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At the polls

Patti Theros and Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros cast their votes in the March 2020 primary at Grosse Pointe Farms city hall, precinct 3.

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Technology in the time of COVID-19

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

While no confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported yet in Michigan, school districts throughout the state are preparing for that event and sharing information with parents and staff to help contain the virus should an outbreak occur.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System, for example, remains in close contact with the Wayne County Health Division and has engaged with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to follow experts' recommendations on safety and preventive measures for students and staff, according to a March 5 email.

These measures include encouraging frequent hand washing with soap and warm water; increased focus on cleaning in schools, including touch points such as light switches, doorknobs and water fountains, with an

antimicrobial disinfectant on the EPA list of COVID-19-fighting products; discouraging unnecessary physical contact such as shaking hands and hugging; suspending student awards or incentives for perfect attendance; and monitoring daily attendance and illness reports.

GPPSS also is updating its emergency response plans and procedures. According to the email, while it's too early to speculate about school closures, administrators "are exploring various options and planning is ongoing to ensure that student learning will continue."

Should that time come, technology will play a key role. According to Director of Instructional Technology Chris Stanley, the district is in a good position, in particular with the advent of Schoology, the district learning management system, a year and a half ago. In that time, teach-

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Park ponders expanding LGBTQ rights

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Citizens of diverse sexual orientation will gain protection throughout Michigan if many residents who attended the Park's Monday, March 9, city council session have their way.

Mayor Robert Denner agreed to consider adding his name to a growing list of mayors who've endorsed expanding LGBTQ rights to education, employment, housing and public accommodations as part of the 1976 Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. The state law was formed to pro-

hibit discrimination based on race, religion, age, marital status and other factors. Councilwoman Aimee Rogers Fluit and others say should include sexual identity.

Fluit read a statement before quoting data that indicates LGBTQ citizens routinely face discrimination in daily life.

"I would just like the Park to take a stance against this," she said.

Fluit received verbal support of her position from council members including Vikas Relan.

"I think, in the current state of America, discrimination is a no-brainer" to

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Pointe's Pantry moving next to Jerry's

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Dominating the city council meeting Monday, March 9, was

discussion revolving around the appeal for a use variance for 383 Kercheval to be used as an establishment for the preparation and sale of food for off-site consumption.

The location formerly was Jerry's Club Party Store, which moved to the space next door approximately two months ago.

The variance was approved in a 5-2 vote for the business Pointe's Pantry, which is the first proposed business to be considered by the city for the space.

"Pointe's Pantry will be a local food delivery service for the Grosse Pointe community,"



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pointe's Pantry will lease the space at 383 Kercheval formerly occupied by Jerry's Club Party Store, which moved next door approximately two months ago.

owner Annie Moreland said. "Not just Grosse Pointe Farms, but the surrounding community including a small portion of St. Clair Shores. ...

Pointe's Pantry will do that by providing weekly meals, some add-on items that (customers) can fill their pantry with, feed their family and just

make their lives a little bit easier."

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has been

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Annexation appeal brief submitted

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND WOODS

— The process of Grosse Pointe Woods' appeal on the Oct. 28 annexation of seven Provencal homes into Grosse Pointe Farms has begun with Woods City Attorney Chip Berschback submitting an appeal brief on behalf of the city Thursday, Feb. 27.

The process began with a hearing before the State Boundary Commission and Wayne County officials

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Nadia Nijimbere

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
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Pictured at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Linda Reid, chamber membership director; Melissa Joy, Pearl Planning founder; Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros; Melissa Fradenburg, financial planner; and Regan Stolarski, chamber administrator.

Open for business

Jim Saros Real Estate Services is a third-generation, family-owned and operated brokerage that was established in 1937. Its newly rebuilt office is located at 17108 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 886-9030. Pictured at a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event, Jim Saros Real Estate Services staff and chamber staff celebrate with City of Grosse Pointe councilman John Stempfle and Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak as owner, Jim Saros, cuts the ribbon.

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Production company focuses on Midwestern stories, values

A hundred years ago Detroit was a boom town that attracted people from across the country because they saw a potential future in the city.

For some people, that remains true.

Jeremy Tick grew up on the East Coast, but has moved to Grosse Pointe to be a part of Detroit's comeback.

"It's fascinating to see Detroit develop," Tick said. "I used to live on Woodward at Kirby in downtown Detroit and in just a year I saw so much change. I saw the street go from being empty to having street traffic after midnight. It was remarkable to



COURTESY PHOTO

Jeremy Tick

see."

Tick is an entrepreneur. He grew up dividing his time between upstate New York and Massachusetts after his parents divorced.

The 42-year-old got his start in business in New York as a marketing professional for Dean & DeLuca, a luxury grocery store chain that has five stores in high-end neighborhoods around the country.

A friend from college suggested that as a lover of beautiful things, he might like being an agent for models.

"That was in 1998, and I knew a little about this new thing called the internet," Tick said. "But back in those days there was still something called 'The Book,' which had the emails of everyone associated with the fashion industry."

He used information from The Book to send emails to sell himself as an agent.

"In those days there wasn't a lot of spam, so I got a lot of responses," Tick said. "After a few years of that, I had ambitions to get into entertainment. So I went to grad school at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh."

He studied management at the school's design department. That was where he met his wife, Elizabeth, a native Detroit. That fact will become important later in Tick's story.

"At school I became fascinated with conventional management practices," Tick said. "I ended up working with industrial psychologists. They argued that a good manager is a good manager, so I ended up becoming a generalist and ended up getting hired to represent the school's program in New York City. It was there that I met my current business partner, Colin Eggesfield, a male model turned actor."

Eggesfield played Susan Lucci's son in a soap opera and had a T-shirt business on the side.

The two decided to join forces and become television content providers in an era when what is considered television is expanding. There are cable shows, syndicated shows and shows on new platforms like Netflix.

They developed a TV show called "Gut Rehab,"

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running the business out of her home for three years and currently has more than 400 regular customers.

"I fully support this idea," resident and customer Mark Higbie said. "I think it's a great idea. ... We have an opportunity now to bring life to that storefront, that once kind of lost space, and I think it's fantastic. Gretchen and I, my wife, use the service. We love it. It is high quality.

It is well done. It is reliable.

"It is incredibly helpful to our family," he continued. "It brings us around the table ... and that's a great benefit for ourselves and our kids and I think it's a huge, huge benefit to our neighborhood."

The business aims to provide healthy, already-cooked meal options for delivery Mondays and Wednesdays. Orders will be required to be placed four days prior to the delivery date.

"We are not a restaurant," Moreland clari-

fied. "When I say food delivery service I'm not talking about a Jersey Mike's or a Little Caesars Pizza. We are purely here for the community to offer meals each week that are delivered twice a week. It's family style. It provides a service and a convenience for all those working and busy families. They're going every which way (and) it's really difficult to sit down for dinner.

"As we know, Grosse Pointe is a busy community," she added. "We put a lot of energy into what we do and our children

and that also leaves for less time together as a family. Pointe's Pantry is hoping to provide a little bit more of that family unit that we hold so dear here in Grosse Pointe and hope to get our families around a kitchen table more together."

The food Pointe's Pantry uses will be locally sourced from the Grosse Pointes.

"We hope to provide this service so that, in general, we can maybe get away from the Grubhubs and the DoorDashes and all of those things that are coming into Grosse Pointe from outside the community (and we can) provide healthier meal-based options for our community," Moreland said. "There's a huge need for this. There are multiple chefs around the community that are doing something similar. We're just hoping to be that storefront in a specific area that is centrally located to so many families within the community."

Moreland plans to sign the initial lease for a five-year period.

While five neighboring residents sent in letters of support, multiple residents also showed up to voice hesitations and opposition, with some residents even suggesting no business be allowed to occupy the space and it be made residential.

One of the biggest concerns was the creation of additional traffic in the area. To combat

this, Moreland agreed to conditions that no more than three employees will work any given shift; hours of operation will be limited from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; delivery to customers will be on Mondays and Wednesdays to not conflict with additional traffic from weekend events; and no walk-ins will be allowed between 3:30 and 5 p.m. on weekdays, which is when children are walking home from school in the area.

Additionally, Moreland estimates only 10 percent of the business will be walk-in based.

Other concerns included waste disposal and ventilation.

Due to the potential for vermin and odor, Moreland agreed to avoid using a dumpster. The current plan is to use three rubbish bins, which will be housed within the building in a back garbage room until the scheduled pick up.

"With the ventilation, we look to utilize some combi ovens," Moreland explained. "Combi ovens allow you to have ventless hoods, as well as an induction stovetop. There is a possibility that we will have to have one small, 10-inch vent. If that is the case and we are able to move forward with that, we would likely move that out to the back of the building."

Councilwoman Beth Konrad-Wilberding voted against approval of the use variance, citing the risk of increased

traffic.

"I am very excited about your business and I would seriously maybe be your 401st customer ... but here's the problem I have: I don't think this particular facility is the right match for you, because you're going to be successful and you are going to grow," she said. "... I just have too many reservations and I have too much faith in you with this business idea that it's going to be much bigger than what this facility's going to allow."

Moreland explained she does anticipate growth of the business, but would open additional facilities in other cities if it came to that point.

Councilman Neil Sroka suggested a friendly amendment to the proposal, which would state no walk-in business be allowed.

"The applicant did say that the business could go forward without pick up and there's a lot of concern about traffic," he said. "I might argue that we could put forward and say there's no pick up at this facility, with the idea being that if this becomes a hardship perhaps later, she could come back and ask, 'I need to be relieved of this,' and we could specifically deal with that problem alone at a later date."

This was turned down and Sroka joined Konrad-Wilberding in voting against the use variance.

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More seawall trouble

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Three new sinkholes appeared on the Lakeshore seawall near Beacon Hill and Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Saturday, March 7. Farms City Clerk and Assistant City Manager Derrick Kozicki said the city contacted Wayne County, which plans to fill the sinkholes with rocks similar to another recent occurrence near the border of the Farms and Shores, which was filled Dec. 7. However, it is unclear when this will be done. A joint engineering study — with Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and Wayne County — on a three-mile stretch of the Lakeshore seawall between Warner Road and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club — is planned as the next step in moving toward a fix for the continued deterioration.



Patient supports new catheterization lab for heart patients at Ascension St. John

Thanks to a generous community member, Ascension St. John Hospital is getting a new hybrid cardiac catheterization laboratory to enhance services for heart patients. Thomas Mackey, 84, of Grosse Pointe Farms, gave \$1 million to the hospital to make a difference while he's still alive.

Mackey wanted to give back to the hospital where he has received his health care for years, including hip replacements, knee surgery, heart care and more. He chose to make his gift for a catheterization lab, because he said cardiologist Marc Gosselin, M.D., saved his life when he had a heart attack.

"I'm still here because of Dr. Gosselin's expert care," Mackey said. "I can't say enough good things about him and the hospital."

Since Mackey has had catheterization procedures himself, he knows the importance of a cath lab and wants to help others who need this type of specialized care.

A hybrid catheterization lab combines the traditional diagnostic functions of a cath lab with the surgical functions of an operating room. The new cath lab will enhance the services offered by the Gretchen C. Valade Cardiovascular Hybrid Operating Room and Minimally Invasive Structural Heart Program.

"We have always prided ourselves on delivering state-of-the-art cardiovascular care to our patients," said Thomas LaLonde, M.D., chief of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Services at Ascension St. John. "Mr. Mackey's generous donation will provide



Thomas Mackey and Scruffy.

additional access to advanced technology and allow our expert cardiology team to deliver the best possible percutaneous cardiovascular intervention."

While the new catheterization lab will be named for Mackey, he doesn't donate for recognition.

"I give because I want to help while I'm still around to see the benefit," Mackey said.

Besides the cath lab, Mackey has supported the Skills Simulation and Education Center at Ascension St. John Hospital and The Holley Institute.

Mackey acquired his wealth by working as an investment banker for 52 years. He does not have a wife or children to inherit his estate and he said he doesn't buy expensive clothes and food or require much to be comfortable.

"I'd rather give my money where it can

help than spend it on myself," Mackey said.



