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Greg Bowns, who co-founded the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP chapter, addresses the crowd.

## 'Red Line' protest demands racial equality in Pointes

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Biracial yet fair-skinned, Bianca Garcia remembers seeing her black classmates mistreated during school. The Grosse Pointe South graduate empathized, but she wasn't always sure what kind of support to offer in a complex world where discrim-

ination wasn't always overt, but struck her as no less oppressive. "I had many friends who were followed home by police," Garcia said. "There was a notion that if you were black and you went to Grosse Pointe schools you were using a fake address or paying a white person to use their support to offer in a complex world where discrim-

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## McMullen returns to city council

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — George R. McMullen Jr. will return to city council, filling the position he vacated in March after being diagnosed with

pancreatic cancer. Council members voted 6-0 during a Monday, June 15 virtual session to appoint McMullen, allowing him to finish his term, following progress in his medical treatment.

Council members Art

Bryant and Vicki Granger spoke in favor of McMullen's return after Mayor Robert Novitke said he was "delighted" to share that McMullen's health has improved.

"I fully support that," Granger said. "I don't

need to say any more. I'm totally in favor of George coming back on council."

Elected in 2017, McMullen said in March that residents who voted him into a full term

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A tree toppled onto a house on Torrey in Grosse Pointe Woods during last Wednesday's storm.

## Windy weather wreaks havoc in Woods

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A family of six is among dozens of Pointes residents recovering from a severe storm, fallen trees and related damage that occurred Wednesday, June 10. Jason and Natalie Bruveris escaped, along with their four children,

as their home in the 1800 block of Hunt Club caught fire, but they lost all of their possessions in the blaze.

A GoFundMe effort for the residents was immediately launched, raising almost \$85,000 by Monday, June 15. The amount surpassed an initial \$81,000 goal. The new target figure of the fundraising effort to

support Jason Bruveris, assistant principal at Dakota High School in Macomb Township, his wife Natalie, a Monteith Elementary School kindergarten teacher, and their family is \$100,000.

"The response to their cause has been amazing and the family is truly thankful," reads a post at the GoFundMe site. "Many people are still

asking how they can help. At this time, the family is still unsure of their needs. If you want to continue your monetary donations, all funds will go directly to the family to use as they wish."

The surge from a fallen power line might have caused the blaze to

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## Rent forgiveness, reduction offered to Village businesses

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Kercheval Company LLC, which has 23 tenants — along with three vacancies — in The Village, began the process this week of working with its tenants on what is necessary for

them to continue operations, as small businesses in Michigan reopen.

"What we're as much interested in as anything is that they get on their feet and they're profitable, so we have to be flexible and they have to

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## Restaurants expand into public space

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Joining the City of Grosse Pointe, which passed a similar resolution last month, the Farms is now enabling restaurants to expand their dining areas into public spaces such as sidewalks,

parking areas and streets, in an effort to help businesses reopen and serve more customers while there are limits on capacity.

The initiative was passed as part of the consent agenda during the virtual council meeting Monday, June 8. "By giving some flexibility and expediting

the process to allow more activity on the street, it will expand the number of patrons that the businesses can provide services for under social distancing rules," City Manager Shane Reeside explained, "and it really gives our residents, too,

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Luxe Bar & Grill patrons sit outside along Kercheval on The Hill.

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# Red Crown reopens with outdoor expansion

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — An old plan to reopen a neighborhood restaurant has a new look.

When Red Crown, the popular eatery known for its facade resembling a Standard Oil service station, closed in February, a public reintroduction was already scheduled for spring. Instead, the state-ordered shutdown of restaurant dining rooms due to a worldwide health crisis kept Red Crown's doors locked for months.

"We were excited about remodeling the inside and nobody's been able to see it," owner Shery Cotton said.

But since Red Crown couldn't bring customers inside to the tables, it brought tables outside to the customers: Wednesday, June 17 began the grand reopening and summer service of savory, Southern-style entrees and snacks in the



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**Red Crown expanded its seating area into its parking lot.**

restaurant's parking lot, which has become an expanded patio.

"I'm just excited to be reopening," Cotton said. "People are eager to get back out to eat after being inside for weeks."

Added incentive for both returning customers and first-time patrons are menu items by Red

Crown's new chef Brian Psenski, who uses locally sourced suppliers like Fairway Packing Co., which is owned by Pointes residents.

"We want to change people's mentality about what barbecue is," Psenski said. "It's not just smothered in sauce, slapped on a plate."

Styles and influences from Korean to Caribbean will be reflected in Red Crown's recipes, which also include non-meat options, Psenski said. Classic burgers and shakes also are available for guests during regular hours Wednesday through Saturday.

Sunday's menu offers brunch.

"We're trying to broaden everyone's horizons," Psenski said.

Along with horizons of the palate, Cotton and Psenski hope to expand summer dining interest with Red Crown's new outdoor setup. The gated lot with brightly painted, umbrella-covered seating attracted several passersby in the Park during a pre-launch event June 11.

Psenski said newly limited dine-in guidelines could work to the restaurant's advantage, since its outdoor area, including a fire pit available for reservation, seats as many as 60.

"The way that our dining room is set up, we'd only be able to serve about five tables," Psenski said. "We thought, 'You know what? We have a great, big parking lot. Why not turn it into a giant patio?'"

Additional health and safety measures include

the use of digital QR technology that lets customers order with cell phones, reducing contact with paper menus. Condiment containers will be regularly sanitized after customer use.

Even though patrons can't enjoy Red Crown's interior remodeling right away, Cotton said she's hopeful the combination of sunny days, foot traffic and good food will be enough to lure them to 15301 Kercheval. The journey since she and her son, Jon, first explored the site for purchase seven years ago has been rewarding, she added.

"It's really become a family place. A lot of people bring their kids here," Cotton said.

Red Crown's growth and the newest expansion can largely be credited to team members who've "worked non-stop keeping the place going," she added.

Despite challenges, Cotton said, "It's been fun."

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be flexible," said Jim

Bellanca, manager of Kercheval Company.

The measures are being determined on an individualized basis and

likely will fit into one of three avenues.

"In some cases we are forgiving rent for a specified period of time," Bellanca explained. "In some cases we are extending terms to allow a reduced rent for a period of time. In instances where tenants need additional relief, we are considering allowing reduced rent to be paid back after the first of the year."

The programs are based upon the businesses' use and start-up

date, since many restaurants were able to stay open with carryout, office tenants were able to work remotely in a similar way to when they had been open, some retail tenants were able to open last week and a few others still have not opened.

"The other consideration that we took relates to whether there was relief available to them through the federal government, the state of Michigan or the county of Wayne,"

Bellanca said, "and in some cases, people were able to take advantage of both the PPP loans as well as grants that were otherwise available or other loans that were available."

To date, Choices Bath & Body has become the only one of Kercheval Company's tenants in The Village to close as a result of the pandemic.

"We were very sorry to hear that," Bellanca said. "She was hit with a double whammy. Not only was she required to

close both locations that she has, (but) all of her inventory became outdated because most of the stuff she sold, she made and had a shelf life on it."

According to Bellanca, the current overall state of his tenants in The Village is "cautiously optimistic."

"Most of my tenants are positive about the future and hopeful that citizens or customers of all the Grosse Pointes will continue to support them," he said.

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# Council votes to pave way for new DPW

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A pair of 4-3 city council votes helped clear the way for a new Department of Public Works building on Mack Avenue, following a Monday, June 8 virtual meeting.

A previously tabled agenda item addressing Northwest Tax Increment Finance Authority's budget amendments, which would support the DPW's relocation from its aging Jefferson facility, was approved by a margin of one. Mayor Robert Denner and council members Dan Grano, Michele Hodges and Jim Robson voted in support of the resolution, while Vikas Relan, Lauri Read and Aimee Rogers Fluitt dissented.

A related TIFA item allowing the city to back a bond for TIFA through a full faith and credit pledge won support with an identical 4-3 outcome and identical voting by members. The city's backing of the bond ensured the most favorable bond rating by making the Park responsible, in the event that TIFA is unable to finance expenses related to the \$4 million DPW move, officials said.

Council discussion of the Park's deteriorating DPW building began last December. Built in the 1920s, the current DPW is inadequate for storage, forcing the city to house pieces of equipment in various spaces like city parks, administrators said. TIFA agreed to buy property at Mack and Wayburn and enter an agreement with the city to take over the building, which would be

occupied by a staff of 12.

TIFA was designed to help revitalize the Park district bordered by Mack on the north, Jefferson on the south, the city limit on the west and the alley between Beaconsfield and Nottingham on the east. But some community residents have suggested the true reason behind TIFA's plan to move the DPW is supporting development of a more controversial project, the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery, near the current DPW location.

Other council members and residents have raised concerns and objections about the DPW effort due to ongoing uncertainties about how the community will recover from economic recession.



COURTESY PHOTO

Firefighters respond to a fire on Hunt Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.



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A garage on Van Antwerp in Grosse Pointe Woods caught fire last week.

## New purchase

The City of Grosse Pointe received its new fire truck last week. Public Safety officers soon will be trained on it.

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## Fire safety training coming to elementaries

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — In partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, the five Pointe public safety departments have come together to create an annual fire safety program for children.

Two individuals from each department have formed a fire prevention team that will go into GPPSS elementary schools and to events to provide the education. As part of the mutual-aid group with the Pointes, Harper Woods also is anticipated to join the effort.

