civic leaders and supporters of the arts. Decades later, the symphony's directors, with the approval of the original owner's children, decided to sell the estate.

Enter Bellanca and Whitelaw's tour of the home.

"Being the audio guy I am, I was getting off on the sound of these rooms," Whitelaw said of his first visit to the estate. "It was almost as if they tuned these rooms where the concert pianos were. I was banging my hands together and listening to the reverb, the echo. I said, 'I can't get over how amazing it sounds. I'd love to record here.' He said, 'When do you want to do it?'"

The house, empty and on the market, turned into a perfect recording studio for Whitelaw and fellow musicians, James Sparks and James Megerian.

"This was in my third year after the trauma," he said. "I started writing songs; I'm not exactly

sure where they were coming from. The melody was there, the arrangement was there. There were no words, but there were vowel movements."

Whitelaw's initial weeklong recording session turned into a nearly seven-month stay, with Bellanca's blessing.

"So we got to experiment," he said. "Everything on this record is all organic. All the sounds are real ... like the way records were made in the '60s and '70s. That was the pinnacle of rock 'n' roll creativity; it was pure art. ... What an experience. Sonically, to be in that playground was one of the coolest things I've ever done."

Whitelaw enjoyed the recording so much, he decided to release the album. He needed only add words, which he did after leaving the house in September 2018.

"The idea, being able to channel all kinds of emotions, to be able to process it, is huge," he added. "I was dealing

with a serious subject matter, but I still needed to be creative about it. What a gift to be able to have that experience and go through that process."

Giving back

On Whitelaw's mind now is helping other people who've been through trauma who don't have the sort of outlet he had in music.

"If I didn't have that and my mates and people who were supportive of this project and as a human being, there's no way I would have made it through that," he said. "It hurt too much; it was unfathomable."

Losing his father — "my confidante, my best friend, my drinking buddy, my artist friend, my wisdom, my everything," he said — was devastating, but the blow was softened by the Oakland County crisis support group Common Ground.

"During the pretrials, these three angels showed up and said, 'This is who we are, this is what we do, this is the process,'" Whitelaw said. "They held our hands through this horror show."

"My sister got really involved in their murder (support) group," he added. "These families go in and share and talk."

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JC Whitelaw, center, poses with members of The Disciples and other contributors to the album, "Hammered."

Journalist-turned-author publishes first book

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In essays spanning nearly two decades of work, former Grosse Pointe News staff writer Carrie Cunningham talks politics and religion in her new book, "Meaning Train: Essays on Religion and Politics," published earlier this summer.

Cunningham, who has fond memories of her childhood in Grosse Pointe, said her interest

in the two subjects stems from her parents. Her mother, she said, "was a saint who graciously served Grosse Pointe and our country. She dazzled with smarts and accomplishments" and raised funds for schools, hospitals and scientific organizations. Her father, who was a loving father, she said, also was racist.

"I still loved him, but it was still disturbing to me," she said.

When she left Grosse Pointe to study at Harvard College, she chose American history as her major with a minor in African history. She studied slavery, Jim Crow and the oppression of black people, which enlightened her about race in America and "revealed the potential source of my father's vitriol."

Cunningham said she matured at Harvard College, from which she

graduated in 1993.

She lived in New York and Washington, D.C., before her mother's cancer diagnosis brought her back to Grosse Pointe in 2000.

Cunningham's interest in religion was sparked after her mother's death. "I was dispirited about the world, this violent world, and I turned to Christianity," she said.

She moved back permanently in 2002 and became a staff writer for

the Grosse Pointe News, reporting from 2002-04, then freelancing until 2009.

Additionally, she earned a degree in Near Eastern Studies at Wayne State University and studied Christianity at University of the South, from which she earned a lay degree in the Episcopal religion.

Following her newspaper stint, Cunningham wrote about politics and religion for examiner.



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Carrie Cunningham

com, from 2010-15. She then developed her own

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Local 'talent' to join cast of 'Mamma Mia'

Grosse Pointe Theatre is adding extra spice to its performances of "Mamma Mia," which runs Friday, Sept. 20, to Sunday, Sept. 29, at Pierce Middle School. The theater group has added unexpected local talent to play the role of Father Alexandrios, with a different guest playing the role at each performance.

"The role of Father Alex is essentially a cameo, but also a vital part of the crescendo of the musical, so we thought it would be fun to reach out to members of the Grosse Pointe and Greek communities to

cast this role," said "Mamma Mia" co-director Rachel Settlege. "We were so happy with the response and are delighted to welcome these members of our community to our cast. We are excited to see the fresh energy each will bring to their guest performance and know it will enhance the experience for the audience and the cast."

The schedule for the cameo performances is as follows:

◆ Friday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m. performance — George R. McMullen Jr., Grosse Pointe Woods City Council member and

Grosse Pointe Chamber Board of Directors member

◆ Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m. performance — Marty Bufalini, actor (stage, screen and radio), director, and WWJ-AM (950) radio broadcaster

◆ Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 p.m. performance — Chris Boettcher, City of Grosse Pointe mayor

◆ Sunday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m. performance — Bufalini

◆ Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m. performance — Mark Weber Ph.D., Grosse Pointe Yacht Club member and former commodore, Grosse Pointe Theatre member and for-

mer president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial

◆ Friday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m. performance — Jim Koukios, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council member and former president

◆ Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. performance — Costa Papista, sports and entertainment executive and Assumption Greek Orthodox Church member

◆ Sunday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. performance — Weber

To purchase tickets for "Mamma Mia," call the box office at (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.



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AREA ACTIVITIES

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Trish Hubbell, director of the Open Door program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Libraries

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

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

◆ After Hours Fun, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. Includes scavenger hunts, puzzles, snacks and games.

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

◆ Yoga class with Katherine Page of the Macomb County Veterans Center, 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 20.

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

◆ Reader Dog Drop-In, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

◆ Smash Bros. Tournament, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

◆ Tank Destroyers in WWII with retired Col. Fred Schwarz, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

Grosse Pointe Run

The 40th annual Grosse Pointe Run, organized by the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club and Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, takes place Saturday, Sept. 21, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by the one-mile fun run at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K and 10K runs at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$15 and \$30, respectively. For a registration form, visit healthygphw.org.

The Helm

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

◆ Full Circle Garden Growers farmers market, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays through September.

◆ The Classic Book Club, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 23. "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," by Betty Smith.

◆ Elder Law — Essential Legal Planning, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, with facilitator Kimberly Parks.

◆ Friday movie, "Green Book," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. Cost for members is \$2 for snacks and a movie, \$5 for lunch and a movie. Guests pay \$3 and \$7, respectively. Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Laura Freeman of Laura's Lean Beef speaks.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its next Business After Hours event 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Capricious, 74

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents its Lunch and Learn program noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Public relations expert and author Elizabeth Weigandt presents "Sharing Your Story Through the Art of Public Relations." Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. RSVP by calling (313) 881-4722.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Suzy Berschback and MaryJo Harris of Beaumont's Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods speak. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Family Center

The Family Center hosts a Meet & Greet networking event 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. New executive director, Patty Sunisloe, will share news about the organization.

Generations

Recent Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Raymond Morris poses with his father, longtime Grosse Pointe resident Raymond Morris, and grandfather, Raymond Morris. The third generation Morris is starting his career in the Coast Guard, having just graduated from boot camp. The two senior Morris' both had 20-plus-year careers in the Coast Guard and have since retired from active duty.