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Other organizations can attest to the fact he makes a difference. With Mackey's love of animals, he especially supports animal causes. A beneficiary of his philanthropy is the Michigan Humane Society, which has a state-of-the-art facility in Detroit named for him — the Mackey Center for Animal Care. His gifts also helped create the Thomas A. Mackey Animal Adoption Center at the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society in Harper Woods.

Mackey's longtime companion is his rescue terrier, Scruffy.

"He's as old as I am in dog years," Mackey said. "His hair is turning white and he moves slow, so he's good company for me."

Detroit Abloom's Tom Milano to lead Full Circle's Learning Garden

Full Circle Foundation, which helps individuals with special needs learn to become more independent through a focus on academics and micro-enterprises, named Tom Milano as its Learning Garden coordinator, a part-time position, effective March 16.

A Detroit resident, Milano in 2015 acquired nine vacant lots from the Detroit Land Bank Authority to form the nonprofit Detroit Abloom, a cut-flower farm in Detroit. He later joined the Healthy Communities: Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods coalition to build school gardens in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods school districts.

In 2018, he engaged third-grade students to grow tomato seedlings for a project called Grow Tomatoes. In 2019, he engaged Grosse Pointe South High School teachers and students with special needs to grow tomato seedlings and dahlias, build a butterfly garden and develop a microgreen business called Savory South

Greens. In addition, he teaches gardening at the Ewald Elementary School library in Grosse Pointe Park and oversees the program "Tuesdays with Tom" for young people at Detroit's Gray Street housing project.

At Full Circle, he will manage and teach young adults with special needs and volunteers how to properly plant, grow, care for and harvest herbs, flowers and vegetables on 54 raised beds on donated land by Detroit Riverview Health and Rehab.

"We are 'abloom' with excitement to partner with a professional, passionate and proven gardener who has experience teaching gardening to young adults with special needs," said Ted Coutilish, executive director, Full Circle Foundation. "We recently changed the name from Edible Garden to Learning Garden to better support our approach to teaching and learning and we cannot think of a better person than Tom Milano to lead and grow this important Full Circle endeavor."

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- ◆ All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance, for ages 12 and younger, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration ends Friday, March 13.

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Asylum seeker finds permanent home in Grosse Pointe

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Nadia Nijimbere fled her native country of Burundi and arrived in Detroit in 2013, she spoke little English and knew no one.

"I came here alone," Nijimbere said. "I had to leave my family and my husband back home, but it was the only way I could get here. I wish we could come together, but it was not possible."

Out of respect for family members still in Burundi, a country in East Africa with a history of political strife, she declined to disclose her reasons for leaving.

Freedom House Detroit became her new home, providing shelter and legal aid along with food, medical care, job readiness training, English classes, acculturation, transportation and, eventually, offsite housing.

A month after she arrived, Nijimbere went



Nadia Nijimbere with her family, husband Hamissi Mamba and twin daughters, Dieze, left, and Kenza, both first graders at Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park.

to the doctor for a routine check-up and discovered she was pregnant. Later, she learned it was with twins.

"It was really surprising and scary and happy

news, because before, back home, I had lost a baby," she said.

Nijimbere gave birth to twin daughters, Dieze and Kenza, at Henry Ford Hospital Nov. 14, 2013. She remained at Freedom House two years before moving into an apartment downriver in Detroit. As a refugee, she was unable to obtain a work permit or driver's license for a year.

Freedom House helped bridge the gap, covering the first six months of rent while she worked her way to financial independence, having obtained a job as a caregiver. It was a new role for her, but she was accustomed to helping people. After graduating from the University of Burundi in 2009, Nijimbere worked for an organization that helped orphans and single mothers living in poverty.

"Even in my last breath I will still be grateful for what Freedom House did for me," Nijimbere said. "Because not just me. It's been there more than 35 years. All those years before they've been helping people like me, even more than what they did for me. I'm really grateful for what they did and hope they're going to keep helping other people."

"What they call a shelter, it was a home," she added. "I made my family there."

In 2015, her husband, Hamissi Mamba, denied a visa two times, finally was able to join her and meet his daughters for the first time.

"I was lucky. After two years my husband came and we started our life together," Nijimbere said.

Adjusting to life in the U.S. wasn't without its challenges, she added. When Mamba arrived in Detroit, it was winter. He had left a warm climate and a job in business and was unable to work for a year. Nijimbere was the sole provider, earning \$10 an hour.

Not speaking the language posed another barrier, but Mamba watched cartoons on TV with his daughters to learn English. Through Freedom House, he was offered classes and, in 2016, received his work permit. He got a job at a factory and later as a driver for Trinity Transportation.

Meanwhile, the couple, who missed the food from home, had a dream of opening a restaurant serving East African fare.

"African food and American food is really different," Nijimbere

said. In Burundi, "everything is just vegetables. Back home, people don't have a fridge. You go to the market the next morning, you cook, you eat. ... They have a farmer's market every day. You buy, you cook, you finish."

She trusted her cooking skills and Mamba's business acumen. What the couple needed was start-up money. Before Mamba was eligible to work, he participated in ProsperUS Detroit's entrepreneur training program and entered a competition. Out of more than 200 businesses, the couple's idea for a restaurant, Baobab Fare, won first place and a \$50,000 prize. In 2018, Mamba was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Motor City Match, which connects entrepreneurs with real estate opportunities in Detroit.

"That's how our dream started," Nijimbere said. They found a location for their restaurant on the corner of Woodward and East Grand Boulevard in the New Center district. Next, they needed a loan.

"The loan took long, long, long," Nijimbere said. "As new people living in this country, we don't have anything like a house or credit. It was really hard, but people believed in us. They believed in our dream."

They ended up receiving small business loans from three different organizations — ProsperUS Detroit, the Detroit Development Fund and Invest Detroit. Meanwhile, Mamba quit his job to focus on the business, with Nijimbere once again supporting the family.

Their goal is to open a restaurant, market and juice bar with an array of prepared menu items and retail items from East Africa in spring or early summer. Baobab Fare will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner with a menu featuring vegetarian-friendly and Halal dishes. Specialties are Burundi coffee, passion

juice and hot sauce, Nijimbere said.

Known as the "tree of life," the baobab tree can survive in the desert without water, Nijimbere said.

"We got the name for our restaurant because of our journey. ... We survived and ended up being who we are now. So we said we are like a baobab."

Their vision is a restaurant that provides a sheltering space where refugees can meet and share their cultures with U.S. citizens.

While plans to open the restaurant were delayed several times, the couple is used to waiting. It took four years for Nijimbere to be granted asylum. Now residents, she and Mamba plan to apply for citizenship in 2022.

"You just become normal (after) being scared every day," Nijimbere said about the wait. "You never feel safe. Anything can happen. You can be deported. It's a really scary time. All those four years we were insecure. You just believe and hope that everything is fine. Now I feel secure."

In 2018, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Park on the recommendation of a friend and volunteer from Freedom House. The location was ideal — not far from the restaurant, but with access to good schools for their daughters. The rent was twice what they paid in Detroit, but worth it, Nijimbere said.

She hopes to never leave Grosse Pointe, she said. If she and Mamba buy a house, they plan to buy in the Pointes. Dieze and Kenza currently are first graders at Trombly Elementary School and the family lives near the school.

"It was a neighborhood which really welcomed us," Nijimbere said. "I didn't really feel a feeling like I'm coming in and all around me it's only white people. I didn't really think about that even one second because they didn't give me a chance. I felt I'm in a family."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NADIA NIJIMBERE

Nadia Nijimbere and Hamissi Mamba's vision with their restaurant, Baobab Fare, is to share their native country's fare with U.S. citizens while providing a welcoming place for refugees to meet and share their cultures.

APPEAL:

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Thursday, July 11, 2019, when residents of seven Provençal homes petitioned to be annexed into the Farms, citing various reasons including no interest in paying Woods taxes since their roads, municipal services, schools and even designated park have been in the Farms.

Prior to the annexation, the two cities held an agreement since 1955 for the Farms to provide municipal services to the residents in

return for the Woods contributing a portion of the residents' taxes. Most recently, the portion was 14.95 mills.

Within the Woods' appeal brief, the city maintains the position that the SBC did not have the authority to make the annexation decision, citing an email from Assistant Attorney General Patrick Fitzgerald dated Aug. 15, 2017, regarding a conversation with his colleague George Elworth, which stated, "George relayed his opinion that the SBC would not have author-

ity over such a boundary adjustment; rather, the options for homeowners would appear to be outlined in the attached letter (citing MCL 117.9(8)) plus the exploration of the use of the detachment proceedings (which also does not involve the SBC) as outlined in Williamson v Wheatfield Township, 142 Mich App 714 (1985)."

The attached letter mentioned is a Nov. 16, 1979, attorney general opinion.

Additional arguments within the brief include that city-to-city trans-

fers are required to be voted on by voters from both cities under MCL 117.9; annexation is not meant to be used for the benefit of private citizens; and granting the annexation would set a precedent, which other unhappy residents across the state could attempt to follow.

A brief presenting the opposing argument by the Farms and the Provençal property owners will be submitted April 2, with an option for the Woods to offer a reply brief by April 16.

The oral arguments on the appeal are set for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 30, before Circuit Judge Martha Snow.

The respective attorneys could not comment at this time due to the pending litigation.

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oppose, he said.

Denner concurred with their sentiments and those of several residents in the audience who held small rainbow-striped flags symbolic of LGBTQ pride, but the mayor cautioned that the Park might be wading into legislative territory where only state leaders have authority.

"And we'll find ourselves debating issues that should be debated in Lansing," Denner said.

He suggested a local anti-discrimination ordinance, which Fluitt said she has already begun exploring.

Denner said he wants to be more familiar with the Elliott-Larsen Act and its provisions before deciding if he'll join the

Michigan mayors.

"I promise to study it," Denner said.

Susan Sutorka, who held a pride flag while observing the meeting, stood during the public comment segment.

"We are at a time when your silence speaks volumes if you choose not to support this publicly," she told Denner.

Earlier in the council session, Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni presented a 2019 annual report, reflecting no increase in the Park's significant crime. Numbers generally suggest the Park is a safe community, he said, despite anomalies like an episode when dozens of cars were spray-painted and each act of vandalism was recorded separately.

"I think it reflects a very good report and a very good job by our officers," Poloni added.

Councilman Jim Robson suggested residents also can help reduce crime by simply "locking doors, locking garages, locking bikes," noting an incident when a laptop was stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

"Hello...?" Robson said. "What's up with that? In plain view?"

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OUR VIEW

Bond projects
off to good start

Major work gets underway this summer at several Grosse Pointe schools, with the gratifying news that most of the contractors' bids came in under budget.

For residents paying for the bonds that fund most of these projects, that's a big plus. In virtually every case, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has been able to add items from its nice-but-not-essential list — and still remain within the targeted spending for each building.

This summer's work list includes Defer, Ferry and Monteith elementary schools, along with Parcels Middle School and most of the projects to be done at South High School. The second, smaller share of work at South will take place in summer 2021.

The Board of Education approved contracts at its Feb. 24 and March 9 meetings, with other approvals scheduled for March 23.

The good pricing results from the fact some downtown construction projects currently are on hold, said Robert Stempien, senior vice president at Plante Moran Cresa, who is overseeing the process. He also noted the district had its projects out for bids early enough that contractors saw an opportunity to lock in summer work.

Work to be done includes roof projects at all five schools, as well as whatever abatement work is needed in each and construction work inside Defer and Ferry.

District-wide, new cables and technology updates will support interactive smart panels. That includes wireless capacity that will underpin the district's bring-your-own device policy for its middle and high schools.

Other, non-bond projects also appear to be on schedule for completion before school starts.

The March 9 meeting included an update on the district's fiber ring, which is being installed by Rocket Fiber. The Detroit company recently was sold to Everstream, a Cleveland company that operates fiber-optic routes in several midwestern states.

Given the sale of Rocket Fiber and some of the community controversy over the project, it's good to hear it is on track so far. Completion remains scheduled by the start of school next fall, according to Marc Hudson, Rocket Fiber CEO and co-founder. Work has begun on construction of the line that will link the district to Wayne State University.

Work within the district boundaries is expected to begin within a month, starting in Grosse Pointe Woods. The company has tentative or final approval for permits from all the Pointes and is working with DTE on pole preparation for the lines, Mr. Hudson told the board.