"After the tragic fire on Fisher Road, we had determined to make public education for children a priority, so at that time, I had met with the mayors and (city) managers, as well as the other directors of public safety to propose a program that would promote that goal," said Stephen Poloni, director of public

safety for the City and Park.

While COVID-19 stalled the project since the fire prevention team could not gather for training, it is on course to begin this upcoming school year.

"This will be something that will go on for as long as (it can)," Poloni said. "We'll reach a certain age group every year so that as new kids come in, we'll continue to educate them. This is going to be a permanent part of our departments."

Incorporated within the program will be an assignment sent home to parents to discuss with their children an escape plan, location of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and more.

"We want the parents involved with the education along with the kids," Poloni explained.

Through fundraising and resident donations, the effort already has raised more than \$30,000, the approximate amount needed to purchase equipment, materials and

get the project off the ground.

"We have enough now to initially start," Poloni said. "Obviously, if somebody wants to contribute, we'll put it in for next year and the year after."

Anyone interested in donating can reach out to Poloni via the City or Park public safety department.

"If somebody needs a smoke detector or somebody needs some other things for fire detection or for getting out of a home, we want to be able to hopefully have funding at some point to be able to help provide that for those that can't afford it," he said.

While the program will mainly focus on elementary schools, "We will be looking at other ways to reach out to our seniors and some other things," Poloni said. "Our primary goal at this point is to work with the elementary schools and younger children to get them prepared, but we're looking at other endeavors along with that."

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deserved an explanation of why he wouldn't continue serving. Some friends and supporters urged him to remain with the council, McMullen said, but he was advised to reserve his energy for undergoing treatment and overcoming the diagnosis.

According to city guidelines, the council could have voted to immediately appoint a replacement for McMullen or delay filling the seat until the next city election. But perhaps none of the council members imagined voting to appoint McMullen to his own vacated position.

McMullen was "looking forward to getting back to

serving the city and the residents," he told the mayor and council.

Council also voted 4-2 in support of a motion by Bryant, chairman of the compensation and evaluation committee, to reappoint City Administrator Bruce Smith, City Clerk Lisa Hathaway and Treasurer-Comptroller Cathy Behrens to serve another year, ending July

2021, and give all three a 2.5 percent raise.

A recommendation by Councilman Todd McConaghy that Hathaway's performance be evaluated for six months, due to complaints from city employees and citizens, before she'd be eligible to receive a retroactive pay increase led to his and Granger's dissenting votes.



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An uprooted tree on Allard in Grosse Pointe Farms.



A large tree fell on the Williams family property, on Mack in Grosse Pointe Farms — the home of Haunted Garage Productions.

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# Making a path for women in medicine to follow

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

After working at Ascension St. John Hospital for 16 years, Shiva Maralani became the first woman to be chief of urology, joining other recently appointed women to high positions, including the chief of transplants, head of breast cancer and head of gynecology.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident fell into her love for urology nearly by accident during her time in medical school. She had been intrigued by general surgery, but found all such electives booked after procrastinating until the last second to sign up.

"Nobody took urology," she remembered. "So my adviser said, 'OK, well you've got to do three rotations.'"

She met her husband, Mark Herman, who currently is a general surgeon at Troy Beaumont but at the time also was a resident, a week after moving to Detroit; the two married a couple months after she finished her residency.

"Here I am now, first woman in (the Wayne State Urology) residency,



Maralani along with her husband, Mark, and daughters, Ariana and Sophia, during a 2019 trip to China.

first woman to graduate the residency (and) first woman to come into the east side practicing," she said.

At the time she completed her residency, she estimated there were probably 200 women urologists in the country. Today, only 8 percent of urologists are women.

"It's kind of funny because even back then we had some issues with getting women into urology programs, so I didn't send a picture," Maralani said. "It wasn't required. It was optional, so I didn't send a picture when I applied for residency. Nobody could tell whether I was male or female, so I just showed

up on my interviews and it worked out OK."

Now, 26 years later, urology has turned out to be the best of both worlds.

"You're a surgeon, but you also see some of your patients in long-term follow up, so you really have a chance to get to know some of your patients long term and take care of their children or their parents," she explained, "and then if you've been around long enough, you end up taking care of maybe multiple generations of a family."

Having been chief of urology at Ascension St. John four years, she considers every day a good day when you like what you do.

"I have to say, I love working for her," said Stacie Borowicz, executive medical assistant. "Not only as my boss and someone I respect, but also someone that has become my friend. She is one of a kind and I'm forever grateful for her."

Through her additional position as a clinical instructor for the Wayne State Urology Program, Maralani also has worked to make women in urology more visible.

She has been boarded in urology, as well as female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery and was involved in training the robotics team at Ascension St. John.

"I always tell my kids you have to always remain curious, because curiosity is what makes you improve," she said. "The way we practice now might not be the way we practiced 20 years ago or the way we're going to practice in 20 years. When I was a resident, there was no robotic surgery. That's been around since I was a resident and if we weren't curious, I wouldn't have been out there learning it 10 years ago, so I think you have to remain curious so that you remain updated with



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHIVA MARALANI

Shiva Maralani prepares to see a patient with COVID-19.

your skills."

However, the chief of urology looks past accolades when considering her greatest accomplishments in the medical field.

"When other physicians send you their family members ... then you feel like you have gained

their trust," she noted.

Outside of her career, Maralani loves to ski and garden and is the mother of two high school students, Ariana and Sophia.

"For me, being a physician is part of who I am," she said. "Being a mom and a wife is a very major part of it as well."

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address."

In an explosive 2016 social media exchange between South students, when "people all over the world saw my classmates doing something racist," Garcia said her concerns intensified.

"When you feel like somebody sitting next to you in your history class is wishing death upon you and your entire race, how do you feel comfortable at

school?" she asked.

Years later, at 22, Garcia sees herself as part of a nationwide movement toward racial reckoning on behalf of her old high school friends and the populations they represent. With help from Kori Webb, Garcia organized and held a demonstration, "Marching the Red Line," Friday, June 12, at the border of Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit, marching north from Alter and Kercheval.

Webb, 21, said she was one of the friends Garcia



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Participants marched north from Alter and Kercheval from the Grosse Pointe Park/Detroit border.

knew while Webb recounted both personal experiences and incidents she observed in the Pointes, including a dou-

ble-standard that kept a black student from attending prom and jokes from adults, suggesting a black student was "in jail" the day of school registration after his mother couldn't find him.

"Northern Europeans had an easier time moving to or living in Grosse Pointe," Webb told "Marching the Red Line" participants. "The system was designed to keep out as many Jewish and southern Europeans as possible, while black people were not allowed to live here until the 1970s."

"Even today if you call about buying a house and use your 'white voice,' they're generally a lot nicer on the phone than when you show up and they see your skin color," she said.

Approximately 200 demonstrators and participants, including Cynthia Douglas, president of the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods chapter of the NAACP, attended. Greg Bowns, co-founder of the chapter, also addressed the crowd.

"We are tired of dying,"

Douglas said, referring to excessive force against black citizens by law enforcement.

Demonstrators carried signs demanding social justice as Garcia led them, speaking through a megaphone.

A community organizer and political science student planning to enroll at Wayne State University, Garcia announced a plan to demand of elected officials and administrators that:

- ◆ all five of the Pointes hire black public safety officers;
- ◆ all infrastructure barriers between Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park be removed;
- ◆ racially coded terms describing crime suspects be eliminated from communication by police officers;
- ◆ a community-led oversight board for law enforcement be formed for all five Pointes;
- ◆ revised and updated black history curriculum be presented in Grosse Pointe schools;
- ◆ black counselors be hired throughout the school system; and
- ◆ zero-tolerance policies be established for racist behavior and incidents occurring in Grosse Pointe schools.

Webb said her goals beyond "Marching the Red Line" include promoting equality and inclusion aside from efforts to protect men from police brutality.

"My mission is to really instill love for black people," she said, "and especially women, because I feel like we get ignored a lot. And I want to bring support to the LGBTQ community as well."

At a time when racial equality has received more nationwide attention than in the past five decades, Garcia stresses the need for improvement at home in the Pointes.

"This community has a responsibility to go farther and to face the past and present, head-on," she said.

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gives our residents, too, something to come back to and be able to take advantage of being outdoors and shopping and dining.”

Multiple restaurants on The Hill already have begun implementing and/or expanding their outdoor seating areas.

Cafe Nini has reintroduced outdoor seating; Luxe Bar & Grill has expanded its outdoor seating; Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe added outdoor seating last weekend; and Jumps, which doesn't have direct access to Kercheval, was provided a pick-up area outside its door on the Kercheval service drive between the building and municipal lot.

Other restaurants on Mack are considering putting up tents in their parking lots to accommodate outdoor dining.

The resolution also allows for similar accommodations to be afforded to small business retail establishments and gives Farms administration the ability to allow businesses this use of public space through the end of the year.

“It's a streamlined process and even through the state there's a streamlined application process with the liquor control commission for outdoor dining, so the effort is really to try to take out a lot of the red tape that would be involved in approving this and do it in a timely fashion,” Reeside said.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Stolen vehicle

A 2019 Jeep Track Hawk was stolen from a residence in the 400 block of Lincoln between 7 p.m. Sunday, June 7, and 1 p.m. Monday, June 8.

There were no signs of forced entry.

## Unemployment fraud

An unknown person attempted to file for unemployment under a Rivard Boulevard resident's name Monday, June 8.