LWV's voter rights presentation Sept. 19

The Grosse Pointe chapter of the League of Women Voters kicks off its fall programming with an education session on the newly passed voter rights legislation.

The presentation takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. Sharon Dolente, voting rights strategist with ACLU of Michigan, presents "Know Your Voter Rights — No Excuse Absentee Voting and More!" The public is encouraged to attend.

The League of Women Voters has supported early voting systems, which allow voters to cast their ballot or complete their absentee ballot in-person during a designated time period

prior to Election Day. The league also has worked to achieve "no excuse" absentee voting in Michigan, allowing any registered voter to vote absentee without a reason. Voters apply for and receive the ballot prior to the election, complete it at their convenience and return it by mail.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. It does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. More information is available at grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org/index.html.

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Never mind the process of the trial; sitting in the courtroom with somebody who's murdered your family member and not being able to react? It's a really hard thing to do. This group helps you deal with that. They coach you. They literally hold your hand through stuff. They're angels."

Whitelaw, who was

diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder following his trauma, wants to be able to support the group that has showed support to him and his family. Currently, he is looking for a way for proceeds from "Hammered" to benefit Common Ground.

"I would have made the record anyway," he said. "And I'm an artist; this is a piece of work that I did that I want to use to give back and support people

who don't have the ability or the toolbox, who can't process a loss like mine, like theirs. ... If they don't process these things they're dealing with — not just murder, but any traumatic experience — if you don't get help to work it out, you'll implode.

"I'm in the process of figuring out how to give the proceeds of the album to them, because it's not about me anymore," he continued. "Now that I've

made the record, it's done."

"Hammered" chronologically tells a story, Whitelaw said.

"It's not just 12 songs stuck on a record; they're interconnected," he said. "In the music community, it's getting a lot of nice accolades."

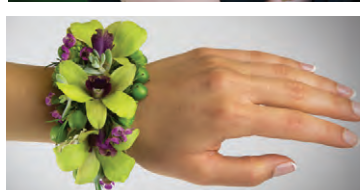
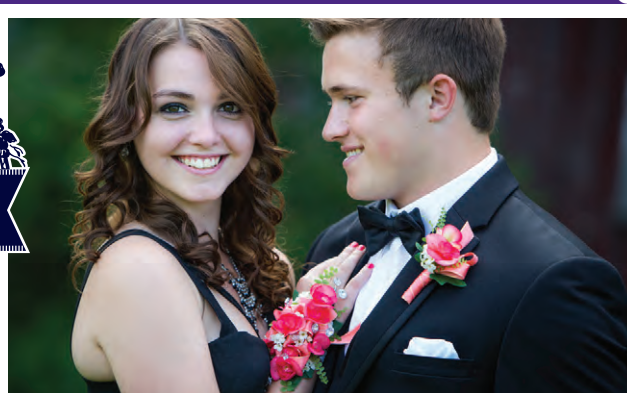
JC & the Disciples — the band formed to make this album — includes Whitelaw on guitars and vocals, Sparks on drums and percussion, Megerian on bass and vocals and Jimmy Dreshbach on keyboards. Several other musicians played a part in making the album happen, including singer Barbara Payton, bagpiper Donald Ross and saxophonists Johnny Evans and David Rienstein.

"Hammered" is available on most streaming services, such as Spotify and iTunes. It soon will be available to purchase online at jcwhtelawmusic.com.

CDs also will be available at Whitelaw's upcoming gig Saturday, Sept. 28, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit.

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Masquerade ball raises funds for library project

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following on the success of last year's inaugural ball, the Grosse Pointe Public Library Friends & Foundation presents the second Masquerade for the Stacks, a benefit to support the Grosse Pointe Public Library, from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions and live entertainment.

"RJ Spangler and Thone Paxton's Swingtet will be entertaining guests at the Masquerade," said Beth Vernon, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation. "They were fantastic last year; people actually danced until the party ended."

Vernon said last year's event was one of the most successful single fundraisers the library's ever had. With the funds raised, the library was able to replace its aging van with a new van and trailer.

"It's on the road seven days a week, all year," Vernon said. "It runs between the three branches and now that school's in, it goes to all the public



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From left, Suzy Berschback, Ann Marie Aliotta, Beth Vernon and Michele Hodges.

schools. We have a great relationship with the district libraries; we share books."

Proceeds this year are earmarked for the addition of an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramp on the front of Central branch.

"We have one in back, but so many people come in through the front — like moms carrying strollers up the stairs," Vernon said, also noting people who use wheelchairs shouldn't have to circle the building to get inside.

Vernon said there's already more interest in this year's

event from sponsors, which she hopes means there will be more interest from guests as well. Sponsorships and donations still are being accepted as well.

The event — during which library administration will make a major announcement — features a variety of auction items, including Vernon's favorite, a catered dinner for 10 in the Friends board room at Central; a weeklong stay in Colorado; golf for four at Lochmoor Club; a private view of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade from Central's balcony, among

others.

"What we have is really beautiful," Vernon said of the auction items.

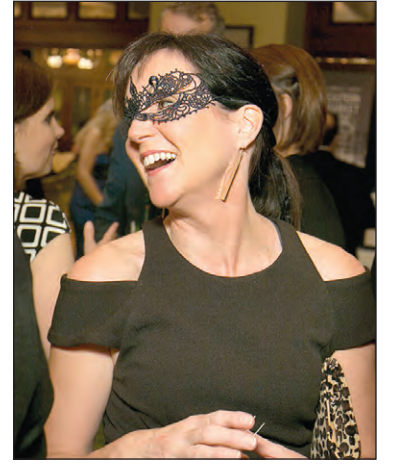
The foundation also plans to relaunch its Breuer Preservation Fund during the Masquerade.

"Five years ago, when we redid the inside of Central and restored the artwork, was when Jenn Bingaman launched the Breuer Preservation Fund. We're going to reinvigorate that to get the community excited about enhancing the library," Vernon said. "We're lucky in Grosse Pointe. People really value their libraries. It's such a philanthropic community. So many people want to show their support financially."

The fund is named for architect Marcel Breuer, who designed Central — the only one of his buildings in the Detroit area.

"Breuer had an idea that this library would be like the community's living room," Vernon said.

"A library is really central to what makes a strong community," she added. "It's the only place that serves the population it serves, which is everybody. It's the only place you get exactly what you're looking for for free. We inform the community."



Ann Fitzpatrick has a laugh at last year's ball.

Projects like the ramp are funded above and beyond what library tax dollars are used for, she noted.

"Library financials go to critical needs. This is beyond that. This is an opportunity to make a mark on the community. ... That extra financial commitment makes it the best it can be. It's nice to have a good library, but it's better to have a great one."

A VIP cocktail reception for sponsors begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$125 each and are available online at ffgppl.org or at any GPPL branch. For information, call (313) 640-4683.

The Helm hosts second annual movie premier

Green Eraser Productions presents its second annual movie premier Friday, Sept. 27, at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Doors open at 6 p.m. to

a buffet-style dinner from Brian Abner Culinary, including wine and soft drinks. The presentation at 7 p.m. includes five to seven short movie premiers filmed at The Helm.

Tickets are \$35 per person, \$60 per couple.

Those unable to attend the premier are invited to The Helm for a popcorn matinee Saturday, Sept. 28. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the presenta-

tion begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Popcorn, chips and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

On both dates, several never-before-seen episodes of "Life in the

Slow Lane" will be shown. These episodes will be followed by Stella Woitulewicz's "Finding Common Grounds," a puzzling comedy set in a coffeeshop. The final movie, "Mystery at The

Helm," features many staff members from The Helm.