The district's contract with Rocket Fiber will transfer intact to Everstream, which already has an extensive presence in Michigan. Brett Lindsey, Everstream's president and CEO, also attended the board's March 9 meeting. He noted that the company is actively building other school district networks, too.

(Disclosure: The Grosse Pointe News recently became the company's first commercial customer in the Pointes, with service scheduled to start in September.)

The district's current contract with Comcast expires before the new ring will be ready, so the board also has approved a month-by-month agreement to continue Comcast service.

Also beyond the scope of the bonds, projects include new lockers for Monteith's first floor hallways. Monteith's current system for student belongings — hooks and cubbies in relatively narrow halls — got cited by the state fire marshal's office as a potential complication in an emergency.

All in all, the work makes for the first of three busy summers — and visible signs that voters' approval of \$111 million in bond spending will have a tangible impact on children's days in schools. Some of the projects, such as new heating systems, may be felt more than seen.

But even something as routine as keeping students warm is worth the price in a place where residents appreciate their older buildings. And, happily for everyone involved, the prices are good right now.

Pure
Grosse
Pointe

Here's another ice photo our staff photographer took at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. This week's warmer weather and rain quickly melted the ice and snow; let's hope we've seen the last of it for this year!

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

OUR VIEW

McMullen leaves job to fill

There's yet another council vacancy in the Pointes.

Sadly, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council received the resignation letter of member George R. McMullen Jr. on March 2. Mr. McMullen left the council so he could devote his energies to a looming battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. McMullen was elected in 2017, but his service was surely appreciated. Mayor Robert Novitke noted that "we are all going to miss you." Several council members and the city attorney left their seats to greet Mr. McMullen, who was seated in the audience, when his letter was read.

Councils in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores already have filled vacancies this year, and Grosse Pointe Woods should do the same.

The council has the option of leaving the seat empty until the next municipal election. But that's nearly two years away — an awfully long time not to have the policy and procedural impact of a full council.

Given the interest in city elections — among both candidates and voters — last November, it seems obvious that most Pointe residents want additional voices among their elected officials. No one would have wished for mid-term resignations such as Mr. McMullen's, but it does him and the community no good to leave the seat vacant.

Mr. McMullen's service should be celebrated, along with every hope that he will overcome his diagnosis. Standing for election and devoting time to council business is not as easy as it sometimes looks and he deserves the community's gratitude and highest hopes for his long-term health.

LETTERS

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

Commends Red
Crown's efforts

To the editor:

I was so pleased to see in your March 5 issue the article on how Red Crown reduced its trash. I commend them for their commitment to recycling and composting instead of adding to our landfills.

The article is very helpful on how this was accomplished. I wish more commercial establishments would follow their example. Grosse Pointe residents are committed to recycling, but few commercial groups do the same.

This activity needs to be done in a way that the materials are suitably prepared. I am sure each city/village and committed trash collectors are willing to assist such an endeavor.

It can be done; it can be cost effective and it is invaluable for our environment.

Thank you for highlighting Red Crown's efforts. I hope that commercial establishments that do not recycle would heed this example even for just some of their trash. A start would be so much better than sending everything to a landfill.

ANNA KONDAK
Grosse Pointe Woods

We don't live
in the Stone Age

To the Editor:
At Monday's board of

education meeting, a large group of families turned out to address the board regarding the reconfiguration, specifically finances surrounding it.

A motion was made by board member Cindy Pangborn to move the public comments to the start of the meeting in order to allow for comments to be heard and to also accommodate for the children. (President Margaret) Weertz quickly shot this motion down citing, "This is only done for high school kids because they have to get home to do homework."

How absolutely ridiculous and just another way our board of education makes it impossible for families to be heard. One family had to leave and was not able to comment, but ironic because they are pulling their kids from our district and going private.

Wake up BoE. We don't live in the Stone Age anymore. Why not offer childcare? Why not allow comments from those on livestream? Why not engage with the public during comments? We can do better.
LAUREN NOWICKI
Grosse Pointe Park

Elementary
students used
as pawns?

To the Editor:
I believe we have been misled by Grosse Pointe Public School System

Superintendent Gary Niehaus, his staff and the majority of the GPPSS school board.

◆ Our neighborhood, elementary school concept has been destroyed by closures.

◆ The community passed an \$111,040,000 bond proposal in November 2018, the majority of the money going to improve the infrastructure and safety of our elementary schools. However, the community was never notified of the board's intent to close elementary schools prior to the bond election.

This is either ineptness or purposely withholding information.

◆ The board said closing elementary schools was necessary due to declining enrollment and a budgetary shortfall of \$1.1 million. To close two elementary schools, due to a 1 percent budgetary shortfall is ridiculous.

◆ There are multiple ways to eliminate the budgetary shortfall without school closures. Grosse Pointe is an older community. School-age families will be replacing us baby boomers in the near future.

◆ Moving fifth-graders to a middle school environment is not an educational improvement. Moving the fifth graders is strictly a numbers game to increase middle school capacity and maintain three middle schools.

◆ Closing Trombly is ridiculous. Now all elementary students living below Jefferson will have to cross Jefferson. Also, the majority of elementary schools will have their boundaries redrawn and moving to a different elementary school is an absolute for many students.

◆ Bringing forth a

proposal to close two out of four possible elementary schools without any plan as to how the schools would be treated upon closing also was inept. Are you going to trust a superintendent and school board who can't even put forward a feasibility plan prior to voting?

The closure of elementary schools is not new to Grosse Pointe. A number of school closure options were presented in 1984 by Superintendent Ken Brummel. The school-age parents organized and fought to keep their elementary schools open. After many meetings, the board closed Barnes in a face-saving vote.

The same divide-and-conquer techniques were used today as they were in 1984. However, the difference is the parent response. Today, the thought is "if my school isn't affected, then so what?" Wrong! Think of your school as part of a community, not as a separate entity that only affects you. Get organized. Get moving. Prevent this superintendent and school board from changing your elementary school system due to their misled leadership, inept financial decisions and using our elementary students as pawns.

BILL BROWNSCOMBE,
DDS
G.P.H.S. '65

Editor's note: To cite but one instance, possible school closures were discussed prior to the bond vote at the Sept. 18, 2018, candidate forum hosted by the Eastside Republican Club. "I think you can hold both ideas in one hand," candidate Margaret Weertz said at the forum. See story on page 10A in the Oct. 4, 2018, Grosse Pointe News.

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

I'm not the hero I'd like to be



other derogatory, racially charged comments aimed at making the other boys laugh.

I thought of saying something, but I was afraid it would get back to my son and embarrass him. So I kept quiet. Later, I told my son about the incident and he shrugged it off. That's just how this boy was, he said. What good would it have done to say anything? But I've always regretted not speaking up, even if the girl this boy was mocking wasn't present. Would it have made him think twice next time? Maybe there was someone else on the bus who felt uncomfortable, too. If I, an adult, sat idly by, what kind of example was I setting for a young person?

I attended an event recently where I was challenged to write down four instances of oppression in which I had been a bystander, a victim, a challenger and a perpetrator.

The first came to mind fairly quickly. Some years ago when I accompanied my son's high school lacrosse team to an away game, I was sitting toward the front of the bus while my son was at the back. One of the boys started relaying a story about a girl in one of his classes. He made fun of the way she spelled her name, imitated the way she talked and made

I had to reflect farther back to recall an instance when I was a victim. My

husband was playing in a squash tournament at a private country club years ago in Baltimore. On the way to his match, we had to pass through a bar. "Is this the way to the courts?" my husband asked.

"Yes, but *she's* not allowed in here," a man responded, pointing to me. "This is a men-only bar."

I was shocked. It was the first time in my life I had been blatantly discriminated against. How dare he tell me I couldn't occupy the same space as him simply because I am a woman? Ultimately he let us through, but the experience made me reflect many times how fortunate I was to never before — and never since — encounter this sort of microaggression, yet there are people who deal with slights like this

every day.

I would love to say I can recall multiple instances when I have challenged a bully on someone else's behalf. Only one comes to mind. I was in line at a bagel shop and the man behind me gave the high school student working at the counter a hard time. When she asked him to repeat one of his detailed instructions, his retort was so nasty, I turned to him and said there was no excuse for treating her this way. I think all this accomplished was it deflected his anger from her to me long enough for her to finish making his sandwich.

While I haven't been a hero as many times as I would like, I was comforted by the fact I had to go even farther back in time to recall an incident when I was a perpetrator

of oppression. One summer while I was in college, I worked at a mall shoe store. The manager warned me to keep my eye out for shoplifters, in particular black women with large purses. Sure enough, a middle-aged black woman entered the store carrying a large shoulder bag. I was the only one working on the floor, so occasionally I glanced over at her. She, in turn, kept looking at me. Then she called out my name. It turned out she was the mother of a high school friend of mine. I was so glad she never suspected I had been profiling her as a potential shoplifter.

I'm grateful to the four high school students who led me and a group of other adults in this exercise. Their world is different than the one I grew up in when we

didn't have words in our vocabulary like "microaggression" or "profiling." Bullying was something we believed only happened on the playground. The online world didn't exist, opening up so many new avenues for cruel and callous behavior.

At the same time, we didn't have words like "ally" either, at least not in the context of standing in solidarity with those whose challenges are different from our own. We didn't talk about ways bystanders can diffuse or deflect a situation, how victims can stand up for themselves or perpetrators learn from their mistakes and gain empathy. We didn't understand, the way these young people do, the importance of using our voices to speak up for ourselves and others.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945

75 years ago this week

UPSET PRODUCED IN ELECTIONS: The elections in the Park, Farms and Woods villages Monday resulted in several upsets, but as a rule the heads of the tickets were strongly returned. In the Park, the chief interest centered in the election of the village clerk, where a determined effort had

been made to unseat William G. Stamman, who has held the post for the last six years. Stamman beat his opponent 1,213 to 600. Of the five candidates for village commissioner, Paul Moreland was the only incumbent and by some significant circumstance he trailed the whole ticket. ... His defeat must be attributed in part at least to resentment on the part of the voters to the effort of himself and his associates to unhorse Stamman.

Obituaries: Lt. R.C. Jones, Andrew Dansbury

1970

50 years ago this week

Obituaries: James Keir Watkins, Norman L. Kystad, Viola Jensen, Ethel M. Clark, Winifred MacLean Johns, W.F. McDonnell, Mary Verkeyn, Harold Harrison Heritage, Helen Marjorie Owens, Albert R. Moore, Harley G.

Higbie, Evelyn S. Magee, Mary Osler, Mabel Scott

1995

25 years ago this week

Obituaries: Marjorie Schoultz Leach, Ruth Cormier, Martin G. Beer, Frank L. Gofrank, Betty Jane Fleming, Eva LaHood Sarkis, Christopher Patrick McHale, David Chambers, Anne C. McCaffrey, Henry Thurston Gage, Beatrice

Carlin, Ruby Ethel Daniels, Dorothy Arnold Wegman, Elizabeth Wunsch Thomas, Doris (Doady) Wright

2010

10 years ago this week

KROGER CLOSED FOR DEMOLITION: Kroger in The Village closed Saturday in preparation for the 70-year-old building's razing, redesign

and reconstruction. Store officials in December said the bad economy forced them to scale down plans to construct a two-level store and attached parking garage. Lowered ambitions call for replacing the one-story, 20,000-square-foot building with a slightly larger, ground-level structure.

Obituaries: Theodore W. Angott, Joseph L. Gaspar, Milton A. Meininger, William R. McBride, Lois Proctor Mack, John A. Ryan

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School district offers parent workshops

One GP Parent Camp brings experts together to offer support for parents and their children

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Keynote speaker Kevin Ozar set the stage for the Grosse Pointe Public School System's One GP Parent Camp Saturday, Feb. 29 — literally. He brought attendees on stage to participate in a group exercise during an opening presentation preceding breakout sessions.

The purpose of the exercise was to “explore a little bit of how people play different roles, whether they intend to or not ... and how can we just take a step back and look at all the different types of people and kids and families that are part of our Grosse Pointe community,” Ozar said.

Participants each were given a letter and asked to work together to spell words, discovering some letters were easier to work with than others.