## Parental kidnapping

A 38-year-old Grosse Pointe woman is being sought for parental kidnapping after failing on four separate occasions to turn the child over to the father per court order and then leaving the state with the child Thursday, June 11.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Stolen property

A suspect who stole a \$650 20-speed bike and \$120 leaf blower from an open garage in the 1400 block of Buckingham

around 9 p.m. Monday, June 8, is being sought by police.

The man is described as black in his mid-30s, with a stocky build, wearing a navy-colored shirt, camouflage shorts and a hat.

## Snatched scooter

An \$800 Segway Ninebot Max electric push scooter was stolen from the backyard of a home in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield between 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, and 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 10.

## Lawn larceny

The owner of a vacant lot in the 900 block of Three Mile reported a trespasser after the lot was mowed by an unknown suspect without permission around 10:45 a.m. Saturday, June 13.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Tire trickster

After hearing a car alarm go off at 2 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, a Moran Road resident discovered one tire on each of his three vehicles parked on the street had been flattened.

## Stolen from under your nose

While in his yard, a resident in the 400 block of Torraine Road witnessed an unknown man steal his bicycle out of his garage at 11:27 a.m. Tuesday, June 9.

## Surprise house guest

A possible home invasion was called in to public safety at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, when a heavily intoxicated 23-year-old St. Clair Shores woman bleeding from the head entered a home in the 400 block of Torraine Road, believing it to be her boyfriend's house.

She ran from the home before officers arrived, but was found at Ascension St. John Hospital after a tow truck driver gave her a ride.

## Stolen bicycle

A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe girl's blue bicycle was stolen from the driveway of a home in the 300 block of McKinley Avenue between 7:30 and 9 p.m. Thursday, June 11.

## Heating up in the kitchen

Public safety was called to a home in the 400 block of Moran Road at 1:28 a.m. Friday, June 12, by an alarm-monitoring company and arrived to find a resident exiting the

house carrying a rolled-up rug that was on fire, while smoke was still coming from inside.

The man had been cooking and wasn't sure what caused the fire, but it was extinguished and confined to the kitchen.

The cause and origin are still under investigation.

## Excessively loud exhaust

A 39-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for having made a fraudulent application for insurance after being pulled over for excessively loud exhaust at 5:50 p.m. Friday, June 12.

## Ditching parole to go shopping

After officers were called to a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue due to a woman being disorderly at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 14, the 59-year-old Southfield woman was arrested on a warrant for absconding parole by cutting off her tether.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Bicycle theft

A men's dark gray Trek bicycle was cut from its chain and stolen from an unlocked garage in the 1800 block of Stanhope between 4 p.m. Thursday, June 11, and 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 12. The suspect is unknown.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

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



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LOT 2018 CHINESE SIX PANEL BLACK LACQUERED SCREEN  
C. 1800, H 7' 3", W 11'



LOT 2005 KAREL APPEL OIL ON CANVAS  
H 32", W 26", ABSTRACT PORTRAIT



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WOOD & PLASTIC  
SCULPTURE  
#39/50, H 25", "MC 31"



LOT 2009  
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WOOD & PLASTIC  
SCULPTURE  
#33/50, H 33", "NB 1"



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OIL ON CANVAS, H 24", W 20"  
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LOT 1020 RARE AND EARLY TIFFANY STUDIOS  
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CHINESE DRAGON



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## OUR VIEW

‘Microbursts’  
rip through  
the Pointes

It seems there’s never a time to say enough. For many a Grosse Pointe resident, that feeling continued as a June 10 storm resulted in several fires, damaged roofs as it blew tree limbs all over and left large swaths of the area without power.

The counterpoint is that even difficulties like storm damage and power outages emphasize the reasons Grosse Pointers live here. The neighborliness — sometimes taken for granted — becomes a true blessing. It has shown up throughout the toughest restrictions as Michigan took on the pandemic surge, and it showed up again after this storm.

Thankfully, there were no deaths or injuries, but the winds were terrifying enough to send some families running to their basements, especially in the Woods. Among several fires, mostly to garages, one left a family with four children homeless.

It’s gratifying to note that, by the start of this week, a GoFundMe campaign to help the family ousted from their Hunt Club home had exceeded its goal. Power was back on for all but a handful of Grosse Pointe locations; piles of trees and branches were cleared away.

Neighbors helping neighbors extended to impromptu charging stations on porches of houses that did have power. The next morning, there were extra eggs or pancakes on the stoves of many homes so those without power could get a good start to their day. A cluster of Yorktown Street neighbors in the Woods were particularly busy on Facebook, making sure everyone was properly fed and charged up.

The storm was disconcerting because its damage was so seemingly random: streets littered with debris here, barely a twig on the ground just a block or two away. The Farms also had some damage, including uprooted trees that damaged roofs, most of it in an area tucked into the Woods along Mack Avenue from Cook Road to Moross. Elsewhere, problems remained few enough that City and Park personnel could spend most of their time helping out in the Woods.

That’s where a 60-mph gust was recorded by a trained spotter at 6:42 p.m., according to the National Weather Service station in White Lake Township. The wind and resulting damage were most likely the result of what’s called a microburst, according to meteorologist Kevin Kachin.

During a microburst, he said, so much rain drops at once from above that it drives winds down to the ground. The winds spread out from there, all while also moving with the general direction of the storm — which was mostly eastward as it passed through here. “It can look like a hurricane out there,” he said.

The Pointes were far from the only area with damage, and some people also had to deal with hail, including in Detroit. As the storm line passed through Lower Michigan, hundreds of thousands of people lost power.

The power line damage was extensive enough that DTE Energy often had to switch off power even to homes that still had it, so crews could complete their repairs. The days without power stretched into the weekend for some households, and DTE had ice and water available at the Woods City Hall as repairs continued. Ultimately, around 5,000 customers lost power in the Pointes, according to a DTE estimate.

“We live on the best street of GP,” one Yorktown neighbor proclaimed on Facebook, but many a street would probably lay claim to such a title. What shows up online may be just the tip of the iceberg, as neighbors check on each other, help cut up tree limbs and bring out extra plates at mealtime.

Storms pass; in the Pointes, good neighbors are here to stay.

Pure  
Grosse  
Pointe

## To the Editor:

I just want to comment on the feature article about Cynthia and Edsel Ford’s fund for nurses. Their generosity is appreciated. I have the distinct honor and privilege to be a graduate of Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1975. I appreciate the author’s comments on the beautiful Clara Ford nurses residence that I lived in and the respect paid to the educational experience and training that I received at HFH Nursing School. You can see the nurse’s cap that was referenced in the article.

DEBRA BRADY, RN  
Grosse Pointe

## OUR VIEW

## Transparency in the Park?

In November, two long-time incumbent councilmen in Grosse Pointe Park were defeated by newcomers running on a platform of “transparency” — or, rather, alleged lack thereof — in city government. At the time, we thought their claims were typical challenger boilerplate, but we were wrong.

Except the lack of transparency is coming not from the usual suspects, the good ol’ boys, but rather from a kindred spirit: Councilwoman Lauri Read, who is halfway through her first term on the council and is the darling of the new council members. Ms. Read appears to have a transparency problem of her own.

It was news to fellow council members as late as last November that Ms. Read’s law firm, Keller Thoma, has been working for the city before, during and after her election in November 2017. Keller Thoma was officially hired in January 2017 and continued at least until April 1 of this year, according to a letter Ms. Read provided to the city. The relationship came out into the open after a Park resident filed a Freedom of Information Act request for all invoices, memoranda and emails involving Keller Thoma and Ms. Read.

In a Jan. 2 letter to her fellow council members, Ms. Read wrote, “It has come to my attention that there is a question regarding work my law firm has done for the city which pre- and post-dates my election to city council. I have never solicited or performed any legal work, issued or reviewed any legal bills to, or payments from, the City of Grosse Pointe Park.”

The problem with the arrangement between Ms. Read’s firm and her position on the city council — besides potentially applicable provisions in the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and the Michigan Municipal League’s “Ethics Handbook for Michigan Municipalities” — is that the city charter states, “no contract or purchase shall be made by the city in which any elective or appointive officer (except a member of a city board or commission created by or pursuant to this charter) or any member of his family has any financial interest, direct or indirect, other than the common public interest.”

Ms. Read is one of three shareholders with Keller

Thoma.

The Charter also provides: “Any officer who knowingly permits the city to enter into any contract in which he has a financial interest without disclosing such interest to the council prior to the action of the council in authorizing such contract, shall be guilty of misconduct in office.”

The only exception is by “the unanimous determination (by vote or written instrument) of all members of the Council that in a particular case an officer or member of his family will not have a financial interest in any contract to be entered into by the city shall be final and conclusive in the absence of fraud or misrepresentation.”

We are not aware of any such vote or determination by the city council, nor of any written conflict waiver by the city.

Ms. Read said she disclosed her employment with Keller Thoma in her bio submitted after her election, which is posted on the city’s website. Following that, she maintains, it was the city attorney’s job to point out any conflicts of interest and the city administration’s duty to find new outside legal counsel if it felt a conflict of interest existed.

Ms. Read concluded in her Jan. 2 letter to the council, “As a council member, I have never been presented with a contract or invoice from Keller Thoma PC. Had either been presented, I would have disclosed my interest pursuant to section 5.9(d) of the city charter. I am not aware of any other obligation that required further action by me in the absence of a specific action by council.”

Separately, on Feb. 12, 2018, and again on May 7, 2018, the city council, including Ms. Read, met in closed meetings to discuss labor negotiations, and on the latter date came out of closed session to unanimously approve a new dispatchers’ contract.