Harry Burkey, a Screen Actors Guild member and acting instructor at The Helm, presents these events. For tickets or more information, call (313) 407-6225.

Tickets are limited for both screenings.

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website — Beloved Community — which focused on religious and political issues.

For "Meaning Train," Cunningham collected her favorite essays dating back to 2002 and compiled them into five sections: Race, Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Ecumenism and America.

"It highlights wonderful books and interviews that analyze different facets of major religions," she said. "The book opposes the subjugation of others and provides a moral compass."

Among the subjects about which Cunningham writes are how Abraham Lincoln changed

American democracy, Thomas Jefferson and the importance of Muslim acceptance, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Islamophobia.

"Did you know (Islamic people) believe in the Old Testament and believe in the New Testament," she said. "They see the Koran as a continuation. People should realize we're more alike than we are different."

"The book brims with soul and empathy," she added. "It outlines the issue of our era with ideas of human dignity. The essays include the struggle for racial equality in America and South Africa; the agony of the Holocaust and the battle for peace among Israelis and Palestinians; the lives of Mary Magdalene and Jesus Christ and the

Christian feminist theology; the morally right fight against Islamophobia and the need for pluralism in the Middle East; and the contributions of historian David McCullough and politician Bobby Kennedy.

"Bobby Kennedy helped his brother, Jack, with the civil rights movement," she added. "What I really like about Bobby was after Jack was assassinated, he became even more empathetic to the downtrodden."

This is the first book for Cunningham. She's currently pitching it to secondary schools and universities, as well as

high schools, with classes on morality or religion and human rights.

"It's for anyone who keeps up with current events and cares about the world," she said.

Caring about the world is important to Cunningham, a self-described progressive Christian.

"It's caring for the downtrodden, belief in tolerance and love, and carrying out Jesus' mission of turning the other cheek, loving your enemies and creating one human family," she said.

Cunningham said she hopes to inspire readers and "prod people to take action on all these issues we have to deal with

today," she said.

Cunningham, who plans to start freelancing for religious magazines, is toying with the idea of writing a memoir.

"I've been on a good journey," she said.

"Meaning Train" is available on amazon.

com. Links to purchase the book also are featured on Cunningham's website, carryingcunninghamwriter.com.

To celebrate her new release, Cunningham is hosting a book party Nov. 16. Watch for details on her website.

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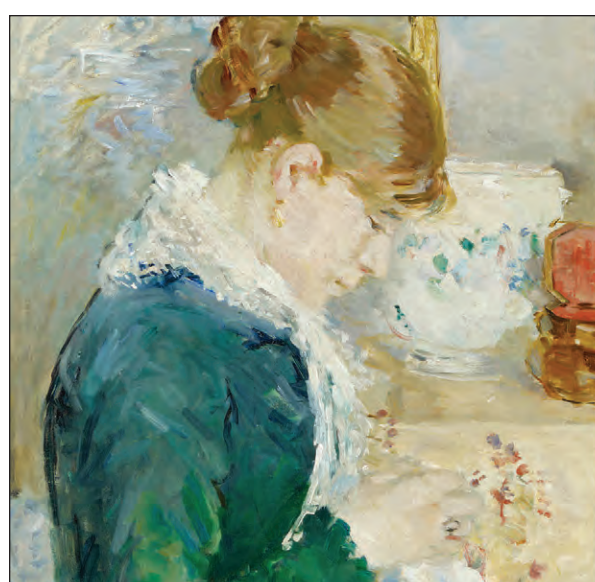
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Kinga “Kay” Abram

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kinga “Kay” Alexandria Abram, 95, passed away Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019.

Kay was born May 24, 1924, in New Salem, Pa., to Charles and Marianna Abram.

She was employed at Chrysler for a period of time while caring for her parents until their passing. Later in life, she returned to school and graduated from Marygrove College.

Kay worked as a teacher in Grosse Pointe schools for many years. Generations of students and others came to know Kay by her infectious smile, clear voice, small stature and powerful personality. Kay loved the children with whom she interacted and that love was returned regularly as she was recognized wherever she appeared around the community.

Kay was a fixture at Our Lady Star of the Sea parish from her years of teaching, working in the office, volunteering for everything she could and her legendary sales of raffle tickets. She was a member of the Ushers Club and the Rosary Altar Society. She also was a Eucharistic minister and lector.

Kay has no known living relatives, but many good friends in a community that loved her.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 7 at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at csk.detroit.org.

Mary Daas

Mary Daas, 88, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, in Norfolk, Va.

A native of Detroit, Mary attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Marygrove College and Wayne State University. She met her beloved husband, Charles, while teaching in the same school district. After moving to Grosse Pointe, Mary became a successful real estate agent.

Mary moved to Norfolk to be close to her daughter, Martha, and grandson, Oliver. In Norfolk, Mary pursued her love of art and writing, taking many classes at the Muse Writing Center and becoming a docent at the Chrysler Museum of Art.

Mary will be remembered for her incredible wit, style, compassion and kindness. Mary’s gift was making those she spoke with feel important and loved.

Mary traveled extensively with her daughter the last 10 years of her life. Her favorite activity while traveling was engaging with the locals in a meaningful way. She leaves behind many affectionate friends who will continue to cherish her memory.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Martha (Gail) and grandsons, Griffin, Oliver and Spencer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the

Capuchin Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207 or at thecapuchins.org/donate.

Gilbert H. Gray

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Gilbert H. Gray, 87, passed away Friday, Aug. 16, 2019, surrounded by his family.

Gil was born June 18, 1932, in Royal Oak. After graduating high school, he attended Highland Park Junior College for a year, then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a military police officer in Germany from 1952 to 1954. During this time, he met Mary Alice Kralej from Fairmont, W. Va., who also was serving in the Army. They married in Heidelberg, Germany, in 1954.

Gil earned a teaching degree from Fairmont State College and his master’s degree from Wayne State College soon after. He taught English at Pierce Junior High School in the Grosse Pointe Public School System 36 years.

In retirement, Gil kept busy singing in the Grosse Pointe Community Choir, attending monthly breakfasts with fellow retired teachers, working part-time as a copy editor for the Grosse Pointe News and as an English as a Second Language tutor at Defer Elementary School. He also volunteered in his grandchildren’s schools and as an usher at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with his friend, Jerry.

Gil also liked making things by hand, including walking sticks from tree branches and jewelry and arrowheads from coins, polished stones, metals and other materials. One of his favorite pastimes was walking the dogs around his neighborhood where he could engage in conversation with anyone he might see.

Gil was a kind, thoughtful, generous, caring and loving gentleman. He truly will be missed.

Gil is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Sharon E. Gray (Fred McGowan), Stephanie E. Gray, Denise E. Gray and Diana K. Gray-Finner; son, Christopher J.M. Gray; grandchildren: Shane J. McGowan, Cully S. McGowan, Lance D. Finner (Marquita), Kyle L. Finner, Tiffany D.J. Finner (Cory Vasquez) and Julie Durocher-Dunway (David); great-grandchildren, Donovan Lee Finner, Anthony W. Dunn, Carmelo J. Finner, Kira M. Finner, Kianna R. Finner, Ethyn C.J. Vasquez, Andrew Dunway and Madeleine Dunway and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harry J. Gray and Gertrude Derrick-Gray; sister, Carolyn Gray-Lindberg and brother, Gary Gray.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 18303 Common Road, Roseville.