“The challenge of getting that ‘Q’ and not finding a ‘U’ is sometimes the challenge that other people feel when they’re looking to belong or looking to contribute,” Ozar said.

The game turned into a metaphor, showing the importance of making “sure we are valuing all people and finding ways to help people feel like they fit in, no matter what school or part of the Grosse Pointes they are living in or how long their family has been here or how recently they’ve moved,” he added.

The activity also served as an icebreaker for the sessions to follow, which focused on helping parents of elementary- and secondary-age students support their children, from learning healthy habits and communicating in a digital world to building resilience and addressing diversity.

The free community event was supported by The Family Center, Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, CARE of Southeastern Michigan, the Grosse Pointe Public Library and school PTOs. Leading sessions were physicians, psychologists, speech language pathologists and GPPSS administrators, among others.

Two sessions were



PHOTOS BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Grosse Pointe South students and SEEDS facilitators, from left, Siena Weisbrodt, Just'us Welch, Awmeo Azad and Christina Thomas led parents in an exercise called “Four Corners” during the One GP Parent Camp Feb. 29. SEEDS stands for Students Empowering and Educating a Diverse Society.

geared toward parents concerned about the impact of the reconfiguration, in particular the closing and merger of elementary schools and move of fifth graders to middle schools.

Let them fail

Leading “Middle school transition and success” were Parcels Middle School Principal Dan Hartley and counselor Kim Radant, Pierce Middle School Principal Sara Dirkse and Brownell Middle School Assistant Principal Holli McNally.

“If we could forget middle school ever happened, that would be great,” Hartley joked to open the discussion. “But keep that sense of humor. It really is a silly age. ... Enjoy that moment and laugh with them.”

McNally emphasized the importance of setting and reviewing expectations with children, establishing nighttime routines, such as getting clothes and homework ready to save time in the morning, and making sure children are getting enough sleep. Recommended for 6- to 13-year-olds, she reminded parents, is 9 to 11 hours of sleep a night.

One helpful tip she offered parents was to encourage their children to avoid interacting with electronics an hour before bedtime.

“Electronics stimulate the brain,” McNally said. “A lot of kids struggle with sleep and we find that it’s because they have a device in front of them.”

Dirkse talked about “how do we not be ‘that’ parent. By ‘that’ parent we mean the helicopter parent. They are transitioning to middle school. ... What’s going to look dif-

ferent? ... What kind of freedoms and responsibilities are you going to give them? For example, Schoology (the district’s learning management system). Give them the responsibility to show you the homework they have or what’s coming up.”

Most important, the educators agreed, was for parents to allow their children the freedom to fail.

“A lot of time students are struggling with something, parents feel a whole lot of anxiety and they want to come in and fix it,” Radant said.

“This is probably the conversation I have more than any other,” Hartley said. “... It’s OK, especially in middle school. Let them fail. Don’t come to their rescue. Let them navigate through that. That’s probably the hardest thing you can do as a parent.”

Fail, he added was an acronym for “first attempt in learning.”

“Use those mistakes as opportunities,” he said. “Don’t be that parent to run to their rescue. Support them through it. ... Be there for them, support them, coach them through it.”

Hopes and dreams

Leading a session on “Focusing on the kids during our reconfiguration process” were elementary school principals Roy Bishop from Mason, Walter Fitzpatrick from Trombly, Shelleyann Keelean from Monteith and Lisa Rheume from Defer and Director of Pre-K and Elementary Instruction Keith Howell.

“This is difficult,” said Rheume, leading off the discussion. “The work that we are going to be doing is not easy, but if we come together and

have that conversation, I believe that we can become even better than what we already are.”

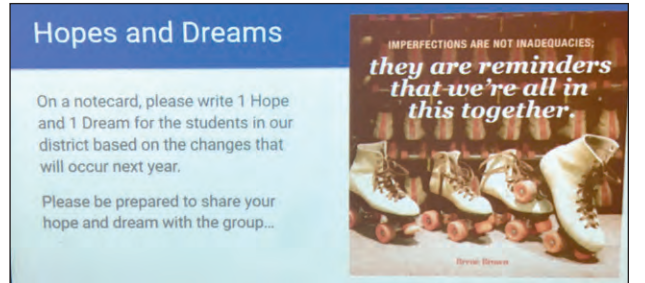
An icebreaker activity was for each parent and educator present to share one hope and dream they envisioned from the changes underway.

“My hope is that the community will continue to trust the actions that are moving forward,” Howell said.

“My hope is we can support each other through the changes even if we disagree. My dream is that Grosse Pointe becomes a more open and supportive community,” Fitzpatrick said.

“My hope is that all students feel welcomed and supported in their new schools and make those connections and my dream is we as a community become One GP and we don’t just say it, we live it,” Keelean said.

“I hope we keep the conversation going and model how to handle change for our children. My dream is for our stu-



Participants in “Focusing on the kids during our reconfiguration process” shared their hopes and dreams for students in the district.

dents that they can help us as adults, because they’re already having some of these same conversations,” Bishop said.

In discussing how to keep students at the forefront during the transition, many parents agreed their own anxiety — much of it amplified by social media — was worse than their child’s. Focusing on opportunities afforded by the changes, modeling positive behavior for their children, listening and letting children know they’re supported and getting involved were all suggestions offered.

“The adults need to get involved — actually physically involved, not just on social media,” Keelean said. “... Making those connections because as adults, you are setting an example for your kids. You’re making a connection with a parent from another school and saying, ‘We’re friends.’ ... That’s what they’re looking at. They’re looking at your actions more than your words. All adults in our community — get your physical self out there and not just your words behind a computer.”

Planting seeds

One session was conducted by students. Senior Just'us Welch and juniors Awmeo Azad, Christina Thomas and Siena Weisbrodt are all facilitators for SEEDS — Students Empowering

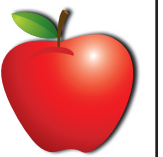
and Educating a Diverse Society — an afterschool club in its third year at Grosse Pointe South High School.

After introducing themselves and sharing why they joined SEEDS and the club’s mission and activities this year, the students led an activity called “Four Corners.” Each participant jotted down thoughts about one time they were a bystander, a victim, a challenger or a perpetrator of an incident of oppression. A discussion followed the sharing of some of these examples.

“I was glad parents wanted to participate in the conversation,” Welch said after the session.

“I was thinking as we were speaking how big a role parents play in this,” Thomas said. “... Parents were talking about how they don’t really know what’s going on sometimes in the classroom. It’s really critical in my opinion to get parents more involved and connect with what’s going on in the classroom and what’s going on at home. That’s the two major places in your kid’s life — your home life and your school life. If we can get parents more involved in learning about these things and talking with their kids about these things, we can really make an impact on how kids react to discrimination and diversity.”

Teacher of THE WEEK



Brad Restum

School: Kerby Elementary School
Years at Kerby: 19
Grade/Subject: Grade 3
Nominated by: Julie Bourke, principal
Principal’s quote:

“Brad is a veteran teacher and highly respected member of the Kerby community. His classroom is a place where students are active participants in their learning and they push themselves to achieve. Brad builds relationships with students, families and colleagues through encouragement and support.”

What motivated you to become a teacher?
Teaching is a second career for me. For a short period of time, I worked in the auto industry. I had a great job but felt that I

was working just for a paycheck, so I decided to go back to school. When I was younger, I worked as a skiing, soccer and sailing coach and was involved with the Special Olympics. The enjoyment of working with children helped guide me toward a career in education.

Who are some of your inspirations?

My students have always been my greatest inspiration. I worked with a fifth-grade student early in my career who struggled as a reader. As we worked together that school year, we butted heads, too often to count. When the year finally ended, I was extremely surprised to receive a heartfelt hug from that teary-eyed fifth grader.



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When I asked him why the hug, he replied, “You taught me to read. I am going to miss having you around next year.” It’s students like that who inspire me.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

I think Maya Angelou said it well: “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” If your students leave smiling and feeling good about themselves, you have had a great day. Besides, no matter how many times you remind a third grader to use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence and punctuation at the end, they inevitably forget.

Favorite book:
“Charlotte’s Web,” by E.B. White

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29

◆ The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South High School presents its Spring Benefit Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Crazy for Fashion," noon to 3 p.m. in South's gymnasium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd. The event, catered by Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, features South students modeling apparel from local retailers. For more information or to register, go to mothersclubgps.com.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Third graders at Mason Elementary School spread love on Valentine's Day. Pictured is Molly Collins' class, left, and Jenny Tyler's class, right.

Warm and fuzzy

Third graders in Molly Collins' and Jenny Tyler's classes at Mason Elementary School made blankets during their Valentine's Day celebration to spread the love to other children. The blankets have a special code allowing a video to be digitally attached to each one. The patient who received the blanket during their hospital stay were able to watch a video message from the class. The blankets were donated to the Ascension St. John Hospital Pediatric intensive care unit.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

◆◆◆
Corinne Chadwell of Grosse Pointe Park and Lia Decoste of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the fall 2019 Dean's List at Cedarville University.

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Brenna Finley of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2019 semester.

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Alec Besette and John Paul Heinemann of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Central Michigan University in August 2019.

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Kelsey Baker of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering in December 2019. The daughter of Allison and Todd Baker, she is 2015 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Ethan Reeside of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List at Champlain College for the fall 2019 semester. He is the son of Sara and Shane Reeside and a 2017 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Susan Moesta of Grosse Pointe Farms, Lindsey Clark of Grosse Pointe Park and John Paul Bauer of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Marquette University.

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Elizabeth Acker of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the College of Charleston fall 2019 Dean's List. Acker is an international studies and economics major.

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The following Grosse Pointe Woods students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Albion College: Victoria Smith, daughter of Dale and Nancy Smith of Trinity, N.C., and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School; Colin Gudenau, son of James and Allison Gudenau and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School; Tyler White, son of Michael White and Lynne Zablock-White and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School; Peter Loch, son of David and Katherine Loch and a graduate of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School; and Rachel Stander, daughter of Douglas and Debra Stander and a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. Also named was Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nathan Lawrence, son of Cameron and Karen Lawrence and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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James Raudabaugh of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. Raudabaugh, the son of Susan Gittins, is majoring in media arts production.

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Mary Mulier graduated with honors from Northern Michigan University in December 2019, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in language arts/elementary education.

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Marie Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a Master of Science, Nursing - Education Informatics degree from Western Governors University.

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Molly Baerman of Grosse Pointe Park and Joseph Rabaut of the City of Grosse Pointe, both graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School, were named to the fall 2019

Dean's List at Michigan Technological University. Rabaut graduated in December 2019.

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Dominick Procopio of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Lowell for the fall 2019 semester.

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Lizzie Trost of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List at Dickinson College for the fall 2019 semester. A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, she is the daughter of Richard and Mary Trost.

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The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019

semester at Grand Valley State University: Emily Barbour, Chelsea Benoot, Riley Crook, Claire Dalian, Maria Goosen, Alyssa Hamilton, Kristen Kaled, Benjamin Klingensmith, Jacquelyn Knapp, Kaitlyn Kolk, Gabriel Korkmaz, Lillian Kozak, Sydney Kummer, Jack Liagre, Heidi Marchi, Sara Michalik, Cassidy Mitchell, Nathaniel Mitchell, Ian Murphy, Danielle Roman, Cameron Schultz, Sophia Smith, Madeline Stacheit, Joseph Veneri, Carmen Weinkauff and Kaitlyn Wilson from the City of Grosse Pointe; Charles Calcaterra, Kayla Dietrich, Clark Frick, Alexandra Golus, Colleen Morris, Katherine Satterfield, Matthew Torlone, Audrey Whitaker and Katie Wilk from Grosse

Pointe Park; and Marty Brown, Jillian Fooks, Kayla Kettler, Ardie Milwrick and Mekelle Pace from Harper Woods.

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Jonathan Forbes of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall 2019 semester.

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Michael Mrsan of Grosse Pointe Woods and Jon Parker of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the President's List at Miami University. Parker graduated in December 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology and health, majoring in sport leadership and management.

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Maria Hessburg of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the fall 2019 Dean's List at the University of Dallas.

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and having conversations as we eat.”