When Councilman Dan Grano asked about the matter at the May 18 council meeting, Mayor Robert Denner said the city attorney had reviewed alleged conflict of interest and decided no action was needed. No formal report or attorney opinion was provided by the city.

On May 12, Ms. Read again wrote to her fellow

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## 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.

Park DDA, TIFA  
now in compliance

## To the Editor:

I’m happy to see our newly elected Grosse Pointe Park City Council officials pushing everyday for more transparency in how our city government is run.

Thankfully they were able to require the DDA and TIFA to be in compliance with state law as

should have been done long ago.

Keep up the good work!

BETSY BRECKELS  
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Grosse Pointe Park

Where’s Waldo,  
er, Warren Evans?

There is a game we play in Wayne County; it’s not Where’s Waldo? It is Where is Warren

Evans? We in Wayne County are being left behind.

Oakland County has three testing sites. Detroit has a test site, only for Detroiters (with the quick test). Wayne county has how many? NONE.

Shouldn’t the people of Wayne County have testing sites, maybe one on the eastside and one on the westside (remember Wayne County extends past Metro Airport).

Doesn’t Wayne County have a Health Department?

My daughter who works in Oakland County gets a daily email from their health department, but I haven’t heard anything from ours.

Thinking about it, I haven’t heard anything from Bennie. Where is Killeen, too? Oh wait, it’s not election time. To me

every one in the Wayne County government has been AWOL.

Please, Mr. Evans, tell us what you are doing for us. After all, I am tired of hearing the guy from Oakland County tell me what he is doing.

It seems to me that the mayor of Detroit is running for president or governor with his twice a day appearance on TV, telling me how he is taking care of all the Detroiters.

What about the rest of us? We pay taxes; we pay millages; we put more money into the county than we receive back, so where is our support?

Let’s all play “Find Warren Evans.” Don’t try to call him; due to the virus he is too busy taking care of you to answer.

DANIEL BANKA  
Concerned, tax-paying,  
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I SAY By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

# When hogs squeal



*"I pray that God will bless you in everything that you do. I pray that you will grow intellectually so that you can understand the problems of the world and where you fit into that world picture." — Malcolm X*

Can you hear it? It's like the squealing of a pig — no, a hog fattened to the point of imminent slaughter.

I heard it a couple of weeks ago as my plane landed out of town and I

powered up my Android to read the sweetest, most wonderful text: "I am sorry for the racial injustices in this world. Eddie, I'm praying you are safe."

It came from 17-year-old Kate, who is blonde, suburban-raised and beautiful both inside and out. The daughter of my oldest friend, she calls me her "godfather."

Days after Kate's text, I heard the hog's fearful, fateful squeal again as I drove up Woodward Avenue in Ferndale. A sizable crowd of young, white millennials practically filled the traffic island. As I turned onto Nine Mile Road, there were probably five more groups walking within blocks of each other. Only glimpses of black

youth could be found as they all carried signs with words like "Black Lives Matter" and "Justice for George Floyd."

The sound of the panicked hog surfaced again as I watched one news report after another, depicting the removal of Confederate monuments from once-thriving slave territories.

If you still haven't heard the squeal, listen more closely. That's the sound of racism on its death bed.

I've no use for fairy tales, so I'm far from believing this wonderful death that could finally heal America will be achieved in weeks, years or decades. But an amazing thing is taking place.

White folks, Kate's age and younger who've

never known a world without cell phones or internet, are recognizing that they've never known a world without decent, loving people of color. They're taking the advice of Malcolm X — perhaps without even knowing it — to think for themselves, and they're fast learning that a world of hatred and violence isn't the kind they want to live in.

This key element, a white united front of anti-racism, has been missing in the long war against intolerance waged by Malcolm X, Dr. King, Rosa Parks and, before them, Marcus Garvey, Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman. Early white abolitionists, few as memorable as the fearless John Brown, laid

a foundation, but never became a sufficient majority.

Segregation persisted and still persists in forms no longer sanctioned by the government, while horrific racial disparities burdening the judicial system and other critical institutions show little sign of disappearing.

But a new dialogue is beginning. I saw actual children in Ferndale, adolescents who must have written and constructed their signs at home in front of their parents. Presumably, these adults understood, if not encouraged, their young protesters' goals.

In households like these, racism is becoming a lot like an obsolete language.

In the Pointes, too, signs are present, literally and figuratively. A beautifully redundant call for fairness in law enforcement has been

repeated at demonstrations on corners where I never imagined such scenes. White residents are heeding the call of black leaders like Pointes NAACP President Cynthia Douglas. Indeed they're heeding the call of their own conscience to make basic separation between right and wrong.

The totality of America's racial damage might not be repaired in my lifetime, but I am encouraged.

If you've been reluctant to change bigoted attitudes promoted by your parents or grandparents, this checklist should be reviewed: Can you be a credit to your race (the human one)? Can you reject prejudice and fear toward others because their skin is different, or because they speak a different language?

If not, it's time to work on yourself. The hog is squealing.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1945

75 years ago this week

**MEMORIAL PLAN A MEMORY:** The proposal to turn Pine Woods into a permanent natural preserve as a war memorial was killed deader than a dodo at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grosse Pointe Farms Monday night. It is doubtful if the proposal is ever recalled to life. There was not a single proponent present at the meeting.

### METHODIST TO ORGANIZE CHURCH:

Grosse Pointe, which has never had an organized Methodist Church congregation, is about to have one. The church authorities in Detroit have taken steps to establish a church home here for the many members of that denomination who live in the Pointe. The first pastor of Grosse Pointe Methodist Church will be the Rev. Hugh C. White.

*Obituaries: Frederic M. Sibley, Charity Ellen Burleigh*

### 1970

50 years ago this week

### FARMS TO BUY \$36,718

**FIRE APPARATUS:** At its regular meeting Monday, June 15, the Farms council authorized the purchase of a \$36,000 diesel engine Seagrave V8 cylinder pumper for the fire department, making the Farms the first city in the area to own a 1,250-gallon-a-minute pumper. It will replace the 21-year-old pumper now in ser-

vice.

### NO-FISHING BAN EASED:

Although some of the edge has been taken out of fishing enjoyment this season for many Pointe sportsmen by the discovery of poisonous mercury in Lake St. Clair, a recent easing of the no-fishing ban will serve at least to restore some fun to the "sport" of fishing. The ban was amended last week to allow fishermen to "catch and release" fish, but strong emphasis was placed on the "release" and fishermen were warned strongly not to eat their catches until final tests on fish from the lake were released by

the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

*Obituaries: George Peck Caulkins, Dr. Clarence M. Clark, Ernest W. Baker, Catherine F. McIlreath, Jeanette Davis, Fannie Gikkas*

### 1995

25 years ago this week

### DIRECTOR CALLS IT QUILTS:

After a decade of leading the Grosse Pointe public library, director Charles Hanson announced on June 16 that he is leaving. Citing the desire to pursue other interests and

opportunities in the library field, Hanson will leave effective Aug. 31. Vickory Bloom, supervisor of reference services, began duties as interim director June 19.

### DISTRICT SAYS NO TO HEADLEE SETTLEMENT:

The Grosse Pointe school board rejected a \$45 million settlement offer made by the state in response to a multi-district lawsuit accusing the state of underfunding special education and other mandates. The board at its June 15 regular meeting unani-

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## 8A | OPINION

GUEST VIEW By Ed Deeb

## Thanks to all who fought the virus

Thousands of people in the USA in 2020 have been hit or affected by the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The disease followed the trail from throughout the world, starting with China, beginning earlier this year.

Translated, it means thousands have died or are suffering in their homes, hospitals or medical care facilities. We never saw anything like this horrendous disease in our lifetime.

Since this virus hit our nation, and numerous other countries, I do not believe there was such a massive network of doctors, nurses, hospitals and nursing homes organized to fight the virus we are seeing.

Since then, various locations here in the states and around the world immediately began working so quickly to stop and eliminate the powerful coronavirus. In the meantime, hundreds of thousands here and around the nation died.

Family, friends or relatives weren't even able to say goodbye to their loved ones and friends. Families were required to stay in their homes. Later, supermarkets and grocery stores were permitted to sell food while some supplies were diminishing.

Thanks go out to the numerous markets, restaurants, Eastern Market area, deli shops, etc., who helped fill the food gap. A big thanks to the management of all the stores and restaurants who were able to provide needed food products, water, paper products and the like. Thanks also to all the major companies who provided products including gloves and face masks.

At the beginning, all families were required to stay in their homes. Later, businesses were permitted to sell foods because supply was diminishing in their homes.

A huge thanks goes out to the numerous businesses and store employees who volunteered to

help out.

Let's not forget our outstanding news media, whether newspapers, television, radio or whatever they used to report about the virus. Too often, we forget about the huge job the news media performs.

While I realize the coronavirus has not yet been fully eliminated, it has been amazing and miraculous to see everyone working hard to defeat this menace.

Let's also give a big thanks to the medical community, the doctors, nurses, first-aid persons, needed supplies and trucks to deliver what was needed of them.

As a personal note, this month I celebrated my 60th anniversary of being a key person involved in the food and beverages industry — the retailers, wholesalers, brokers, chain stores, independent operators, colleges and universities, restaurants, etc. — and I have never seen consumers across the nation come together as they have. Be sure they get the kudos, too.

When this is over, we should hold a massive get-together to thank everyone for pitching in. We could not have survived this without everyone's help along with the local leaders, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, and ... nationally, who kept us tuned in to what was happening.