Interment will be at Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery in Holly.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gil’s memory may be made to any Michigan animal rescue/shelter or the Gary Sinise Foundation at garysinisefoundation.org.

John Francis McCaffrey

John Francis McCaffrey, 82, passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves behind his best friend and beautiful bride of 56 years, Carroll “Mitzi” Donahue McCaffrey; sons, John F. McCaffrey Jr. and his wife, Bree, Timothy McCaffrey and his wife, Alyson, and Robert McCaffrey and his wife, Ashley; daughter, Carroll Willa and her husband, Keith and most beloved grandchildren, Macyn and Miller McCaffrey, Mary and Timothy McCaffrey, Kailyn and Hunter Willa and Betsy and Bert McCaffrey. He also is survived by his siblings, Cecile Fredrick and Tom McCaffrey.

He was predeceased by his brother, Bill McCaffrey.

Born and raised in Detroit, to Frank and Anne McCaffrey, John raised his family in Grosse Pointe, Winnetka, Ill. and New Canaan, Conn. In his early years, John was a proud member of the University of Virginia football team, the University of Michigan football spring practice squad and the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division. He then had the opportunity to join the Traveler’s Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, Wis. In 1970, John returned to Detroit to join his father at Burns McCaffrey Insurance. He would later move to Connecticut, where, at age 48, he became the CEO of Frank B. Hall. He then joined the AON Corp. in Chicago, which led him to starting his own fine arts insurance brokerage, the Belle Meade Group. John ended his insurance career in Connecticut where he continued to show the industry his enthusiasm, creativity and passion for the business.

John was a proud and successful businessman, but he truly relished the people he met, the friends he had, the relationships he made, but most importantly his family. The jokes, laughter and stories he shared and the true connections he made with not only his brothers and sister, but his nieces and nephews and their children, will be forever cherished.

John loved the horizon and built so many memories surrounded by family watching the sun rise and set in Grand Bend, Canada. John was a loving husband, ultimate Papa and most passionate Detroit Lions and U of M fan.

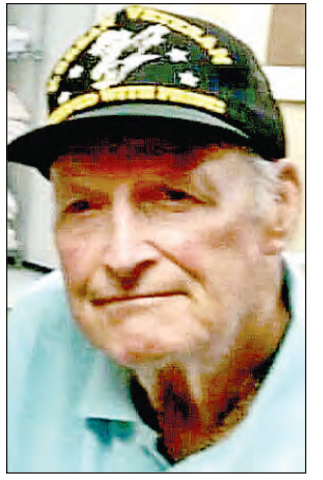
Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Peterson-O’Donnell Funeral Home, 167 Maple St. (Route 62), Danvers, Mass.



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Mary Daas



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John Francis McCaffrey



Jeffrey H. Taylor



Elizabeth B. Palen

A funeral will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the funeral home, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, 24 Conant St., Danvers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at stjude.org. Share a memory at odonnellfuneralservice.com.

Jeffrey H. Taylor

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeffrey H. Taylor, 70, died peacefully Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, after living a productive, fun-filled life. Born June 21, 1949, in Mount Clemens, to Catherine and Robert H. Taylor, Jeff was a Grosse Pointe resident 70 years.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1967 and attending Central Michigan University, Jeff married Gail E. Ensor, the love of his life, June 1975. He began his career in property management with Higgins Management in 1972, where he fostered a passion for revitalizing Detroit through investing in and renovating buildings, a pursuit which continued throughout his life, most recently with Broderick Tower, The Elliott Building and Leland House, all downtown historic buildings.

Jeff later became a financial advisor where he worked for several major financial institutions over his 45-year career, most recently Raymond James, from which he retired in 2018.

When not on the job, Jeff enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, golfing and boating, along with club memberships at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Lochmoor Club and Bay Harbor, over the years. He also delighted in planting and tending his garden, which was regularly included in the Grosse Pointe Garden Tour.

Jeff had an unmatched enthusiasm for life and a deep appreciation for fine wine and cigars. His love of adventure drove him to summit several mountains and earn his private pilot’s license.

Jeff will be remembered as a devoted and playful son, brother, uncle and friend with many memories of boating on Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, as well as entertaining those

around him with his legendary sense of humor and youthful demeanor.

Jeff was blessed with excellent health until his final weeks of life and always looked — and behaved — much younger than his years.

Jeff is survived by his mother, Catherine; brothers, Greg, Doug (Robyn) and Bruce (Lise), along with many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his cherished wife of 31 years, Gail, and father, Robert H. Taylor.

A family celebration of Jeff’s life will be held at a future date.

Elizabeth Borthwick Palen

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elizabeth Borthwick Palen, 68, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019.

Born Jan. 24, 1951, she was the only child of Leslie and Janet Borthwick. She was the beloved wife of Peter Boniface Palen, her high school sweetheart, to whom she was married 44 years; loving mother of Rebecca, Laura and P.J. Palen and dear grandmother of Jack and Ella Colson and Lola Palen.

Liz was a devoted member of the St. Michael’s Episcopal Church community. She devoted much of her time to the Episcopal Church Women and was a member of the Altar Guild. Liz had a tremendous faith in God.

Liz was a proud 1968 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and later graduated with an associate degree from Macomb Community College.

In 1975, she married Peter Palen, and they raised their family on Kerby Road in Grosse Pointe Farms. Together they were active members of the community.

Liz had a passion for helping others. She was a caregiver for the elderly and demonstrated much compassion and kindness for those who were ill. She was a two-time breast cancer survivor, volunteer for Race for the Cure and member of the WATCH community for other breast cancer survivors. She also was a fixture in the Grosse Pointe Public School System serving as the PTO president of Kerby Elementary School.

Liz was a devoted family woman and will be dearly missed by her



Virginia Mary Rivard

family and community.

A funeral service was held Sept. 10 at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Virginia Mary Rivard

Virginia “Jeanne” Mary Rivard, 79, of St. Clair, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma bone cancer and complications of a stroke. She was surrounded by family and loved ones.

Virginia was the beloved wife of Hendrick; loving mother of Sean (Teresa), Greg (Chin), Ginny (Michael), Kelly (Tom) and David (Hillary) and cherished grandmother of Justin, Allyson, Kyle, Sam, Amy, Lily, Sophia, Ginny, Tommy, Michael, Hadley, Michael and David.

Virginia was born March 6, 1940, in Detroit, the second daughter of Virginia and Walter Cavanaugh. Jeanne’s six siblings, extended family and friends will miss her dearly.

Jeanne was strong, sweet and a true class act. Her love for her family, friends and fun were endless. She was a leader, the life of the party and an incredible tennis and bridge player. Her grandchildren would say their “Grammy/Geema” was unbeatable at every board and card game. Jeanne’s love for life and remarkable faith will never be forgotten.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 17 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

OBITUARIES:
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Lois Barnard Trost

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lois Barnard Trost, 89, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, at her home.

Lois was born Aug. 28, 1930, in Detroit, to Talbott Barnard and Norma Wendler Barnard.

Lois embraced being part of the local sailing community. She met her husband, John A. Trost III, at Put-In-Bay, which remained a sentimental favorite destination. She sailed, raced and served on many race committees, including being named an "Old Fort" member of the Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron Mackinac race committee. Lois was a longtime member of Detroit Yacht Club and Mackinac Island Yacht Club, as well as the Grosse Pointe Ski club.