Each step is broken down; while Lubera goes through recipe direc-



With help from Chef James Jasionowski, Evan Brunette becomes a master grilled cheese flipper.

tions, she uses photos of the utensils and ingredients needed for each step. Students also stop to feel or smell ingredients, like the honey and cinnamon they used to make parfaits.

“We slow down and take each ingredient as it comes together,” Lubera said.

“They can decide, do they like it or not like it.

“They really enjoyed the first class even more than I thought they would,” she continued. “It was nice to see. They listened to directions, which is going to lead to independence. I want to support them being as independent as possible. Cooking is a great skill for that.”

While Kids on the Go has



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Maritsa Skowronek enjoys her grilled cheese while listening to the chatter of those still cooking and assembling their sandwiches.

offered a social snacking class for years, “Cooking Around the World” is just one new step in an expanding program.

“We’re developing more health and wellness programs,” Schena said. “This fall we’ll have ‘Cooking with Fall Flavors.’ In January, we’ll have ‘Toddlers at the Table.’ ... They all reach the goals of Kids on the Go — learning skills and creating independence.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF LESLIE WAGNER

Farmhouse visit

In February, the Fox Creek Questers met at Leslie Wagner’s historic Cadieux farmhouse built in 1850. The group celebrates historic preservation and contributes to projects in the Grosse Pointe community. Earlier this year, the group visited the historic Crocker House in Mount Clemens. In April they will visit Shaw’s Books on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

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The Coronavirus — COVID-19

What you need to know

By Asha Shajahan, M.D.,
MHSA
Guest Writer

Walking down the aisle of my local grocery store, I noticed they are out of paper towels, masks and antibacterial wipes. Just like with H1N1, SARS and MERS, the panic has started. So you may wonder, is there really a reason to be frightened here in the U.S. or is this just all media hype?

Here's the real talk.

Coronavirus is Sars-CoV-2 and the disease is called "coronavirus disease 2019," COVID-19 for short. It was first reported in China, but as of March 4, has been found in 80 different countries. In the U.S., there are more than 100 cases in 15 states. The World Health Organization announced that more than 90,000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with the disease.

Symptoms are similar to the common cold or flu, which include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue and muscle aches. It usually is not

associated with sore throat and runny nose as it is more commonly a lower respiratory disease. Because the ability to fight infection is more suppressed in the elderly and those with chronic conditions (like heart disease, diabetes and cancer), they are most at risk. It's important to note a person can shed the virus even without symptoms, so hand washing around older adults and the immunosuppressed is essential.

The virus spreads via respiratory droplets, no different than the common cold. Remember, a sneeze can travel around three to six feet from a source. Practice good cough hygiene by coughing or sneezing into your flexed elbow as opposed to your hands. Avoid touching your mouth and nose. Also, although studies on COVID-19 are still pending, similar viruses have lived on inanimate surfaces for up to nine days at room temperature. The good news is the virus can be killed immediately with disinfectant,

so regularly disinfecting your countertops, office desks, airplane tray tables and other furniture can protect you.

So far, there are no medications or vaccines publicly available to cure or prevent this virus. Supportive care is the only treatment, similar to most respiratory viral infections. Those who have died from the virus have been older or immunocompromised individuals. Most die from worsening respiratory distress such as pneumonia.

The best way to prevent getting the virus is by hand washing with soap and water, disinfecting surfaces and staying at least three feet away from anyone with respiratory symptoms. COVID-19 has an incubation period up to 14 days, so if you have been exposed and have no symptoms by day 14, there is no need for further quarantine.

Here are some of the questions I have been asked in my clinic:

◆ Should I cancel my travel plans? Unless you plan to travel to China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan or South Korea, you may not have to cancel your travel plans. If you do decide to travel to a country on the CDC travel advisory list, know that you may be quarantined upon return. If you choose to cancel your trip, most airline carriers will waive fees for people who wish to change certain flights.

My advice: Try to buy

refundable tickets/hotels when planning an upcoming international trip. Also, verify if the country you are traveling to has adequate facilities to treat you if you get sick. You don't want to be in a place where you are unable to receive treatment due to strained resources. I advise consulting the CDC travel advisory site before planning travel.

◆ Should I wear a mask? There is no evidence, if you are a healthy person, that wearing a mask will protect you. People who wear masks can increase risk by touching their face more often. Remember, COVID-19 is transmitted through droplets, not air. Standard masks are designed to keep droplets in, not keep them out. Masks are intended to be worn by a person who is sick to prevent spreading it to others. If you have no symptoms, unless your mask is a medical respirator, it is unlikely to help you.

◆ What about my kids? Very few children have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Kids who have get mild symptoms. So far, no child has died from COVID-19. This could be because children have antibodies in their bloodstream from frequent exposure to other coronaviruses, such as the common cold. Kids may not get sick, but are concerning because as carriers, they can spread the virus to elder adults.

The virus is circulating around the world. We



know 80 percent of us may not even know we have this virus, yet 3.4 percent of people can die. This percentage may not be accurate, because many people without symptoms will never get tested, so the death rate may be falsely elevated. To compare, the Nipah virus has a fatality rate of 77.6 percent, ebola had a fatality rate of 40.4 percent and MERS had a fatality rate of 34.4 percent, per the World Health Organization. COVID-19 has a greater mortality rate than the flu. In the last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control, around 35 million people in the U.S. alone contracted the flu and around 34,000 died. For COVID-19, there are 94,350 cases worldwide with 3,214 deaths.

My take: The coronavirus will continue to spread across the world. We need to prevent the spread of the disease to the most vulnerable—the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. The old doctor's tricks

work best: wash with soap and water, practice coughing and sneezing hygiene and avoid areas of high exposure by following travel advisories. The world has seen other viruses with much higher fatality rates in the past. COVID-19 is new. The more we learn about it, the better the world will be prepared to handle it. In the meantime, be cautious, wash your hands and travel wisely.

For more information, visit the CDC website, cdc.gov.

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods is a Beaumont Health initiative. For more information, contact Suzy Berschback at suzanne.bereschback@beaumont.org. The mental health and substance abuse task forces are led by MaryJo Harris, community organizer for CARE of Southeastern Michigan, mharris@careofsem.com. Connect with the group on Facebook at Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods or visit healthygphw.org.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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

◆ Line dancing, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, March 17 to April 21, with Mary Lou Gillis. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

◆ Benefits of Hospice Service, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, with facilitator Kathleen Glaros of Beaumont Health System.

◆ Tap dancing, 1 to 1:45 p.m. Thursdays, March 19 to May 7, with Anna Marie Casali of Casali School of Dance. Cost is \$36 for members, \$45 for non-members. Registration is required. Call (313) 882-9600.

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc., meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Maj. Roy Embury, vice president of The Military Institute of Windsor, Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada, presents a program about the problems and turmoil in leadership in the military and everyday life. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Tom Jantz at (586) 772-6703.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, March 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Retired teacher, world traveler and author Rufus McGaugh speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Anytime Fitness, 30110 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Register at redcrossblood.org.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets Wednesday, March 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. Professional organizers from "Ducks in A Row," Becky Schlaff and Susan Mason, will talk about organizing. Call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081 for guest reservations or other information by Saturday, March 14. Guest price is \$15.

Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 16, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. A free program about preventing bird window strikes will be presented. Refreshments will be served. Email brapai@aol.com.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit invites the public to

its meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 16, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speakers will present PowerPoint presentations showing herbs and their uses from the society's Culinary, Wedding, Fragrance and Medicinal gardens at The War Memorial.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, March 16, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. James Lady speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts a board meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its next Learn at Lunch program, "Website 101," from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The presenter is Rachele Wright Wilson of Wright Outcomes. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, and includes lunch. Call (313) 881-4722 to reserve a seat.

OBITUARIES

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

John Charles Staudt

John Charles Staudt, 69, of Port Huron, passed away Monday, March 2, 2020. He was born Sept. 14, 1950, in Detroit, to John Charles Staudt II and Marylin Bursick-Cullen. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and attended Our Lady Star of the Sea School and Austin Catholic Preparatory School, where he played basketball.

Jack was known for his infectious laugh and larger than life personality. His passion in life was traveling the world to all the famous golf courses. Jack enjoyed boating with his daughter, family and friends.

Jack is survived by his

beloved daughter, Jennifer Leah Pope (Daron); grandchildren, Dezmund, Lily and Brady; brothers, Tommy Staudt (the late Peggy) and Peter Staudt; sisters, Sarah "Sally" Cytacki (Walt) and Susie LaBelle (the late Peter); aunt, Barbara Rachek, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. Jack also leaves behind a close-knit group of long-term friends affectionately known as "The Pigs."

A funeral service took place Saturday, March 7, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the family. To send flowers to the family, visit ahpeters.com.

Albert Randall Momeyer

Albert Randall Momeyer, 63, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Albert was the loving son of John and Anne Momeyer, members of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. Albert also is survived by dear brothers, Alex, Greg (Cathy) and Glenn (Maria). He was a cherished uncle to Nick, Lucas, Andrew, Josh and Simon.

Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 31654 Mound, Warren, with celebration of life at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Gleaners Food

Bank, gcfb.org, or Cass Community Social Services, casscommunity.org/donate, or UMOM New Day Centers, umom.org/donate.

Constance Parke Waterman

Constance "Connie" Parke Waterman, 74, passed away Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, with her children at her side.

Connie was born April 26, 1945, to Hervey and Mary Parke. A nearly lifelong Grosse Pointe resident, Connie is survived by her children, Sarah Waterman, Laura Jelinek (Kevin) and Mark (Tracy); grandchildren, Tim Jelinek, Cameron Jelinek, Alex Jelinek, Cameron Waterman and Mary Waterman; brothers, Hervey, James and John; and sister, Polly Parke.

Connie attended Wells College until she married and moved to Germany. Two years later, she returned to



John C. Staudt



Albert R. Momeyer

Grosse Pointe to start a family. In 1980, she resumed her education at Wayne State University where she earned a bachelor's degree and a Master of Education degree. Connie taught fifth grade in Roseville Community Schools for most of her career.

Connie adored her family and loved traveling to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She also loved the Grosse Pointe community and the countless close friendships she'd made throughout her life. She enjoyed playing bridge and

working in her garden. A memorial service will be held in late spring or early summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sigma Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 36373, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Garden Club of Michigan, 546 Lakeland, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230; Colonial Dames of Michigan, NSCDA MI, 28 Provencal, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Dehaven Endowment for Music at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Lynn Walsh, M.S., LLP

Recognizing, responding to teen grief

Q: How do I recognize grief in my teen and what can I do in response?

A: This is a common question among parents, particularly in the past year as our community has experienced much tragic loss. As a therapist who treats adults, adolescents and teens, I try to provide parents with a context for understanding and working with their children's grief by discussing aspects of the teenage developmental stage and how their teen's own personality factors into the whole ball of wax.

Because teens and young adults haven't yet evolved to more mature stages of emotional pro-

cessing, they need our guidance. Additionally, from a personality standpoint, all humans are like fingerprints in that they have a uniquely different way of experiencing emotions and expressing feelings. Understanding children within these different contexts can go a long way in helping them through the rough patches. So, what do grief and sadness look like in teens?

If you've ever been to a therapist, you may have heard us say, "Grief turned outward is anger, turned inward is depression." Sometimes, teens experiencing strong emotions tend to project them outward and away

from themselves. This looks like anger, acting out or oppositionality. The anger may be overt — lashing out, fighting or slamming doors — or more passive, like "the silent treatment," missing school days, habitual tardiness or "forgetting" important dates or assignments. Anxiety can manifest as an excessive need to control their environment. This can take the form of dysfunctional eating habits — restricting, bingeing and purging — excessive exercise, panic attacks or hyper-vigilance, which could appear as not wanting to be separated from a close attachment figure, usually one or both

parents.

What can I do to help?

◆ Engage in listening and observing while asking yourself, "What else could this be?"

◆ Acknowledge their emotions.

◆ Actively listen to their response and use supportive language in the dialogue. "That sounds hard." "You're worried." "You miss him/her."

◆ Reach out for guidance and support yourself. Chances are, if your teen is affected, other parents are dealing with similar issues and help is out there.

◆ Locally there are several resources available for teens and parents.