In conclusion, a big THANKS to all the medical community and individuals who are helping to beat this virus — the business community, various restaurants and businesses who stepped up to help — the colleges, the cities, the states, wherever they are from, let's give them a big hug!

We are happy to announce that our 38th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day will be held on July 7, 2021.

EDWARD DEEB, Founder  
Michigan Food and Beverage Assn.  
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## OUR VIEW

Congress:  
Save the USPS

We believe it is imperative to save the United States Postal Service. We thank you, Congress, for all your leadership as the nation confronts this pandemic, and urge you to provide enough funding to enable USPS to survive and serve its customers, the American people, during this exceptionally trying time.

We, newspaper publishers, along with the postal-reliant industry that generate \$1.6 trillion in sales and employ 7.3 million workers, have long supported a self-sufficient U.S. Postal Service. But no business entity can withstand a 50 percent or more externally-imposed drop in business and revenues, as USPS projects due to COVID-19, and long survive. That is why emergency funding must be provided now.

The American people have been reminded during this pandemic of just how fundamental to American life the postal service still is. USPS is delivering prescriptions, household and business staples, groceries, personal correspondence to bridge social distancing, PPP, PPE, Social Security and IRS refund checks, CDC advice cards on keeping oneself and family safe, and newspapers and magazines still vital to informing the American people. It is enabling a new wave of businesses along with the e-commerce sector to survive the pandemic through remote order and fulfillment. U.S. Postal Service delivery is essential. And it is of particularly acute need in rural areas of the country, where there are no alternatives, and often not even broadband. USPS is a lifeline there and elsewhere throughout the country during these challenging times.

As to how much is needed, we defer to the experts, the bipartisan U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors appointed by the president, and our leaders in Congress. While substantial sums are needed, they amount to a small part of the emergency funds Congress has provided and will continue to provide, including to sustain small businesses, their employees and the economy. The Postal Service is the backbone of small business in America, and must endure.

The American people, 91 percent of whom approve of USPS, often raise a commotion if a single post office is to be closed. They will not stand for closing the entire system or a major reduction in service during this time of need.

We again strongly urge you to save the U.S. Postal Service and preserve a fundamental lifeline to millions of Americans.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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mously adopted a resolution to reject the state department of education's offer in order to present a counter-offer in excess of \$45 million.  
Obituaries: Robert H. Taylor, Mason P. Rumney, Edith Ferry Hooper, Celia Edith Fairbanks, Richard N. Sheridon, James B. Moore, Clara C. Reed, Christine Batchelor Marshall.

## 2010

10 years ago this week

**NEIGHBORS WANT CITY TO DISCONNECT:** It's commonly known as a stealth wireless communications facility, but to the neighbors it's an eyesore, a health hazard and a detriment to their property values. Nearly 50 Grosse Pointe Woods residents attended the

city council meeting Monday, June 21, to express displeasure with plans to erect a 100-foot cellular phone tower at the city's public works yard on Parkway near Marter. The request to the city came from AT&T.  
**THIEVES SPOUT MURDER:** One of three teenage bicycle thieves from Detroit threatened to kill a Maire Elementary School employee if she sicked the police on them, according to a pub-

lic safety officer. Classes were in session when the female employee reported the suspects stealing unlocked bikes from racks on campus off Cadieux in The Village. City officers caught two suspects, ages 13 and 15, a short while later on Detroit's eastside.

Obituaries: Urban William Boesch, Walter J. Gray, A. Thomas Kydd, Trudy A. Gillard, Wendy Riske, Michael S. Skaff, Bernhard Stroh IV

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Again, Ms. Read continued to blame the city for something she had the power and obligation to resolve. The conflict existed from the day she was sworn into office and continued for two and a half years. In our mind, it was the city attorney's and Ms. Read's duty at her first council meeting after being sworn in to bring up the fact that her firm was doing legal work for the city. At that point, her fellow council members could have voted to waive the conflict, which they probably would have.

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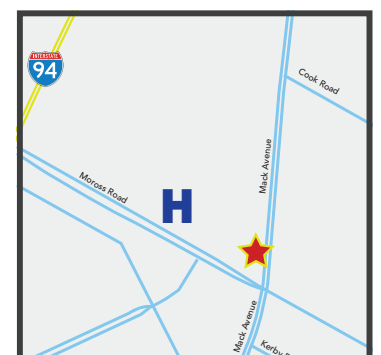
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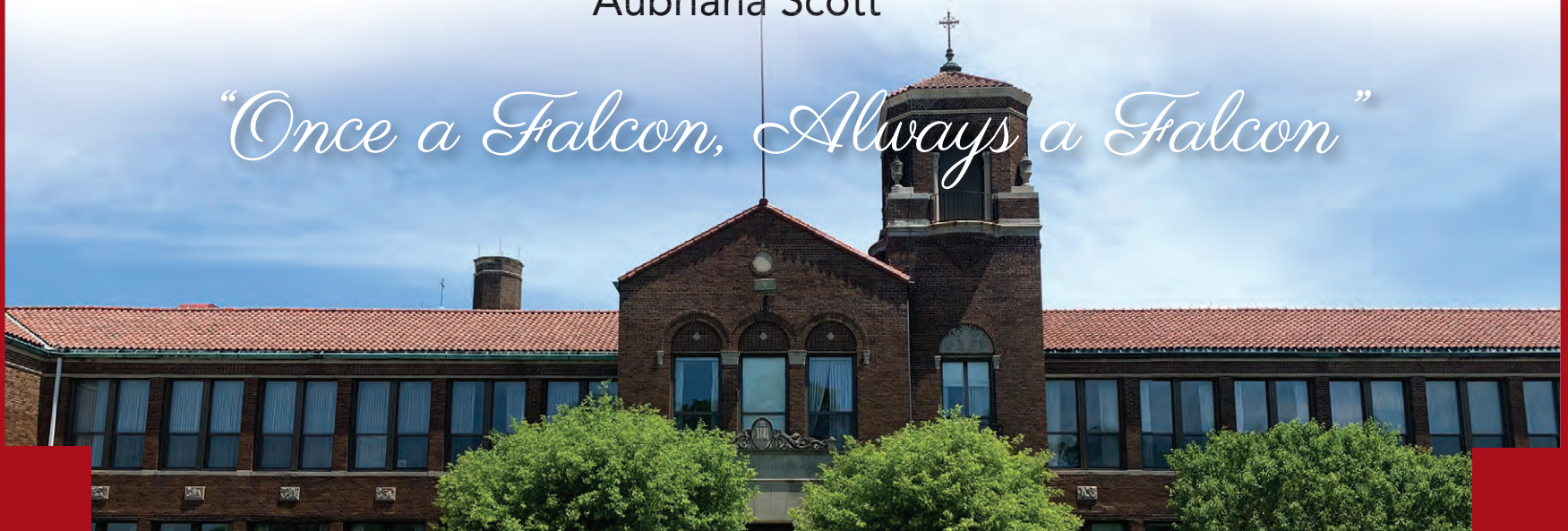
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## Do black lives matter in Grosse Pointe schools? Webinar focuses on racism in the school district

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Former state Rep. Brian Banks woke up one morning to messages in his Facebook inbox from two parents and a teacher asking for his help. They believed a photo embedded in the link for Grosse Pointe South High School's virtual graduation video, which launched June 4, was offensive in light of recent protests against police brutality across the nation and in Grosse Pointe.

The photo — from a prior year's homecoming theme of public safety — depicted white girls in SWAT uniforms.

"How insensitive, inconsiderate and unlearned is that during a time of protests on law enforcement?" Banks said.

While apologies were made and the photo deemed an error and removed from the link, Banks decided there were enough recent instances of racist acts among students in the news to prompt a conversation about whether black lives really matter in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"I think it needs to be noted, white people are tired of this behavior as well," he said.

Within 48 hours, Banks assembled a panel and organized a Zoom webinar titled "Do black lives really matter in the Grosse Pointe Public School System?" June 9.

Banks served as moderator and panelists were Cynthia Douglas, president of the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP

Branch; Tonya Griffith, a licensed social worker and GPPSS parent; Robyn McCoy, an attorney and professor at Eastern Michigan University; Dr. Gary Niehaus, GPPSS superintendent; Dr. Pamela Pugh, vice president of the State Board of Education; and State Rep. Tenisha Yancey, 1st District. Niehaus was the only white participant.

"Thank you for everything you did during this time, whether you attended a protest, whether you put up a sign, whether you simply said a prayer or whether you had a conversation with a family member," Banks said in his opening remarks. "Issues of race are difficult. Imagine being a black person in America today. Imagine being a black person in Grosse Pointe."

Banks opened the conversation with the question that served as the panel topic.

"In my professional opinion and in the community, it does not seem that (black lives matter)," Douglas said, "because as you know, I was part of the school reconfiguration for the Grosse Pointes and although there were conversations, there seemed to be an underlying desire for those in the center portion of the Grosse Pointes not to accept children that were coming over from a predominantly black school. Comments that were made during (the townhall at Mason Elementary School) were very disturbing as the residents themselves referred to those children as 'they' and 'them' and they didn't seem to want to have any

part in the children coming over from (Poupard Elementary) the school that was being closed. It seemed that they were a separate part of the community."

Griffith pointed out while many "covertly believe" black lives matter, structural racism is embedded within the Pointes.

"I don't think people want to believe they're racist, but the policies themselves indicate racism exists," she said.