Lois worked at Jacobson's in Grosse Pointe more than 30 years presiding over the toy department. Also, she never met a stranger and kept in contact with her co-workers and clients after retirement.

Lois enjoyed many activities, but her favorite times were family dinners and telling stories, especially if they were told with a drink in her hand and a view of the water.

Lois was predeceased by her husband; parents; brother, Talbott Barnard and grandson, Peter Nicholas Trost II.

She is survived by her children, John A. Trost IV (Barbara); Susan Callahan (Daniel) and Peter "Nicky" Trost; grandchildren, John A. Trost V, Karl C. Trost, Alison Augsburg (Derek), Charles H. Trost, Daniel Callahan (Nicole), Andrew Callahan, Katherine N. Trost, Andrew T. Trost and Sara E. Trost; great-grandchildren, Jack A. Augsburg and Henry T. Augsburg, and a niece and nephew.

A memorial service will be held 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle, in Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lois's name to Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon



Lois Barnard Trost



Lucian P. Iacobell

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Lucian "Lou" P. Iacobell

Lucian "Lou" P. Iacobell, 80, passed away Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019.

He was the beloved husband of Louise for 53 wonderful years; loving father of Donald (Shelly), David (Amy) and Denise Seagram (Jon); proud grandfather of Jon, Patrick, Nicholas, Matthew and Christopher; dear brother of Frank (Gaye) and dear uncle of Diane Boden (Jeff), Christina Fazzone, Peter Iacobell and Angela Bradford.

Lou was the former owner of Iacobell Shoes in Grosse Pointe Woods and former president of Michigan Retailers Association.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations preferred to American Diabetes Association at diabetes.org or Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

PASTOR'S CORNER
By the Rev. Jim Rizer

But God ...

When I was in seminary, I recall President Gillespie preaching a sermon on two small words — "and the" — in response to a playful challenge put forth by a student comedy show. I remember the anticipation of the students waiting to hear what could be gleaned from these two small words. I also recall the incredible sermon that left many amazed.

This experience serves as a good reminder that a phrase, or two short words, can pack a powerful message. One great example of this are the words "but God" — grammatically a conjunction and a subject, but biblically, so much more.

In Genesis we read of the life of Joseph and how his brothers sold him into slavery, beginning a many-year journey that included a variety of challenges like false accusations and imprisonment. Eventually, Joseph rises to assist Pharaoh in addressing a famine and gets the opportunity to reunite with his brothers. At one point Joseph says, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about

that many people should be kept alive" (Genesis 50:20). Two little words speak of God's sovereign power to transform terrible things, like fraternal treachery, into a lifesaving blessing.

In the New Testament we see this sovereignty act even more powerfully on our behalf. "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:4-5). These verses paint a stark picture of the impact of our sin, but also of God's initiative, mercy and desire to rescue us.

Two small words that speak of God's sovereign power to transform the worst into carriers of blessings. Two small words that speak of God's saving grace. Two small words that can transform your life.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Pilgrimage to Peace is Sept. 19

The community is invited to The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, for Pilgrimage to Peace, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19.

The Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, hosts a conversation with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth from Israel and Aziz Abu Sarah, a Palestinian-American, about multi-faith dialogue and engagement in constructive conflict, peace and the reality of life in Israel and Palestine.

Formed in 1984, Churches for Middle East Peace is a coalition of 27

national church denominations and organizations, including Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant traditions. It works to encourage U.S. government policies that actively promote a just, lasting and comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ensuring security, human rights and religious freedom for all people of the Middle East.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

For more information, visit warmemorial.org/speakers/pilgrimagetopeace.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, again presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried." This free 12-week journey involves sharing experiences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included and child care is provided. Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge the following Thursdays: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "The Emmaus Journey: Adult Formation at Christ Church," 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 18 to Nov. 20. Using Bibles alongside Jonathan Walton's book, "A Lens of Love," participants join Fr. Walter Brownridge to discuss reading and interpreting the Bible morally and confidently in relation to society's pressing issues. A community dinner for a \$20 suggested donation is offered at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

The church offers "Back to School Toolbox," a workshop

for parents and children, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 21. The morning workshop addresses anxiety, social challenges and other important topics. Students use team-building activities to learn how to be successful in social interactions, while parents work with a facilitator to learn skills and tips for addressing the needs of school-age children. Registration is \$36 per child in second through fifth grade; \$50 for a parent and one child; \$20 for each additional second- through fifth-grade sibling; \$25 for a parent only; \$15 for an additional parent; and \$99 for a family — two parents and four children. To register, visit christchurchgp.org/btstb. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council hosts High Holiday services, observing the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, on Sunday, Sept. 29, and Monday, Sept. 30. Services on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, take place Tuesday, Oct. 8, and Wednesday, Oct. 9. Rabbi Joe Klein will officiate with Cantorial Soloist Bryant Frank. The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council sponsors lectures on religious and cultural topics, social events and Shabbat services. For information on High Holidays or membership, call (313) 882-6700 or email the gpjc@comcast.net.

St. Michael's Festival Day is Sept. 29

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, invites the community to its Festival Day at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29.

After 10 a.m. worship, the celebration begins with music, food and activities, including a cake walk, basket prizes, ice cream sundae bar and games such as balloon

pull, marshmallow golf, corn hole, burlap sack races and more.

St. Michael's is an inclusive faith community located next to Parcels Middle School play field. Sunday worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour in the fellowship hall.

Contact the church at stmichaelsgpw.org or by calling (313) 884-4820.

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Circle of Love: Watch stars shine during 'An Evening Under the Stars'

By Ted G. Coulitish
Guest Writer

Everywhere you look, there will be stars shining.

From an amazing local TV news host to an amazing live band to amazing young adults with special needs singing "Amazing Grace" and "We Are the World" to amazing supporters from the Grosse Pointe community to amazing live and silent auction items, Full Circle Foundation's sixth annual gala promises to be, well, amazing.

Hosted by Ryan Ermanni, #TheNine cohost on Fox 2, Full Circle's "An Evening Under the Stars" is scheduled 6 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at The Roostertail in Detroit. This is Full Circle's 10-year anniversary, so several celebratory surprises are being planned for guests.

"You don't want to miss this one," said Sue Banner, director of operations, Full Circle Foundation. "With so



much star power and with our 10-year anniversary celebration, we have an incredible evening planned for our guests. This will truly be an evening to remember."

Live auction items include getaways to Italy and Spain, a cocktail

cruise on Lake St. Clair, stays at the Grand Hotel and Mission Point Resort, a pickleball party for 20 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and a GenZe Electric Bike.

Ticket price is \$175 and includes an open bar, sit-down dinner, live and silent auctions

and live entertainment by one of Michigan's leading cover bands.

Buy tickets at Full Circle, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, by calling (313) 469-6660 or visiting fullcirclefdn.org.

Proceeds go to Full Circle Foundation to support young adults with special needs participating in various programs, including Team 26, summer activities and Edible Garden.

Full Circle Foundation is a fully accredited charitable organization working in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs in the community.

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,

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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South makes Marauders walk plank

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South entered its road game with Warren Mott with a bulls-eye on its back after beating them last year en route to a division title.

"We knew this is a talented football team, but we also knew we could run on them and wear them out," head coach Tim Brandon said.

Defensive coordinator Chad Hepner drew up another solid scheme which stymied the Marauders as the Blue Devils went on to a convincing 27-0 victory.