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Lynn Walsh has been in practice as a clinical therapist 11 years and has an office in Grosse Pointe Park. She is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals and may be

reached at (313) 779-3089 or lynnwalshllp@gmail.com.

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COURTESY PHOTO

LWV Grosse Pointe members view and discuss the video, "Being Color Brave."

League of Women Voters of G.P. tackle diversity, chapter priorities

By Marge Freundl
Guest Writer

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe welcomed many new members to its annual program planning meeting Jan. 29. The video, "Being Color Brave," was viewed and Wilhelmina Giblin led an active discussion on the league's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative.

The national league's recommendations for this year's priority, Making Democracy Work, were presented and supported, along with a proposed additional initiative addressing ERA adoption. Vicky Granger described state-level efforts and partnerships addressing redistricting, voting rights, improving elections and campaign financing. Sue Acton from Voter Services asked all to consider how each can help city clerks with the new voter rights

laws. Volunteer support for Detroit's overwhelming job to do the same was solicited.

Chapter members again stepped up to deliver 7,000 of its Your Government Officials pamphlets to locations across the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Friday, Feb. 14, was the centennial birthday for the League of Women Voters. Then, in honor of Women's History Month, Julie Baumer will share her experience with the Michigan Innocence Clinic on Thursday, March 19, at Wayne County Community College District. In honor of the passage of national women's suffrage in 1920, the chapter is planning a joint program May 20 with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Visit grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org.

Freundl is a member of the LWV of Grosse Pointe.

Big topics on tap for March 17 Eastside Republican Club forum

Prospective candidates for U.S. Congress and the proposed Convention of States are topics of the Eastside Republican Club forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

First, two Republicans eager to challenge incumbent U.S. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-Southfield) will explain why they believe Lawrence is vulnerable.

"With an incumbent president running for reelection during a time of economic prosperity, I believe there will be a 'coattail' effect benefiting Republican candidates down the ballot. We've seen it before," said Dave Schumacher, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club, in advance of the meeting.

He recalled that in 2016, House Speaker Paul Ryan recognized the enthusiasm created by the Trump candidacy, which translated in winning more House seats than anyone expected.

"The forum is open to the public at no charge, so we invite anyone who wants to know more



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Daryle Houston and R. Vance Patrick

about prospective congressional candidates or the Convention of States project to attend and to ask questions," Schumacher said.

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

The prospective challengers are Daryle Houston and R. Vance Patrick, who may be included on the Aug. 4 Republican primary election ballot, vying for the opportunity to challenge Lawrence in the Nov. 3 general election to represent Michigan's 14th Congressional District, which includes the Pointes and parts of Detroit and Oakland County.

Houston, after graduation from Grosse Pointe North High School, earned a marketing

degree from Berkeley College and a juris doctorate from Hamline University School of Law. In 2014, Houston became an assistant prosecutor in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. He entered private practice in 2018 and now practices law in Southfield.

Patrick, a Detroit native, is now a Southfield businessman and community volunteer who successfully led the seven-year fight to reopen the Belle Isle Aquarium, which today is a key attraction of Belle Isle State Park.

Candidates for U.S. Congress from Michigan have until Tuesday, April 21, to file a nominating petition with at least 1,000 signatures.

Also presenting at the forum will be Kurt

O'Keefe of Grosse Pointe Woods, a state director for the national Convention of States movement. He will answer questions.

O'Keefe points to the benefit of drafting and then state ratification of amendments for such things as a balanced federal budget and term limits for federal judges.

Proponents believe such an Article Five convention, followed by ratification of any proposed amendments by 38 states, is more realistic than gaining support of two-thirds of the U.S. House and 67 U.S. Senators for any amendment.

Fifteen of the necessary 34 states have passed a resolution calling for such a convention, according to O'Keefe. In more than a dozen other states, he said, the measure has passed one chamber or is being actively considered, including Michigan where active legislation is pending.

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Strong at 70

Farms couple celebrates seven decades of marriage

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Ray and Joan Williams attribute staying active, enjoying a daily glass of wine and avoiding cigarettes to their longevity. But the key to their 70 years of marriage?

One word: Love. The pair had a lot in common even before they met, from their love of animals to being musically inclined. And both were dedicated to supporting the war effort.

Ray Williams — who was born at Cottage Hospital in 1928, and spent his early days on St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe — went to school in St. Clair Shores and attended Wayne State University. Joan Williams — also born in 1928 — was raised and educated in Detroit before attending Wayne State.

But the pair didn't meet at school.

Five of Ray Williams' 10 brothers served overseas during World War II. Joan Williams had one brother who served overseas during World War II. They also both had relatives who served during World War I — and all nine of their military

family members came home.

During adolescence, Ray Williams supported the war effort by selling war bonds for the USO at the Shores Theater. He also learned to play drums and became a drum major — for the South Lake Marching Band, St. Clair Shores Village Marching Band and Wayne State University Marching Band — leading them

in military parades. In his teens, he worked at a military support factory in Mount Clemens, which supplied shipping boxes.

And he began playing drums in the Faith Lutheran Church band on Jefferson in Detroit.

"I had five brothers in the service," Ray Williams said. "I was too young, in high school, so I wasn't drafted."

In adolescence, Joan Williams began playing trombone, then baritone, piano and harp. During her teens, she modeled for Dittrich Furs and

became so good at trombone, she was selected to play in an all-girl USO swing band — Patricia Rottach and Her Colleens, later renamed Patti King and the Queens of Swing — and performed at Army bases throughout Michigan.

"Everybody had something to do with the war," she said, noting she could only perform in Michigan. Still in high school, she wasn't permitted to tour the country with the group, whose adventures were documented in the book, "Mamma Drove the Bus,"



Ray and Joan Williams pose for a photo at Pier Park.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GLEN WILLIAMS

Joan and Ray Williams celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at The Village Grille on March 4.

written by Patti King.

A talented trombonist, Joan Williams was selected to play in the Detroit Women's Symphony Orchestra. At age 18, she was named first chair and was the youngest member of the orchestra. She was featured in the Detroit Free Press as a "rising musical star."

And she began playing trombone in the Faith Lutheran Church band on Jefferson in Detroit.

While it wasn't love at first sight for the bandmates — "I think she said, 'It was nice meeting you, Ray,' the first time we met," Ray Williams said — it didn't take long for sparks to fly. The pair were engaged and married three months later.

"We were at the church," he added. "She sang in the choir, too. I was listening to her. And then one thing led to another."

Added Joan Williams, "I guess we got used to one another."

They married March 4, 1950. He was 22, she was 21. They lived in Detroit several years, before moving to Grosse Pointe Farms 55 years ago. He worked at Dodge Trucks from 1947 until his retirement in 1989. She worked at Packard Automotive for 10 years before they chose to start a family.

The Williamses have two sons, Neil and Glen.

Neil Williams inherited his parents' love of music; he's had a rock band since the 1970s and used to practice in his parents' basement. The couple still see him perform with his band, Vavoom — voted the best cover band in Detroit by Hour Detroit magazine.

Glen Williams, who operates Haunted Garage Productions each fall, lives next door to his parents, both of whom participate in the annual haunted attraction.

"Haunted Garage has kept me busy after retirement," Ray Williams



The happy couple in their earlier years.

said, "July through November every year. ... I'm a volunteer, but it's a full-time job. The first year, I was an alien. Now I'm the spider man. ... Joan's always the witch. It's a great time. It's so nice to see smiling faces, parents and kids coming together. It's a very friendly haunt."

Not only do they dress the part during the show, they also help set up and tear down.

"Every set, he's got his hand in and she sets up the scene that she's in," Glen Williams said.

"They're special people," he added. "Not a lot of people would put up with a rock band in their basement — a '70s hardcore rock 'n' roll band. Or turning this place into a haunted attraction. Not many people would have said, 'Go ahead and destroy my front lawn,' or, 'Sure, let 6,000 people trample over our property.'"

In their younger years, the Williamses enjoyed traveling and going on cruises, as well as playing volleyball, badminton and baseball with

their sons. Boating was another favorite pastime.

They both enjoy "staying active rather than riding the elevator," said Ray Williams, who still does yard work while his bride prefers getting her exercise on a treadmill. They both like walking around Eastern Market when the weather allows.

Ray and Joan Williams, ages 92 and 91 respectively, celebrated their anniversary March 4, at The Village Grille, with a room full of family and friends. While music may have brought them together, love has kept them keen on each other for 70 years. A sense of humor has helped, too.

"She was always congenial," Ray Williams said. "We both use good horse sense — no nags. And our interests were the same — raise the family and teach them the fun of life. ... We agree on a lot of things. Plus, she's a wonderful cook."

"We took one another for better or worse," he added. "That was our pledge — and here we are."



Top, Ray Williams, third from left, with the Ray Williams Swing Band. Above, Joan Williams, fourth from left, with Patti King and the Queens of Swing.

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Finding 'Closure'

Coming-of-age story based in Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

"It is said that in life we all have an unspeakable secret, an irreversible regret, an unreachable dream and an unforgettable love."
— Diego Marchi

These words echo the theme of first-time author Jon Kesman's debut, "Closure," published in December.

"If you can relate to that phrase, you can relate to this story," Kesman said.

The Grosse Pointe Woods native said the coming-of-age story is loosely based on his own youth.

"Through the course of my life — the people I've met, the experiences I've had — I felt they were unique and would be good to build into a story."

But while he drew from his own experiences, the book is a work of fiction.

"Some of the characters were modeled after some of my friends — but I took some liberties there," said Kesman, who graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1990. "This is not an autobiography by any means."

The story involves a group of friends who grew up, then drifted apart, but always shared



Jon Kesman

the strong bond of their childhood, Kesman said. The story centers on protagonist Ian Cooper, a lad from England who comes to live in Grosse Pointe and attend Grosse Pointe North. He forms fast friendships and is an outstanding athlete who excels on the basketball court.

His junior year, two things happen that add turmoil to the plot: a new girl moves into town and he has to move out of state. While they are reunited the following year after a family tragedy brings him back to Grosse Pointe, he later moves on to play college basketball. Then he finds success playing professional ball in Europe.

"As he goes through life, he's aware that there's this thing that never became a thing," Kesman said. "He's

haunted by never having addressed it."

Cooper gets that chance at North's 30th reunion, which, Kesman said, coincidentally occurs later this year.

"Growing up here was such a unique experience — the community, the friendships, the experiences," he said. "Now that I've lived a lot of places in my life, I realize this is an incredible place to grow up and be a part of. That's why I centered the story here."

The book also is partly based in London — the location of Cooper's senior trip and where he lived while playing hoops after college. The book's cover also features a statue located in London, which "is a big part of the story."

Kesman said high school students will relate to the characters in "Closure," as will people his own age — mid 40s — who grew up in the 1980s and '90s, as the book is rife with throwbacks, he said.

Kesman, who currently lives with his wife, Debbie, and their daughters, Madison and Lindsay, in Rochester, first wrote "Closure" as a screenplay. It took him nearly 10 years and when he was just about finished, he began researching his options. A friend, fellow author



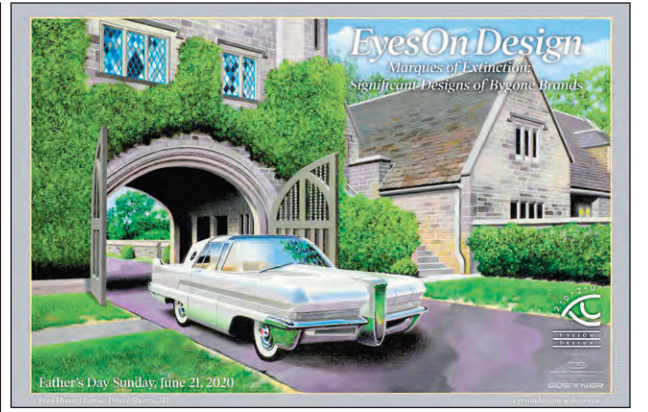
Tom Nixon of Grosse Pointe Woods, suggested he turn it into a novel.

"I've always engaged in creative writing," Kesman said. "It was one of those things where, as you get older, you feel like you want to have something you can leave for people. ... I have two daughters. I want them to have something tangible that I did."