"I can't tell you how much I agree with the comments that were made," Niehaus said. "I do believe there are a lot of structural issues."

Throughout the course of the discussion, he provided examples of changes initiated in his five-year tenure, including adjustments to the curriculum, use of restorative practices as part of disciplinary procedures, making residency verification requirements less onerous, racial bias training for staff, recruiting for people of color, changes to the middle school honors program to make it less segregated, ongoing efforts to hire an equity officer and the appointment of the first African American on the Board of Education to fill a vacant seat.

"My job today is to sit and listen," Niehaus said. "I like the idea we're taking action."

"I think it says a lot for a superintendent to say we have done a lot of work, but there's still a lot more work to do," Pugh said, acknowledging there is work to do at the state level as well.

On a positive note, she added, "Today our State Board of Education made a resolution eradicating racism and creating more equitable and inclusive schools for all children. It's a start and all of us have to hold one another accountable and make sure we're not just talking about this, but we're taking action."

"It is very important for white people to listen to black people when there are injustices, because we are the only people who can tell you what those experiences have done," Yancey said.

While Yancey said she didn't attend or have children in the Grosse Pointe schools, she noted, "As a grown black woman, I have experienced racism around Grosse Pointe. What it does to me and my psyche, I cannot imagine how a young woman or man can begin to navigate not knowing who to turn to or what to do. I just feel it's our duty to make sure they don't feel that way. It's really a debilitating feeling. It's a feeling when you can do no right. It's a feeling that there's no way to satisfy people when you are marked because of the color of your skin."

"I think this is important to our young black students that they feel included in any school, not just Grosse Pointe, but there are schools across the state where black students feel less than and we're just not going to tolerate it," she added.

Banks included student voices in the discussion. Calling in during the webinar were three Grosse Pointe South graduates and one current student.



Brian Banks



Cynthia Douglas



Tonya Griffith



Robyn McCoy



Gary Niehaus



Pamela Pugh

Rising senior Christina Thomas shared an experience when she felt her voice and other minority voices were drowned out "by a sea of angry voices" during a classroom discussion about affirmative action.

"When we tried to point out the effects of white privilege in education, it was taken as a personal slight," Thomas said. "... I take issue with the lack of communication and reactionary responses I received that day. It demonstrates an inability to actually acknowledge and address how many Grosse Pointers actively benefit from white privilege. How can we break the chains of



Tenisha Yancey

systemic racism if we don't even acknowledge its existence? How can black lives matter in Grosse Pointe schools if black voices do not? We cannot defeat

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## Early childhood center donation on hold

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

A donation of \$1 million for an early childhood center expansion at Trombly Elementary School has been put on hold due to concerns about COVID-19, according to a representative of the donors, attorney Dennis Levasseur.

Due to this change, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus recommended at the June 8 meeting the Board of Education consider a pilot year for the Trombly ECC with the possibility of expansion if the donors' funds come through.

The donors, who wish to remain anonymous, were "concerned about how COVID will impact the reopening of schools," Levasseur said. "I don't know if anybody knows what is going on or what the classrooms will look like in the fall. ... We didn't want in any way to limit what the district is going to do and if it needed Trombly for the traditional classrooms or overflow or



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Plans to open Trombly as a dedicated early childhood center in the fall are pending a June 22 vote by the Board of Education.

requirements, we didn't want our involvement in the ECC and funding the work that needed to be done to transform the first floor of Trombly into an ECC to interfere with that.

"We thought the responsible thing to do was push the pause button and that's what we communicated with Gary," he con-

tinued. "We want to revisit it when the dust clears. And if they don't honestly need Trombly for COVID spacing for the coming school year, then we want to know that and then we'll get back to them and move forward."

Levasseur acknowledged there may have been a misunderstanding

regarding his communication with Niehaus, indicated by an exchange of letters between the two after Niehaus assured attendees at a May 7 facilities committee meeting an ECC agreement was forthcoming.

The possibility of an anonymous \$1 million in donations was first

announced during public comments at the Sept. 9, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education. As presented initially, the money was to implement a plan presented to the board in August 2019, to expand early childhood offerings at the existing elementary schools through a phased approach. Acceptance of the money was contingent on keeping all nine elementary schools open and reversing the board's June 24, 2019 vote to close Trombly and Poupard elementary schools.

According to the proposed plan, there was a need for early childhood care — in particular at the south end of the district — and a potential for the program to provide a source of revenue. Concerns among board members included using taxpayer money designated for K-12 education for a pre-K program, in particular the substantial investment required to get the program off the ground.

Negotiations stalled largely due to the requirement to keep all elemen-

tary schools open, but in December 2019, Niehaus, former board President Brian Summerfield, who resigned Dec. 13, and ECC plan representatives David Brumbaugh and Wendy Relan met with Levasseur and Mike Stines, another donors' representative, to discuss the possibility of reopening Trombly as an early childhood center under the "clear understanding that Trombly Elementary School would not be used as an elementary school building," according to a summary document.

The dialog was positive, according to the summary, and the next step was for the district to draft a proposal and budget.

Niehaus presented that proposal at a follow-up meeting Jan. 13. At a board meeting that evening, he announced a tentative plan to keep Trombly open for the 2020-21 school year as a tuition-based dedicated early childhood center.

According to Niehaus,

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# Letter to a future self

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Brett Abke got a letter in the mail the final week of his senior year that made him think back to when he was a seventh grader at Parcels Middle School.

The letter, completed as an assignment for Dan Bens' English class, was written in two different pens. Abke remembers feeling rushed to finish the assignment — to write a letter to his future self — by the deadline.

Receiving the letter five years later, Abke was reminded of events he otherwise might have forgotten.

"We just landed a probe on a comet," he said. "We were in the middle of a really bad winter — the third most snowfall in Michigan history. ISIS and the Taliban (were) terrorizing the Middle East."

The Ebola plague had "settled down with 40 Ebola cases left," he added.

The irony of this last detail was not lost on the 18-year-old who, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was anticipating Grosse Pointe North High School's first-ever virtual graduation ceremony June 4.

Abke also wrote about his interests.

"I was really obsessed with baseball in this letter and I don't even play baseball now," said the three-sport athlete, who played soccer at North four years, baseball for two and basketball his senior year.

Other things have changed, he noted. His hair, once long, is now cut short, although he has grown it during the pandemic. He and his friends compared notes on their letters and reflected on how friend groups have evolved.

Abke's hope for the future five years ago was that he would graduate from college and stick with his major. Today, about to embark on his next academic chapter at Michigan State University, where he plans to major in chemical engineering, he has the same wish.

Bens started the assignment about 25 years ago, adapting it from something he came across in the National Council of Teachers in English materials.

The assignment is to "write a letter to the person who they will be when they are preparing to graduate from high

school and then I send it to them," Bens said. "I give them a format. They write about five different topics. The first is their current physical appearance — so they're basically describing to their 12th-grade self ... how they looked in seventh grade."

Additional paragraphs are about favorite things, important people and what is currently happening in their lives, at school and in the world.

"I like that paragraph because we lose those points in time in the past," Bens added.

The last paragraph is about hopes and dreams for the future.

Bens treats it like any writing assignment.

"I want them to do a good job writing it," he said. "I read it, I grade it and then they make a final copy and seal it in an envelope that stays sealed until they get it."

Up until this year, Bens required letters to be handwritten "and then we throw it all away so you have no record of it and you'll get your letter in five years," he said.

With instruction handled remotely since mid-March, Bens allowed the students to compose

drafts as a Google doc and share it with him to suggest revisions. After the final version was turned in and he printed and sealed it in an envelope, he urged them to delete all earlier drafts to preserve the surprise.

This will be the last year for this assignment, as Bens is retiring after 33 years. He spent his entire teaching career at Parcels.

"It's an awesome place. It was when I got there and it is now and I know it will continue to be," he said. "It's very special."

While Bens is looking forward to retirement — in particular, spending time with his two young grandsons — he had not anticipated the way his final year would end.

The closure of schools "felt like a rug pulled out from under my feet because it was so sudden," Bens said. "The last time I went in and said, 'Good morning, everybody. Here is what we're going to do,' I didn't even realize that was my last time. That's a little strange having that come to such an abrupt end."

While he applauded the students for their participation in online learn-



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North senior Brett Abke shows off the letter he wrote to himself when he was in seventh grade.

ing, he said he missed the daily interaction.

"That's the hardest thing — missing the kids," he said.

The letter assignment provides a way to stay engaged with the seventh graders while reconnecting with the seniors.

For the next five years, Bens will carry out the end-of-year tradition with his former students, heading to the post office with

the next batch of letters.

"I love connecting with these kids five years later," he said, adding he regularly attends North commencement ceremonies and graduation parties, where he often sees the letter included as part of a senior's school memorabilia.

"It's satisfying to be able to give them a glimpse of their previous self," he said.

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ignorance with more ignorance. As a community, we must be able to see outside of our own perspectives and examine how bias and privilege still exist in our schools. And if we cannot manage that, then the classrooms will just become another shackle holding the black community down."

Melba Dearing, a 2020 graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy, talked about how she was negatively impacted when several students made a viral video about "what their plans would be when

they became president and what they would do with black students.

"These were the same students who sat next to me and worked on projects," she said. "To go home and to know those were the conversations they were having behind my back. It was an eye-opening experience being a senior and to think I had those bonds and find out that was not the case."

"It was very hurtful at the time, but I will say I've grown from that experience," she added.