The offense ran the ball effectively, and senior quarterback Alex Shaheen made the big throws to keep the Marauders' defense on

the field a long time in the heat and humidity.

"These kids have been laser focused," Brandon said. "This was a big win. To come in here and beat a good football team is huge."

The defense set the tone on the first series of the game. The Marauders returned the opening kickoff deep into Blue Devils territory, but they forced a long field goal try that was short.

The Blue Devils drove 80 yards and punched it in the end zone. Shaheen threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Grant Hart. The extra point was missed, but it was 6-0 midway through the opening quarter.

The defense stopped fourth-down plays on



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Grosse Pointe South quarterback Alex Shaheen unleashes a strike against Warren Mott.

consecutive series, but a couple of turnovers kept it a 6-0 game.

Junior Max Gavagan's quarterback sack forced a punt, and the Blue Devils took over on their own 37-yard line.

Nine plays later they scored as Shaheen threw a laser 30-yard pass to

senior wide receiver A.J. Benson while running to his left off a scramble with only 43 seconds left in the half.

Senior Ben Gabrion kicked the extra point to make it a 13-0 game.

Senior defensive back

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Volleyball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Chemistry key to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls volleyball team began its Catholic League Intersectional Division slate last week hosting defending champ Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

Head coach Dan Sullivan and assistant coach Rebecca Scholtes knew getting off to a solid start would be a confidence boost the Knights needed diving into division play.

After three tough games, the Knights trailed 2-1. They lost game one 25-19, came back to win game two 28-26 and had control of game three before losing 25-23.

Instead of panicking, the Knights used communication and a belief in their teammates to win game four 25-21 and then take the finale 15-10 to win the match 3-2.

"Last year, we would have lost this match," Sullivan said. "We have good team chemistry and it showed tonight."

"The girls had movement on the court and

belief in each other," Scholtes said. "They played well and got it done tonight."

In the pivotal fourth game, the Knights had key defensive stops, kills and excellent serving that kept Everest Collegiate off balance.

On offense, senior captains Bella Cubba and Melanie Zampardo led the way in the spiking category and freshman Maddy Zampardo was a dual threat hitting and blocking.

Sophomore Olivia Dickey delivered several points off her serves, while seniors Olivia Fetterman and Ava Cipriano, juniors Allie Mulder and Rosie Bracken and sophomore Kennedy Campbell, played well.

In game five, the Knights trailed 10-8 before scoring the final seven points of the match to take it 15-10.

Mulder's service game was stellar during the seven-point stretch. Among the seven points came three aces.

Cubba and Melanie Zampardo led the Knights in kills.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

ULS wins big

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team beat visiting Marine City Cardinal Mooney 30-0 in its home opener last weekend.

"We did a good job on both sides of the ball," head coach Dan Cimini said. "The offensive and defensive lines were solid. They gave Ian (Narva) time to throw and they helped our run game."

"The defense was great. They didn't allow Cardinal Mooney past midfield."

After a scoreless first quarter, the Knights put three points on the board when Matt Summers kicked a field goal.

The Knights scored



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School quarterback Ian Narva, left, delivers a completion as the Cardinal Mooney rush gets close.

their first touchdown with 5:10 left in the second quarter when Narva ran 10 yards to the end zone. Summer added the extra point and it was 10-0.

The home team scored just before the half ended as Ryan Jones

crashed in from the 1-yard line. Summers kicked another PAT and the home team took a 17-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, Nolan Allaer and Jones sacked the quarterback on third down, forcing a punt on the Cardinals'

first possession of the third quarter.

The two recorded another quarterback sack on the Cardinals' next possession, setting up a short field due to a poor punt.

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NORTH & SOUTH

North beats PHN; South falls twice

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After two tournaments, head coach Chelsea Brozo had a clearer vision as to who would be in her lineup as the Norsemen began division play last week with a home match against Port Huron Northern.

The Norsemen played well, winning 25-20, 24-26, 25-21, 25-11 to go 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Hannah Davis and Madeline Dodenhoff led the defense with the help of setter Caitlyn Watts. Dodenhoff had six aces and Paige Przepiora added four.

Christina Braker dominated with 17 kills and 15 blocks with Przepiora adding eight kills. Annabelle Julien had 11 blocks to keep the Huskies at bay.

"It was a great team effort with lots of enthusiasm and pride," Brozo said. "Congratulations for a night well done."

Later in the week North traveled to host Utica and lost in three

games to stand 1-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-7 overall.

South results

The Grosse Pointe South girls volleyball team is off to a sluggish start in its Macomb Area Conference White Division last week after losing on the road to L'Anse Creuse North 22-25, 25-15, 25-17, 25-20 and Fraser 25-17, 25-18, 27-25.

Against the Crusaders, Jada DiVita had 12 kills and three blocks, while Caroline Zrimec added six kills and three blocks.

In the match against the Ramblers, DiVita had nine kills and Madeline Sullivan had 15 digs.

Head coach Krysta Kreyger and her Blue Devils look to get back in the win column when they face city rival Grosse Pointe North at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19.

South is 0-2 in the division and 2-11-1 overall.

The city rivals meet at North at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19.

This is the first of two meetings this season.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen dig early deficit

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North football team went on the road for the first time this season, battling division opponent L'Anse Creuse North.

The Norsemen fell 42-0, falling to 0-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 0-3 overall.

"Although the scoreboard didn't show it, we played a better game than we did last week against Utica," head coach Joe Drouin said. "As a coaching staff, we had the players in a better mental state when facing adversity. We are still working on improving the small details. It will take some time, but we are making progress."

Drouin said it seemed like every time they had them stopped, his Norsemen would miss a tackle on third and long and the next thing it's a first down LCN.

The same with their offense. They would have a good play, then miss a block and then faced a situation where they had to gain more

than 10 yards for a first down.

Jon Jon Perkins led the defense, while Tim Cleland also was sharp.

On offense, Kennard Williams led the way rushing and Ethan Pinkney was right behind.

Next for North is its homecoming game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, against Warren Mott.

Cross country

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils post solid times

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls cross-country team placed fourth out of 15 at the 51st annual Huron Invitational last weekend at Willow Metropark.

South was led by freshman Kelly Gavagan, who covered the course in a personal-record time of 22:38.

Gavagan was followed by sophomore Maria Liburdi at 22:39.

South's third medalist was senior Miya Bowman at 22:59.

Varsity South runners following were Victoria Gardey, Paloma Beachem, Harrin Harris, Mayra Eger, Anna Czech and Dianne Dollison. All nine were under 24 min-

utes.

The boys, under head coach Mark Sonnenberg, took second with 74 points.

Abraham Abouljoud was fourth with a time of 17:12.8 and Jack Hurst was 10th with a time of 17:27.6. Jack Corrion was 17th with a time of 17:45.2.

Dominic Dulac and Logan Detwiler finished 21st and 22nd with times of 17:51.3 and 17:52.2.

They also had three runners, Brendan Downey, Tucker Griffin and Halden Stoehr, who finished 28th, 29th and 30th with times of 18:07.8, 18:08.9 and 18:13.9, and the duo of Ronak Parikh and William Jarvis placed 33rd and 38th with times of 18:19.7 and 18:28.7.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANER

Grosse Pointe South freshman Kelly Gavagan led the way for South with a season-best performance at the 15-team Huron Invitational.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen improve in latest meet



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

Grosse Pointe North's Dani Lubienski and Hannah Ladach run in the latest meet for the Norsemen.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North cross-country team competed in the annual MSU Spartan Invitational in East Lansing last weekend.