He has received positive feedback since the book's release. Readers have commented on the emotion they've felt turning pages. The book has elements of seriousness to it, as well as a fair amount of humor, Kesman said. And now that he's been through the writing and publishing process, he'd like to do it again.

"This was a personal goal," he said. "Working full time (at Allegis Global Solutions) and having a family, I wanted to prove to myself the work-life balance is possible. It was about doing it for myself, to prove I could get it done. Plus, I had this itch — this interesting story to be told."

"Closure" is available on amazon.com for \$14.99.



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"Grand Opening" by Michael Goettner

EyesOn Design unveils commemorative poster

The poster for the 33rd annual EyesOn Design Automotive Design Exhibition was unveiled Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe Park.

Created by artist Michael Goettner and titled "Grand Opening," it depicts a one-of-a-kind Packard Predictor concept car passing through the front gate of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The choice of the car fits with this year's theme, "Marques of Extinction," which, among its 33 categories, will showcase the significant designs of bygone

brands. Built in late 1955 by Ghia, the Predictor was a show circuit hit for Packard in 1956, with many innovations that were seen years later in automobiles.

The public can see the Predictor on Father's Day, June 21, when it will be on display alongside the poster at the EyesOn Design car show at Ford House.

Proceeds from EyesOn Design events are a major source of revenue for the DIO's work with the visually impaired and blind. The DIO is the research education arm of the Henry Ford Health System Department of Ophthalmology.



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EyesOn Design volunteers and poster artist Michael Goettner, second from left.

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PASTOR'S CORNER
By the Rev. Jeffery L. Baker

Lent 2020

Lent began Wednesday, Feb. 26, and concludes Friday, April 11. Lent is a time of repentance and renewal; a chance to reflect, seek a closer walk with a higher being and discipline our spirit; deepen our commitment and show a stronger love to our family, friends and, most of all, to our creator. Lent leads us to the cross of Calvary, the act of the crucifixion and the hope of our faith — Easter resurrection Sunday.

During this Lenten season may we pray and come to the realization that the love of God encompasses the whole world, that the love of God can break down barriers that separate us as the people of God. Society evils cannot stand against the force of Christ's love for this world. Love lifts us to a higher calling in life, to

be more, do more and embrace a life of abundance. Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life. And life more abundantly" John 10:10b.

Therefore, we will stay positive, strive to live life with purpose, be more loving. We will be more responsible citizens by voting, supporting our community and doing all we can to help empower and embrace our neighbors. We will encourage healthy living and economic development. We will strive to be the best that we can be. We pray during this Lenten season that on Easter Sunday we will be resurrected as new people who want to make this a better world to live in.

Baker is the senior pastor at St. Paul AME Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

'Poems Drawings & Painted Stories' at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church

"Poems Drawings and Painted Stories: Works by Lori Zurvalec" is being exhibited at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Arts Ministry gallery through Sunday, April 5. A reception, open to the public at no charge, takes place 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 12, with light refreshments and live music provided by the Matthew Daher Trio.

This exhibition shows how interconnections between visual art, poetry and music can influence creativity by sharing a number of drawings that were inspired by either poetry or music. Zurvalec, of Grosse Pointe, wrote a poem nearly a decade ago titled "I Want to Draw a Poem," then drew many sketches that reflected the actions described in the poem. A number of these sketches, framed and unframed, reveal



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"Poems Drawings and Painted Stories: Works by Lori Zurvalec" is being exhibited at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church through Sunday, April 5.

how the poem informed the visual art.

In addition to those works, a number of large ink drawings and watercolors, as well as drawings and painting

sketches inspired by music, are on display.

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church is located at 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Gallery hours are

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. For more information, call (313) 884-3075 or visit gpcong.org.



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Bake sale set

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a bake sale Sunday, March 15, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome to join in worship or just purchase homemade baked goods. Proceeds support sending a St. Paul mission team to Portugal for Thrivent Builds for Habitat for Humanity in June. Visit stpaulgp.org or call (313) 881-6670.

A child needs to thrive

By Karen A. Love
Guest Writer

"Our children don't need us to be superheroes. They don't need us to be perfect. They need us to be present." — President Barack Obama

The need for fathers to be present in the lives of their children is becoming increasingly crucial. Boys need a living example of how to be a respected, honorable man. They need help planning future goals — hobbies, sports achievements, good grades, career planning, relationship goals, etc. — in addition to helping set spiritual and moral expectations. Sons also need dads to show them how to respect women and how to love.

Girls need unconditional acceptance, assurance and help casting positive visions for their lives. They also need protection from physical, emotional, spiritual and moral dangers, in addition to enforced limits, consequences and help discerning right from wrong.

Recently Northeast Integrated Health was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation — a grant-making foundation that uses its resources to improve the quality, scope and delivery of behavioral health services in Michigan — to help build its Fatherhood Group, focusing on the development of a healthy relationship between a father and his children.

"Engaging the father in the beginning is paramount in the early development of the child," said Andrea Cole, executive director and CEO of the Flinn Foundation. "There are no books written on how to be a parent. The Fatherhood Group is geared to children, newborn to the age of 3."

According to 2017 U.S. Census Bureau Data, the number of children living without a biological, step or adoptive father is 19.7 million children or, put more simply, more than one in four live without a father in the home. Consequently, there is a father factor in nearly all social ills facing America



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today. The impact of fatherlessness can be seen in homes, schools and prisons. Millions more have dads who are physically present, but emotionally absent. If it were classified as a disease, fatherlessness would be an epidemic worthy of attention as a national emergency.

"An engaged father is defined as one who feels responsible for and behaves responsibly toward his child emotionally and is engaged and physically accessible," said Sherry McRill, president and CEO of Northeast Integrated Health. "We are honored by the support that the Flinn Foundation has provided NIH for our Fatherhood Group program, which we believe will help to improve the

quality of life that men will have with their children in the early stages of their development."

All classes will be held at the Eli Z. Rubin Children's Wellness and Dr. Peter Slaughter Health Center, 2030 Kelly, Detroit. The course runs 12 consecutive weeks; courses are based off of 24/7 Dad through the National Father Initiative curriculum. If an attendee should miss any of the sessions, they can make those sessions up the next time the sessions are offered. Upon completion of the 12-week program, all attendees take part in a graduation ceremony.

For more information regarding the Fatherhood Group, call Northeast Integrated Health at (313) 308-1400.

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and having conversations as we eat.”

Each step is broken down; while Lubera goes through recipe direc-



With help from Chef James Jasionowski, Evan Brunette becomes a master grilled cheese flipper.

tions, she uses photos of the utensils and ingredients needed for each step. Students also stop to feel or smell ingredients, like the honey and cinnamon they used to make parfaits.

“We slow down and take each ingredient as it comes together,” Lubera said.

“They can decide, do they like it or not like it.

“They really enjoyed the first class even more than I thought they would,” she continued. “It was nice to see. They listened to directions, which is going to lead to independence. I want to support them being as independent as possible. Cooking is a great skill for that.”

While Kids on the Go has



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Maritsa Skowronek enjoys her grilled cheese while listening to the chatter of those still cooking and assembling their sandwiches.

offered a social snacking class for years, “Cooking Around the World” is just one new step in an expanding program.

“We’re developing more health and wellness programs,” Schena said. “This fall we’ll have ‘Cooking with Fall Flavors.’ In January, we’ll have ‘Toddlers at the Table.’ ... They all reach the goals of Kids on the Go — learning skills and creating independence.”



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Farmhouse visit

In February, the Fox Creek Questers met at Leslie Wagner’s historic Cadieux farmhouse built in 1850. The group celebrates historic preservation and contributes to projects in the Grosse Pointe community. Earlier this year, the group visited the historic Crocker House in Mount Clemens. In April they will visit Shaw’s Books on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

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Kids on the Go launches cooking class

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For children with sensory issues or extreme picky eaters, it can be difficult going to a friend's house for dinner or out to a restaurant. The touch, taste or smell of certain foods is processed as displeasurable for children with food aversions.

"It takes the joy out of food," said Kristy Schena, executive director of Kids on the Go, which provides free physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies for children with special needs.

Through a new interactive cooking class offered at the Nonprofit Center at Pare, the home of Kids on the Go, Schena hopes to empower children so they have confidence to



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Being schooled in the fine art of conversation and dining etiquette are, from left, Evan Brunette, Sarah Pentecost, Chef James Jasionowski, Maritsa Skowronek, Stephanie Maniaci, Lily Forkin, Paulo Gomez and Katie Lubera.

cook for themselves and with their families.

"This reaches our goals of Kids on the Go," Schena said. "This increases their skill lev-

els, their independence. We're bringing children in and challenging their sensory issues, their picky eating. And they don't know they're learning things."

In addition to learning to make food — courtesy of Chef James Jasionowski of The Charlevoix — lessons in etiquette, kitchen safety and other topics are provided by Kids on the Go's Katie Lubera, a speech language pathologist.

Jasionowski brought his idea for "Cooking Around the World" to Schena.

"I taught English in South Korea for six years," he said, noting he worked with all ages. "My third year I was able to run an after-school program, a cooking class teaching English." He ran the program

four years at multiple schools. When he moved back to Michigan in 2016, he started cooking again, eventually settling in at The Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park, but realized

something was missing. "I missed teaching," he said. "Eventually, a good friend got me the opportunity to teach an after-school program at Detroit Waldorf."

"Then I came up with the idea of the 'Around the World' cooking class, teaching about different countries, their cuisines, where different food comes from," he continued. "I like working with kids. Teaching kids how to cook gives them confidence. Even if they feel confident about one aspect of their life, it's working. It gives them courage."

Each week of "Cooking Around the World" explores a different food from a different country. Students learned to make the American grilled cheese sandwich during a recent installment of

the six-week program.

"I'm hoping it goes longer," Jasionowski said. "I want to keep doing this even though I'm full time at the restaurant. I'm really having fun. It's exciting to see how well-behaved these kids are. Their motor skills are really good. And they're trying to make things perfect."

Helping with the program is Lubera, who has plenty of experience cooking with children in schools. Through her lessons, children work on following and retelling directions, sequencing information, receptive and expressive language and more.

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American History (grades 5 to 8) and Christopher Columbus (grades 9 to 12) essay contest winners, from left, Oliver Binkowski, first place American History, sixth grade, Brownell Middle School; Addison Swegles, first place American History, seventh grade, Brownell; Kennedy Hasting, second place American History, sixth grade, Brownell; Maria Fields, first place Christopher Columbus, 12th grade, University Liggett School; Claire Wengel, third place American History, sixth grade, Brownell; and Ian Shogren, second place Christopher Columbus, 12th grade, ULS, with Kris Fontichiaro, Louisa St. Clair chapter regent and Betty McQueen, Louisa St. Clair American History Committee chairwoman.



The Good Citizens award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and community. Students are selected by their teachers and peers. Only high school seniors are eligible. Winners are, from left, Justin Desmet, De La Salle Collegiate High School; Dominic Dulac, Grosse Pointe South High School and Darshana Subramaniam, University Liggett School, with Diane Mazurek, chairwoman of the Good Citizens Committee for DAR of Michigan and Kris Fontichiaro, chairwoman of the Good Citizens Committee for the Louisa St. Clair chapter.



Youth Citizenship medal winners were selected by their middle school principals based on the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. They are, from left, Erin Simpson, Pierce Middle School; Charlotte Van Arragon, Pierce; Kate Ozar, Pierce; Eva Borowski, Parcels Middle School; Jillian Nixon, Brownell Middle School; Joe Stapleton, Brownell; Leila Oskui, Brownell; Lillian Gutierrez, Parcels and Charles White, Parcels, with Ellisse Thompson, National Defense Committee co-chairwoman and Kris Fontichiaro, Louisa St. Clair chapter regent.



Louisa St. Clair Chapter's 2020 Outstanding Teacher of American History Award was presented to Sean McCarroll of Grosse Pointe North High School. He is pictured with Kris Fontichiaro, Louisa St. Clair regent, left, and Shirley Hartert, Louisa St. Clair chapter historian.

DAR presents awards

Louisa St. Clair Chapter, the local organization of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in partnership with the John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution, hosted its 2020 DAR Youth and Education Awards on Saturday, Feb. 1, at a meeting and brunch at the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Recognized were winners of DAR contests and awards, including the American History Essay Contest, Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, Junior American Citizens Contest, Youth Citizenship Medal, Good Citizen Scholarship and Chapter Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest. The Neighborhood



John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution Board members are Vice President Kristin Krier, left, and President Fiona Flynn, both students at Grosse Pointe North.