Brooklyn Northcross, who will attend Princeton University in the fall, talked about her work as a student leader with SEEDS — Students

Empowering and Educating a Diverse Society — especially planning Culture Week as part of the after-school club, in its third year at South.

"From the student body, there was more participation than we initially expected," Northcross said. "However, there was a lot of chatter on Facebook from parents. They were saying what we were doing was illegal and we were trying to indoctrinate students with our radical, leftist views."

Northcross called for "initiative from the people in power" and questioned why "the burden is always on us to find the solution. We're doing all we can, but our student-run clubs can

only take things so far.

"This racism, though it may not be on paper, it's held in the hearts of students of color," she added.

Yancey assured Northcross "this conversation will lead to better experiences."

Senior Just-us Welch, who is attending Howard University in the fall, also shared her experiences attending Grosse Pointe schools since fifth grade.

"Throughout my time in the school system, it feels like students like me and the students I have spoken with and the students in the club SEEDS that I facilitate, it feels like we have two choices: to fall below the margins and the system basically works against us, or we have to rise above and excel and show we are worthy to be in this school district."

"A lot of times with the restorative justice programs, we're put in situations where we have to confront our oppressors directly," she continued. "There's a lot of pressure to make sure that things transition smoothly for us when we are going to the school. It feels like not just the administration but staff and teachers only look to support us when there's a scandal taking place. When we

bring up teachers needing racial bias training or other things putting the students on the forefront, they tell us they are trying to improve the school system, but these things have been going on for years."

"You're saying the support system for the students could be much better," Banks clarified.

Yancey asked where Welch would like the support to come from.

"I think it begins with the teachers because we have to see them every day," Welch said. "We've had a lot of teachers who have expressed some sort of bias on the micro-level. When we bring it up with the teachers or the counselors, the burden is on us to talk it out with them."

In wrapping up the conversation, Banks asked each participant to share a request with Niehaus and the school system.

Douglas said her main concern is the students "and especially the African American students who attend our schools. We just want them to be safe and comfortable in their environment. The concerns I'm hearing from parents in Harper Woods is they want their kids to be safe and welcome. ... They feel disenfranchised."

They feel they are being left out of discussions."

Her suggestion to Niehaus was "to be more transparent and forthcoming so they know what is happening."

Among other requests, Griffith asked Niehaus to put the hiring of an equity officer on top of the district's priority list.

Pugh turned her "ask" into an offer of help from the State Board of Education.

"What can we do as a board? There are so many children who are leading us and they are calling us to lead and asking us to do things maybe that my generation didn't do," she said. "Racism and the things these children are expressing they're experiencing are real and we have to listen to them because this impacts their future. ... My heart is full just hearing their voices and their future and we don't want to put any stumbling blocks or any impediments from any further instances of racism."

"Children are a gift from God," McCoy said. "They deserve the best education possible. ... What is the 'ask' of the district? Try to meet the students where they are and make sure you create a safe space."

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# Budget reflects operating loss

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

## Revenue

State law requires the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education to adopt its budget prior to the start of each fiscal year. The 2020-21 budget reflects an overall operating loss of \$4.1 million and a reduction in fund balance due to a decline in enrollment and shortfall in the state school aid fund.

Deputy Superintendent for Business Operations Amanda Matheson presented the budget to the board at the regular meeting June 8, to be approved at the June 22 meeting.

The proposed budget for general fund revenue of \$89,877,388 includes four main components of revenue — local, state, federal and interdistrict sources, according to Matheson. Local property tax levies comprise 95 percent of local revenue, with the five municipalities within the district boundaries yielding taxable value growth of approximately 4.12 percent for tax year 2020, resulting in an increase of \$523,088 in local sources.

“This is a combination of our operating millage of 18 mills and our hold

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# Celebrating school's end

Richard Elementary School students, from left, Sophie Grose, Avery Thomson, Christina Karcher and Leah Maldonado celebrated the last day of fourth grade, Friday, June 12, with a wagon ride through Pier Park.

## Bright note

The Grosse Pointe South High School Wind Ensemble and their teacher, Christopher Takis, have been invited to perform at the 2021 Michigan Music Conference Friday, Jan. 29, 2021. This annual event, held at the DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids, is the state's music education conference presented by the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association, Michigan School Vocal Music Association, Michigan Chapter of the American String Teachers Association and the Michigan Music Education Association.

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budgets until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budgets, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection on the District web site [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org). Physical copies of the proposed budget will be made available for inspection upon request by calling (313) 432-3062.

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# Blanketed in love

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

On one of his last days at Trombly before it closes its doors as an elementary school, Principal Walter Fitzpatrick was greeted by school secretary Dineen Krotche with the words: "There's something for you on your chair."

She suggested he may want to take a moment by himself, Fitzpatrick said.

"This was great advice from someone who knows me well," said the longtime principal, who is moving to Kerby Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year.

Fitzpatrick said it did, in fact, take him a while to collect himself after he walked into his office and saw a handmade quilt waiting for him. It also took time to read all the separate squares stitched into the quilt from current and past students.

"I was overwhelmed and I guess I would say shocked at the fact that Jennifer Kemp started this and undertook the making of the quilt," Fitzpatrick said. "That in itself just creates a great feeling and shows the commitment to Trombly from our parental com-

munity. But I guess what was the most overwhelming was the number of alumni who had squares on the quilt."

Fitzpatrick said the quilt includes notes from students who have graduated from high school and college.

"That part brought a huge smile to my face ... to think back that that many students have walked through the halls of Trombly and still have good memories of their time here."

He said he remembers each one.

Kemp, a former Trombly parent, started working on the quilt to commemorate Fitzpatrick's years at Trombly months ago, designing the quilt pattern, reaching out to all the teachers and collecting the squares. She provided each teacher a packet of pre-cut squares and markers to distribute to their students. She also coordinated with the pre-K teachers and worked together to collect the handprints of the youngest learners who couldn't write their own names.

One time she and students almost got caught in the act — Fitzpatrick

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# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following students were named to the December 2019 Honor Roll at Central Michigan University: **Olla Reisen** from the City of Grosse Pointe; **Jessica Boehmer**, **Celeste Janson** and **Olivia Sheffer** from Grosse Pointe Farms; **Sarah Buttiglieri**, **Holly Daywalt** and **Meghan Groustra** from Grosse Pointe Park; **Lily Adzigan**, **Kelly Baranek**, **Madison Delas**, **Ethan Jerry**, **Josephine Riley**, **Allison Schaden**, **Bassam Shehadeh** and **Jordan White** of Grosse Pointe Woods; and **Simone Adams**, **Imani Brown**, **Dajai Chatman**, **Carly Lemanski** and **Olivia Martin** of Harper Woods.

**Nicholas Gbur**, **Kristen Kaled** and **Gabriel Korkmaz** of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Grand Valley State University

in December 2019.

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**John Walton** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the fall 2019 Dean's List at Roger Williams University.

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**Samuel Brusilow** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. He is the son of Cindy and Bill Brusilow.

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**Cameron Zak** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to Centre College Dean's List for the fall 2019 term. She is the daughter of Anthony and Caroline Zak and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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**Jacqueline Kolomjec** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Benjamin Shires** of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln May

2020, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. **Adam Fullerton** of Grosse Pointe Park received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in graduate studies.

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**Blair Shortal** and **Alexander Owens** of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from the University of Mississippi in May.

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**Tiffany Furicchia** was named to Montclair State University's fall 2019 Dean's List.

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**Jessie Trube** from Grosse Pointe Park was named to Slippery Rock University's spring 2020 Dean's List.

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**Lakisha Pressley** of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated from Olivet College in May.

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**Jacob Schwessinger** of

Grosse Pointe Park was inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Southern California.

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**John O'Dell** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the spring 2020 Dean's List at Bob Jones University.

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**Tanner Belanger** and **Riley Francis** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Dana Froggett** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the winter 2020 Dean's List at Alma College. All three students are graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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**Jennifer Czerniawski** of Grosse Pointe Woods received a Master of Occupational Therapy degree and **Elizabeth Murphy** of the City of Grosse Pointe received a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Findlay.

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**Henry Duhaime** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **John Maxey** of Grosse Pointe Woods each received a Master of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in May.

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**Charlotte Nicholson** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester at the University of Vermont.

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Nathan Lawrence** was named to Albion College's spring 2020 Dean's List. Lawrence majored in business with a concentration in the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and

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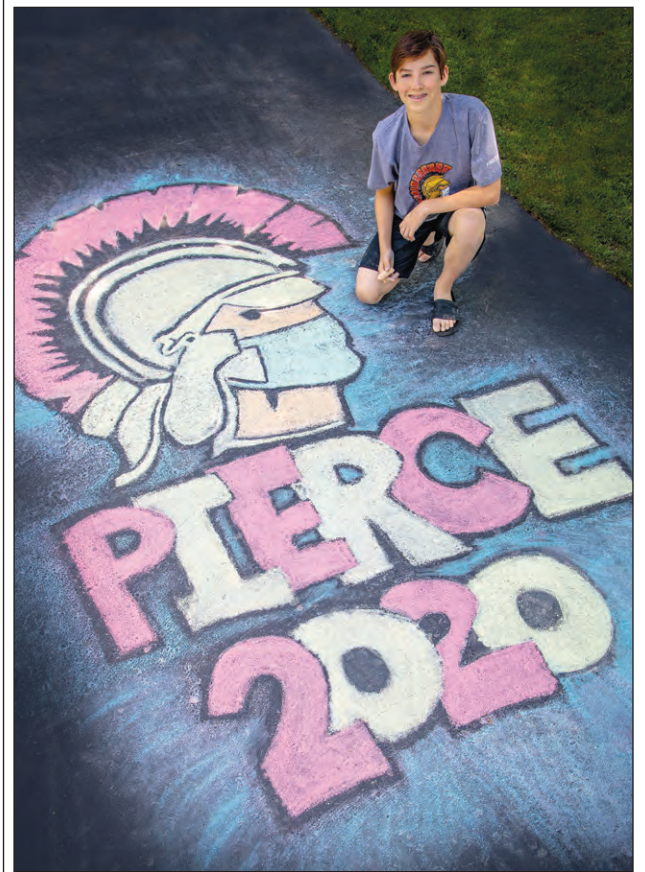


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# Trojan talent

Talent runs in the Johns family of Grosse Pointe Park. Matriarch Barbara Johns drew the Pierce Trojan logo to use on T-shirts for some of the school's eighth-grade students and her son, Maksim, pictured, drew it at the end of their driveway in the 1100 block of Yorkshire.