The boys took 30th place with 735 points and the girls finished 31st with 880.

For head coach Diane Montgomery and her boys team, junior Preston Navarre was 14th with a time of 16:33.4.

Senior Jack Day was 156th with a time of 18:11.8 and senior Andrew Spiteri was 185th at 18:29.4.

Sophomore Max Kluge and senior Michael Lynch also were in the scoring for the Norsemen, taking 219th and 229th with times of 19:01.5 and 19:06.0.

Senior Ryan Spiteri and junior Noah Lawson also ran for the varsity squad.

For the girls, senior Jackie Albo was 137th with a season-best time of 21:23.0 to lead the team.

"It was a rainy day that turned into a very muggy race when the sun came out," girls head coach Scott Cooper said. "It was a tough race with bad conditions, but the girls ran tough and did very well."

Juniors Annaliese Thomas and Elise Nyquist finished 189th and 199th with times of 22:10.3 and 22:16.0, while senior Sarah Seagram and freshman Sophia Dragich placed 226th and 227th with times of 22:33.7 and 22:34.0.

Senior Lyndsay Kluge

and junior Anna Lisa Lynch also ran for the varsity team.

The Norsemen ran at Stoney Creek the following day and finished ninth out of 24 squads. The boys took 17th.

The top runners who earned a medal were Caroline Mrsan, Rhea Janka, Gia Derrick, Becca Moin, Eleanor Bernas, Audry Rakozy, Geraldine Calderon, Evelyn Riley, Jordyn Foulkrod and Madison Lucido.

Top finishers for the boys were Luca Varanelli, Charlie Bomgaars, Jack McConaghy, Louis Holmes, Paul Ciaravino, Ian Ballinger, Michael Kehrig, Nathan Miller, Michael Fox, Marc Mueller, John Mueller, Jake Sands, Carson Winbigler and Sean Guibord.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights get pair of fifth-place finishes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School cross-country teams each finished fifth

in last week's first Catholic League jamboree held at Young Patriots Park in Riverview.

"Both teams did a

great job, despite the heat and humidity," head coach Colleen Mellon said.

Royal Oak Shrine won the girls meet with 61

points, just ahead of Allen Park Cabrini with 63. Clarkston Everest Collegiate was third with 76 points, followed by Ann Arbor Greenhills with 81 and ULS with 102.

Three other teams were behind the Knights, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Senior Maggie Dunn and freshman Penelope Griffioen led the Knights, taking ninth and 10th with times of 24:14.7 and 24:25.4.

Sophomore Grace Govier-LaParl was 16th with a time of 24:43.3, while senior Ava Henness took 31st at 26:41.3. Sophomore Emilia Bronk finished 43rd with a time of 28:00.7 and junior Sophia Ma placed 45th at 28:20.6.

In the boys meet, Greenhills was first with 71 points, followed by Madison Heights Bishop Foley with 81, Cabrini with 87, Riverview

Gabriel Richard with 103 and ULS with 106.

Finishing behind the Knights were Royal Oak Shrine, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy, Chesterfield Austin Catholic, Detroit Loyola and Detroit Cristo Rey.

Senior Ashton Pongratz continued his solid start to the season, finishing third with a time of 19:08.8 and senior Ian Shogren was 15th with a time of 20:14.7. Sophomore James Dailey was in the top 25, taking 22nd with a time of 21:00.9.

Junior Elias Gaydecka placed 32nd with a time of 21:56.8 and sophomore Evan Provenzano was 34th at 22:09.7 to nab fifth for the team.

Sophomore Jacob Whitton finished 38th with a time of 22:38.7, while sophomore Justin Mazarko took 44th at 23:02.7.

Other Knights finish-

ing were sophomore

Garrett Flynn, 49th at 23:28.5; freshman Ryan King, 51st at 23:34.4; sophomore Christopher Lukas, 60th at 24:46.0; and junior Javier Villegas, 65th at 25:59.7.

Last weekend, ULS had a successful day at Stoney Creek Metro Park at the Autumn Classic.

There were 26 teams competing with ULS girls taking ninth.

Earning medals were Griffioen, Govier-LaParl, Bronk, Dunn and Ma.

The boys finished 10th with three runners earning medals, Pongratz, Whitton and Daily.

The team will compete Friday Sept. 20, at the James Cleverly Invite hosted at Anchor Bay.

The Knights will compete in the second Catholic League jamboree at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, and the Hanson's Invitational is the final Saturday of September.

The Knights also run in the annual Wayne County Championship meet Saturday, Oct. 5, at Willow Metropark.

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Baseball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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See it fly

Grosse Pointe North junior varsity baseball coach Mark Orr, above, took part in the PAL Hitters Challenge at The Corner Ballpark at the old Tiger Stadium at the end of August and took several swings. Orr played college baseball and was a standout in high school. Orr has coached baseball at Grosse Pointe South and the past several years at Grosse Pointe North.

Swimming

SOUTH & LIGGETT

Knights hang with ranked Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South hosted Anchor Bay and city foe University Liggett School last week.

South beat ULS 122-56 and Anchor Bay 136-47, while ULS lost 88-86 to Anchor Bay.

ULS won the opening event, the 200-yard medley relay, with Grace Wesley, Ginger McMahon, Sophie Housey and Harisen Davis posting a time of 1:52.58.

South was second as Brooke Lezotte, Phoebe Handwork, Olivia Yoo and Hannah Blanzly turned in a time of 1:53.91.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Yoo won with a time of 2:00.72, while South's Hayden Barry and Elizabeth Klepp finished second and third with times of 2:05.27 and 2:07.91.

ULS's Housey won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:07.70 and the trio of Lezotte, Sophie Schuetze and Sophia Kapla of South finished second, third and fourth

with times of 2:16.19, 2:16.29 and 2:19.49.

South's Phoebe Bedsworth was first in the 50-yard freestyle, turning in a time of 26.32, and Davis of ULS placed sixth at 27.72.

Caroline Rogers and Ava Rogowski of South took first and third in diving, earning 137.70 and 117.75 points, and in the 100-yard butterfly it was Yoo, Schuetze and Genevieve Boutrous of South taking first, second and third with times of 58.74, 1:00.84 and 1:05.07.

Ariana Herman of ULS was eighth in the butterfly with a time of 1:10.00, and Housey came back to win another event, taking the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.89.

South's Blanzly and Jilliana Pilutti finished third and fourth with times of 1:00.09 and 1:00.40.

South's Barry and Audrey Smihal finished first and second in the 500-yard freestyle, posting times of 5:31.92 and 6:00.26. ULS had Davis and Herman take third and fourth with times of

6:01.93 and 6:04.02.

ULS won the 200-yard freestyle relay with McMahon, Davis, Wesley and Housey posting a time of 1:44.68, and South's Blanzly, Lily Bates, Bedsworth and Morgan Palace took second at 1:49.63.

The local teams took the top four spots in the 100-yard backstroke with South's Lezotte, Sienna Clark and Klepp taking first, second and fourth with times of 1:02.38, 1:04.31 and 1:04.45, while Wesley of ULS was third at 1:04.36.

ULS had a first and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke as McMahon won with a time of 1:11.17 and Hannah Wheatley was fourth at 1:18.38. South's Sophia Kapla and Jacquelyn Wang finished second and third with times of 1:12.58 and 1:15.43.