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Uthus not only will address the basics of growing orchids, but also the complex wonders of this family of plants. A large collection of orchids will be available at the lecture for viewing and purchase. Time will be allowed before the lecture for guests to bring problem orchids for free inspection and assessment.

Sign-in begins at 5:30 p.m.; the lecture begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for Garden Center members, \$10 for the public. Register in advance by calling (313) 499-0743 or emailing gpgardencenter@outlook.com.



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Girls basketball

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Norsemen, Knights win district

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball team used a big first half to win its fourth straight Division 1 district title last weekend, beating rival Grosse Pointe South 45-40.

The host Norsemen used a patient offense and poor shooting from the Blue Devils to build a 32-13 halftime lead. It was 17-8 after the first quarter and 15-5 in the second stanza.

"The second half was more we didn't take care of the ball," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "We talked at the half that they will make a run. I give South a lot of credit. They did a great job. We made some big layups down the stretch."

Junior Maddie Kohler was clutch, making three straight layups when the Blue Devils made their fourth-quarter run.

Junior Jordan Solomon had a big basket and senior Christina Braker made two free throws to put the game out of reach.

The Blue Devils outscored the Norsemen 8-3 in the third quarter, and really put on the pressure in the fourth quarter. They forced a lot of turn-



North players and coaches pose for the trophy shot after winning a district title.

overs and used several missed Norsemen layups to get back in the game.

Big baskets by senior Keely Conlan, juniors Alexa Downey, Cameron Lundh, Sarah Rogers and Kathryn Skupien and sophomore Kamryn Richards helped the Blue Devils crawl within four points, 39-35, with only a couple of minutes left in the fourth quarter.

However, every time the Norsemen needed a clutch basket, Kohler would convert a layup to quell the comeback.

"The missed layups stopped our potential runs in the first half, but the girls didn't quit when they were down 19 points," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "Give Maddie Kohler credit because she carried them. Give Gary Bennett a lot of credit because he gets the best out of the girls."

"I'm proud of our girls. Who would have thought we would have won 18 games with such a young team. We'll look at things and come back again

next year."

Downey led the Blue Devils with 19 points, followed by Richards with 11. Lundh had a team-high six rebounds.

For the district champion Norsemen, Kohler led the way with 17 points, followed by Braker with 13 and Solomon with seven. On the boards, Braker and freshman Sophia Borowski each had seven. Kohler also had three blocked shots.

North finished with 22 turnovers to 16 for South.



North's Maddie Kohler, right, runs a play in the district title game.

In the district semifinals, North beat Hamtramck 47-10 and South defeated Warren Woods-Tower 60-19.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 16-6 overall, while Grosse Pointe South ended its season 18-5.

Liggett results

University Liggett School also won a district title, edging host Detroit

Pershing 49-47.

All of the hard work first-year head coach Craig White put into the program paid off as the Knights pulled off the program's first title in several years.

In its district semifinal, ULS defeated Detroit Community 52-17.

Led by leading scorer, junior Delaney Garvey, the Knights improved to 14-3 overall.

Boys hockey

RIVALS

Knights stun South, win regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team pulled off its second straight upset last week, stunning regional favorite Grosse Pointe South 4-3 in a Division 3 regional championship game played at John Lindell Ice Arena in Royal Oak.

"I told the boys before the game they needed to play with heart and determination, and they did today," ULS head coach Mike Maltese said. "Not many thought we could beat South, but we did. It's a great feeling. The boys played great, and Grant (Lindsay) played great in net."

Senior Will Nicholson scored the game-winning goal at the 10:14 mark of the third period. He used a Blue Devil mistake in their own zone to steal the puck and send home the goal.

"We didn't convert our chances, and they did," South head coach Paul Moretz said. "That was the difference in the game."

The Knights led 1-0 when sophomore Doug Wood scored just 73 seconds into the first period. Nicholson and sophomore Rocco Scarfone



Grosse Pointe South's Adam Strehlke, No. 9, heads up ice.

had the assists.

Senior Adam Strehlke tied it for the Blue Devils, scoring a power-play goal at the 3:54 mark, with junior Dean Therriault and sophomore Jacob Spitz had the assists.

In the second period, the Blue Devils jumped ahead 2-1 on a goal by senior Keegan Spitz, assisted by Strehlke.

That lead was short-lived as the Knights tied it when junior Alec Leonard tallied on the power play at the 9:19 mark. Wood had the assist.

Keegan Spitz scored again, with Strehlke and

Therriault netting assists. This goal gave the Blue Devils a 3-2 lead with only 3:07 left in the second period.

The biggest goal came late in the second stanza when ULS senior Tristan Reilly scored with a two-man advantage with only 17.2 left. That tied it 3-3 heading into final period.

The Blue Devils carried the play throughout most of the third period, but the combination of Nicholson's goal and Lindsay's goaltending lifted the Knights to the regional title and a spot in the quarterfinals against familiar foe Detroit Country Day.



University Liggett School players hoist the regional trophy after beating Grosse Pointe South.

Grosse Pointe South finished its season 22-5-0-1 overall.

Moretz loses seniors Luke Naidow, Alexander Mills, Strehlke, Thomas Daudlin, Alexander Stapleton, Alexander Miciuda, John McShane, William Strickler and Keegan Spitz to graduation.

ULS traveled to Cranbrook Kingswood for the state quarterfinal and lost 7-2 to two-time defending champ Detroit Country Day.

The Knights fell behind 4-0 before Wood scored at the 2:28 mark of the second period. Nicholson tallied a minute later to cut the deficit to 4-2.

Country Day took the air out of the Knights' sails, scoring two goals in the first minute of the third period.

ULS finished the season 16-13 overall.

Maltese loses Reilly, Nicholson, Losen Allaer, Dakota Jones, Harry Durno and Townsend Meredith to graduation.

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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Big finish

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team qualified for the state finals last weekend after taking third in the Region 4 tournament at White Lake Lakeland.

Huron Valley won the regional title with 142,000 points, and right on its heels were Farmington and Grosse Pointe who finished with 141,900 and 141,675 points.

"We placed third to advance to team state finals on Friday, but it was a super close meet among the top three and we were less than .4 out of first," head coach Courtney Hamidi said. "Our 141.65 was also a team high score for the season."

Junior Cate Gagnier was the regional champion on beam, floor, and all-around in Division 1 with scores of 9.55, 9.575 and 37.275. She was second on the vault with a 9.275 and third on uneven parallel bars with



PHOTO BY MARSHA ENNIS

Members of the Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team are all smiles after qualifying for the state finals.

8.875.

Freshman Ava Rogowski was the regional champion on beam with 9.50 and a state qualifier on vault and all-around for Division 2 with 8.85 and 34.875.

Senior Amanda Nguyen was a state qualifier on vault, beam, floor and in all-around in Division 2 with scores of 8.875, 8.95, 8.875 and 34.75, and sophomore Maeve Jamieson made

the state finals in D1 with 8.8 on vault and 8.925 on floor.

In addition, sophomore Sammy Lucido made the D2 state finals with an 8.775 on floor.

"Our regional meet went exactly the way we hoped it would," Hamidi said. "The team was so focused and competed really well from the first event to the last. I knew when we finished our beam rotation with some huge scores that we were

going to have a great meet. It was thrilling to be just a couple of tenths away from the defending state champions Farmington at the end of the meet. We are excited to travel together to the state meet as a team which is always our ultimate goal every season."

Other regional competitors for the team were Kate Ennis, Maddie LoPorto, Lexi Poulos, Madi Lucido and Emma Burney.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

State finals

Grosse Pointe North's Logan Ladach competed in last weekend's Division 1 individual state finals at Ford Field.

He lost his first match by a 14-5 major decision to Davison's Andrew Chambal, and was eliminated after dropping a

6-3 decision to Battle Creek Lakeview's Bryce Sheeders.

Ladach finished his season with an impressive 36-12 record under head coach Derek Davison.

— By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Boys basketball

NORTH & LIGGETT

First round

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team took favored Eastpointe East Detroit to the limit Monday afternoon, but it wasn't enough to pull off an upset in the first round of the state playoffs in an 81-73 loss.

The Norsemen shot well early and took a 21-13 late in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks scored the final three points in the opening quarter and out-scored the Norsemen 21-14 in the second quarter to grab a 37-35 halftime advantage.

It remained a tight game throughout the third quarter as the Norsemen stayed close, trailing 59-56.

Ill-time turnovers gave the Shamrocks a dunk and layup to see the deficit reach double figures, but junior Andrew Dudek hit back-to-back triples to cut it to 77-73 with just a minute left.

They had a chance to

cut it to a point, but a three-point attempt missed, and the Shamrocks hit four free throws in the final 30 seconds to end the Norsemen's season at 3-17 overall under second-year head coach Andy Ayrault.

Dudek led a quartet of Norsemen in double figures with 24 points.

Junior Jordan Shepherd was next with 16 points, followed by freshman Adam Ayrault with 12 and senior Cameron Perrino with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Liggett results

University Liggett School also played its Division 3 district first-round game Monday

afternoon, losing 80-29 to host Detroit Edison, the favorite to win the state title.

Junior Michael Clark led the Knights with 10 points, and junior Cameron Strong had eight.

ULS finished its season 9-12 overall under second-year head coach Solomon Spann.

Girls hockey

SOUTH & NORTH

South advances, North falls

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 4-2 in the second round of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoffs last weekend at Artic Edge in Canton

Senior Kelsie Francis scored an unassisted goal to open the scoring, while sophomore Molly Ryszewski had the next two tallies, with senior Lauren Benoit and sophomore Julia Gebeck netting the assists.

The final goal was scored by Francis, assisted by Ryszewski and Benoit.

Senior Emily Desnoyer was stellar in net.

The Blue Devils have been one of the hottest teams in the second-half of the season, and now this win moves them to the state quarterfinals.

In other recent action, South beat Academy of

the Sacred Heart 11-0.

Ryszewski had a hat trick and three assists for a six-point night to lead the Blue Devils.

Sophomore Bridget Backer had two goals, while Benoit and Francis had a goal apiece.

Other goal scorers were sophomores Effie Hodges and Olivia Livingstone, as well as freshman Grace Lindsay and Olivia Boyer.

Each goalie, Desnoyer and freshman Elise Harr, played one period of the game that ended via the mercy rule after two periods.

In other recent regular season games, South lost 5-3 to Farmington Hills Mercy.

Against Mercy, Ryszewski had two goals and Benoit one.

If South win its state quarterfinal, it plays in the semifinals Thursday, March 12.

North results

Grosse Pointe North was back on the ice,

hosting the St. Clair Shores 17U squad.

The Norsemen had more than a week off since the last game they played, and it took a couple of periods to shake off the rust in a 5-1 loss.

SCS scored at the 8:22 mark of the first period, and added three goals in the second period to break open a close game.

The Norsemen got on the board at the 8:56 mark of the third period when senior Darby Pickford sent a perfect pass to freshman Gabrielle Brumme, who buried the puck in the back of the net.

SCS tacked on a goal 49 seconds later to round out the scoring.

Junior goalie Mia Cassar played well in net, stopping more than two dozen shots.

North also lost 5-0 to Bloomfield-Birmingham last weekend.

In its playoff opener last week, North lost 5-2

to Ann Arbor Skyron, ending its season.

Freshman Lucy Driscoll scored in the first period, assisted by sophomore Elle Sables and sophomore Toni Miano.

The Norsemen skated off to a 1-1 at the end of the opening period.

They trailed 3-2 after the second period. Pickford tallied for the Norsemen, assisted by Brumme.

Skyron was able to keep the Norsemen off the board in the final period.

It scored an empty net goal in the final minute to secure the victory to move on to round two.

Cassar played well in net.

Grosse Pointe North finished the season 3-20 overall.

Head coach Casey Quick loses seniors Ruth Fradeneck, Mackenzie Stockwell, Madalyn Durkee, Eva Jones and their leading scorer, Pickford.

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2020 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
and

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

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