In the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, South's Yoo, Klepp, Barry and Schuetze won with a time of 3:48.08, and the ULS foursome of Reese Martin, Ariana Herman, Sophia Herman and Wheatley placed fourth at 4:15.31.

Football

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Homecoming schedules

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School are preparing for their annual homecoming festivities, and one of the key components is the varsity football game.

North's homecoming game is at 7 p.m. Friday,

Sept. 20, against Macomb Area Conference White Division opponent Warren Mott, while Grosse Pointe South brings in non-league foe Port Huron for its homecoming game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

ULS hosts non-league foe Clarkston Everest Collegiate at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28. North and South will feature class floats during halftime of their games.

ULS has other varsity sporting events.

The boys soccer team plays Royal Oak Shrine at 11 a.m., and the girls field hockey team faces Grosse Pointe North at noon.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils blank division opponent

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team blanked division foe Port Huron Northern 8-0 last week, improving to 1-0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

In eight matches, the Blue Devils lost only five games. It was the shortest match between the league rivals in a dozen years.

Freshmen Connor Stafford and Corbin Ifkovits won 6-0, 6-0, and 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 and No. 2 singles.

Sophomores Blake Discher and Owen Sanford won 6-0, 6-1,

and 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 and No. 4 singles.

At No. 1 doubles, senior Kenny Prather and junior Jacob Harris cruised 6-0, 6-1, and the duo of junior Jackson Marchal and sophomore Will White won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles.

Senior Miles Jamieson and sophomore Alex Prather also won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles, and putting the finishing touches on the win was the No. 4 doubles squad of senior Patrick Hopper and sophomore Luke Holowinski, which won 6-0, 6-1.

Earlier in the week, South lost 5-3 to regional foe Troy.

The Colts won three of

four singles matches and the teams split the four doubles matches.

Stafford won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles. Ifkovits, Discher and Sanford lost their singles matches.

Alex Prather and Jamieson won 6-1, 6-4 at No. 3 doubles, and Holowinski and Hopper won 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 at No. 4 doubles.

Kenny Prather and Harris lost a tough one at No. 1 doubles, and Marchal and White lost in three sets at No. 2 doubles.

These squads meet again in a Division 1 regional tournament the second week of October.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights need mojo

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys tennis team finished 0-2-1 in last weekend's Holly Invitational.

The Knights tied Holly 4-4, and lost 8-0 to Utica Eisenhower and 7-1 to Rockford.

"We didn't play up to our potential," head

coach Mark Sobieralski said. "We were inconsistent."

The Knights, without No. 1 singles player William Cooksey, were led by George Anusbigan at No. 3 singles, and the doubles teams of Bennett French and Campbell Marchal at No. 1 and Jacob Tomlinson and Vincent Maribao at No. 2.

Earlier in the week, ULS tied Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 4-4 and beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 6-2 to stand 5-6-3 overall.

"We are still ranked No. 2 in Division 4, but I feel we can play much better than we are showing," Sobieralski said.

ULS hosts its annual eight-team tournament Saturday, Sept. 21.

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Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen on fire

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team had a busy and productive several days, winning three games to move atop the standings of the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Early in the week, the Norsemen edged Romeo 2-1 as Ronnie Latiff and Brett Abke scored the goals.

Thunderstorms canceled the Norsemen's mid-week game, forcing them to play on back-to-

back days on the weekend.

Head coach Brad VandeVorde's squad edged Warren Cousino 2-0 the first day and defeated host Fraser 4-1 the second day to complete the first half of the division schedule.

Against Cousino, Latiff and Chris Valice scored the goals, and against Fraser, Tom Sheffield and James Streberger had two goals apiece.

Liam McEnroe had the shutout in net.

North improved to 5-1 in the MAC White and 6-3 overall.



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

A host of defenders brings down a Mott runner short of the line of scrimmage in the Blue Devils' MAC White win.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils tie Tars

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team played a 1-1 draw with host Anchor Bay early last week.

The Macomb Area Conference White Division foes stood nose to nose and neither team blinked as they played well in the heat and humidity.

For head coach

Francesco Cilano and his Blue Devils, Pedro Mozzaquardo scored the lone goal.

The Blue Devils were scheduled to play at L'Anse Creuse North later in the week, but thunderstorms with heavy lightning postponed it. They made the game up last weekend and won 4-0 to improve to 1-1-2 in the MAC White Division and 6-1-2 overall.

SOUTH:

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Owen Bollaert intercepted a pass right before the half to preserve the first-half shutout.

It was all Blue Devils in the second half. Shaheen threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Benson with 7:28 left in the third quarter and Gabrion added the PAT to make it 20-0.

Senior linebacker Owen Chen had a quarterback sack on the ensuing Mott possession. The Blue Devils forced punts on three straight possessions.

The Blue Devils put the game away when sophomore linebacker Jonathon Drake returned an interception for a touchdown. Gabrion kicked the PAT and it was 27-0 with 2:08 left.

Senior linebacker

James Doerer had a dozen tackles to help the defense post the shutout.

On offense, Shaheen was 15 of 26 for 202 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Hart had five catches for 66 yards and one score, while Benson had three catches for 48 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore Will Johnson had three receptions for 48 yards. Others with receptions were Drake and seniors Charles Ulbrich, Kevin McCarron and Sam Tucker.

Drake and junior running back Jordan Johnson combined to rush for 112 yards on 29 carries.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 2-1 overall.

Next is the Blue Devils' home opener at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, against Utica.



Grosse Pointe South running back Jonathon Drake has room to run during the first half against Mott.

Field hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall by one

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team battled Division 2 West Division foe Hartland last week.

The Blue Devils, still playing road games until the school's track construction is complete, took a 1-0 lead on a goal from Kylie Stackpole from Caitlin Rionda.

Hartland came back to score the next two goals, but the Blue Devils tied it

with a goal from Sofia Remelius from the top of the circle.

The home team tallied the game winner on a shot that sailed over goaltender Hadley McSunas's head. She finished with 21 saves, and head coach Jessie Rouleau said Helena Grobel was a solid contributor at midfield.

South was scheduled to play another game last week, but thunderstorms postponed it.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

A trio of University Liggett School defenders brings down a Cardinal Mooney ball carrier.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following Public Hearing on October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 to consider the following variances in order to allow a lot split of the property located at 270 Grosse Pointe Blvd.;

- Request for approval of lot split of the property located at 270 Grosse Pointe Blvd. with road frontage less than the required 120 feet., and
- Request for approval of lot split of the property located at 270 Grosse Pointe Blvd. with the existing accessory structure and no principle structure.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearings. Public comments will be received during the Public Hearing, orally. If you are unable to be present at the Public Hearing, please submit your written comments to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, by October 11, 2019.

For further information please contact Matthew Baka, Public Services Director, at (313) 885-4285. Plans are available at City Hall for review.

Note: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 313-885-6600 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.



Freshman Ryan Jones scored a touchdown on a run up the middle against Cardinal Mooney.

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The Knights only had to drive 23 yards, and the possession ended with a Jones 5-yard TD run. Summers added the extra point and it was 24-0 with 2:31 left in the third quarter.

Narva added a short TD run in the fourth quarter, but Summers' PAT try was blocked to end the scoring at 30-0.

Nicholas Cardella recovered a fumble late to put an exclamation mark on the shutout victory.

ULS improved to 2-1 overall and hosts Riverview Gabriel Richard Friday, Sept. 20.