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# Maire second grader keeps walking streak alive

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Neither snow nor rain nor heat — nor heavy backpack — stayed this second grader from the swift completion of his appointed route to school. By the last day of school Friday, June 12, Max McPartlin, a student at Maire Elementary School, had walked or biked to school every day this year — even after schools throughout the state closed for remote learning due to COVID-19.

Some days were swifter than others, noted his mother, Sarah McPartlin. The walk from their home on Yorkshire in Grosse Pointe Park to Maire, located in the City of Grosse Pointe, took eight minutes “if we’re really moving,” she said. “I think on relaxed days, it would probably take 12.”

Max McPartlin began his walking streak as a first grader and hasn’t strayed from the course.

“When I started to go

to Maire Elementary, the first day I walked to school,” he said. “The whole week I walked to school without thinking about it. So I decided, why not walk to school every day?”

He kept his pledge through first grade and continued through second grade — up until schools closed March 13. “Then the coronavirus happened,” McPartlin said. “I said, ‘How am I going to walk to school every day?’ So my mom suggested, ‘Why don’t you walk around the block?’ So I did every day until the end of school.

“Sometimes I walked around the block or to The Village,” he added. “Or sometimes I walked to Maire.”

Sarah McPartlin calculated he walked 119 times during regular school days and 61 times during remote learning, for a grand total of 180 times.

He has walked through rain, the polar vortex of

2019 “and now throughout the global pandemic,” his mother said. He even carried his booster seat on days field trips were scheduled.

After he completed his walk, McPartlin would settle down at the dining room table for Zoom meetings with his teacher, Sarah Neely, and classmates.

There was a side benefit to the walk, the 8-year-old discovered — it helped him concentrate on his schoolwork.

“Sometimes it helps because I’m feeling super tired and when I go on a walk to school, it kind of just wakes me up and I get to do my schoolwork perfectly fine,” he said.

McPartlin vows to maintain his streak through the rest of his days at Maire.

When asked if he plans to walk the longer distance to Pierce Middle School in a few years, he was less resolute.

“Maybe,” he said.



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Second grader Max McPartlin braved all sorts of weather to keep up his walking (or biking) streak to Maire Elementary School the entirety of first and second grades, including after schools closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Above right, he set out for his final walk the last day of school Friday, June 12.

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the center in its first year would be limited to four classrooms on the ground floor already equipped to house preschoolers. Pre-K licensing for the classroom currently used for pre-K students could be expanded to all four.

Renovations necessary to accommodate infants and toddlers, expand available classrooms to nine and provide year-round programming was set to commence the summer of 2021, with costs covered by the donors.

The goal by the third year was to expand the program to fill all nine classrooms and serve infants, toddlers, 2 1/2- to 4-year-olds and Young 5s.

The next steps were for the district to submit a proposal and budget to the donor and market the Trombly ECC as a pre-K tuition-based option in 2020-21 and for Levasseur to draft an agreement.

At the Jan. 27 meeting, the board approved the 2020-21 budget parameters, which included expanding the ECC program to the south end. To date, the headcount is 42, or 34.6 full-time equivalents. The three-, four- and five-day programs, which require 48 FTEs to break even and reach capacity at 64 FTEs, are projected to run at a deficit of approximately \$60,000.

On April 20, Niehaus contacted Summerfield to determine the status of the agreement. Summerfield

said he called Levasseur and Stines that day. Levasseur responded someone was working on the agreement and he would circle back. Stines called back April 27, Summerfield said, confirming the donor intended to proceed and an agreement was coming. Summerfield confirmed both conversations with Niehaus.

On May 5, Levasseur and Niehaus spoke on the phone. According to Levasseur’s follow-up letter May 8, they “discussed the serious concerns that the donors have with regard to the timing of the start of any construction or other work on the proposed Trombly ECC given the uncertainties caused by COVID-19. In particular, the donors do not want to commit to funding until the impact of COVID-19 on the operation of the Grosse Pointe schools and future operations is known. Although protocols and rules are not yet known regarding the reopening and operations of schools, the donors believe that student spacing requirements are very likely to be a component of future educational activities and that the preclusion of Trombly as a component of those efforts due to construction or activities for a Trombly ECC would be counterproductive at this time.”

Adding to the COVID-19 uncertainty, according to a source close to the negotiations, “The donors are now hesitant to commit due to the turmoil on the board with the resignation

of the president and by what appears to be mismanagement by the administration.”

In a May 12 response to Levasseur’s letter, Niehaus wrote the GPPSS “is surprised and disappointed that the donor has decided not to proceed with the agreement that was tentatively reached in December 2019.

“While I understood the concerns raised about COVID-19 during our meeting (which the district will continue to address as the situation evolves),” he continued, “I did not get the impression that the donor wanted to stop the expansion, particularly when we already had parents of 45 children commit to the program. You state that the donor does not want any funds committed or put to use until there is an agreement on how that will be accomplished. That agreement is exactly what I expected you to provide after our meeting, including any proposed provisions the donor felt necessary to address the COVID-19 situation or any other contingencies.”

“Dennis called me before the May facility meeting and we had a conversation,” Niehaus said. “It was back and forth. ‘What do you think is going to happen with COVID? What do you think is going to happen with fall?’ I thought I had answered all his questions. I had to send him the proposal and budget because he had lost them. I reported that Dennis and I had a conversation and the agreement was forthcoming.”

At the May 7 facilities committee, Niehaus told attendees he was waiting for a letter of intent from the donor, including approval on a budget of nearly \$1.4 million, an increase from the original offer of \$1 million.

“I truly believe there was a miscommunication between Gary and Dennis,” Summerfield said. “I have no doubt Gary went into that facilities committee believing the funding was coming. If there was concern about COVID, Gary probably thought he addressed it.”

“Maybe Gary was confused or I wasn’t clear,” Levasseur said. “I’ll be happy to take the blame for that if I wasn’t clear. As soon as I heard what Gary said at the (facilities committee) meeting... I wasn’t upset. I just wanted to make it clear to him that we’re putting the pause button on that and I wanted to reiterate that to clarify any confusion I might have caused or if he misunderstood me.

“If I get a call or communication from Gary that here’s our plan for Trombly and we’re

reopening the schools or we don’t expect to need the space — that’s going to have to be based on whatever the state mandates — we’ll get back on the job and start considering taking the pause button off,” he added. “We’re not walking away. We’re hitting the brakes a little bit — pumping them — and want to make sure the public at large is well served.”

The board will vote at the June 22 regular meeting whether to offer the program as a one-year pilot without guaranteed donor funding.

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# South student receives national chemistry award

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Brooklyn Northcross didn't know her chemistry teacher, John Theisen, had nominated her for the award until she won.

The Grosse Pointe South High School senior and City of Grosse Pointe resident was among 46 high school students in the country named 2020 Outstanding Young Women in Chemistry by Iota Sigma Pi, the National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry.

It wouldn't have happened without Theisen's help, Northcross said.

"He honestly gave me a passion for chemistry. I didn't really know what I wanted to do in the future, but the way he engaged me in class and made it so fun to learn chemistry made me want to pursue it in the future," she said.

This fall, Northcross is attending Princeton University, where she plans to study biological and chemical engineering.

According to Theisen, Northcross excelled in honors, advanced placement and organic chem-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PORTRAIT PLACE

## Brooklyn Northcross

istry, mastering all three courses in just two years.

"Brooklyn was never satisfied with just doing well; she consistently demonstrated a drive towards personal growth by stretching herself to reach her personal best — and then surpass it," Theisen wrote in a description for Senior Honors Night. "And her dedication to not just her own improvement, but in making South an excellent place to learn for any and all who attend there is likewise noteworthy."

Theisen has nominated a top student for recognition by Iota Sigma Pi

since 2015. Each year his classes are "heavily populated with outstanding young women," he wrote in an email, making the choice especially difficult. He also consults with colleagues in the department to narrow his selection among "several worthy candidates."

"Brooklyn is an outstanding young scholar," Theisen wrote. "I could tell early on in her first year she possessed greatness, but she didn't seem to believe it herself. All I had to do was position her so she could demonstrate to herself that she had real potential, then get out of her way."

Northcross said Theisen's belief in her was "inspiring."

"I'm very hard on myself because I'm a really big perfectionist," she said. "Seeing him so proud of me after every test ... (was) very heartwarming."

"I really appreciate everything he's done for me," she added.

The award includes an official certificate issued by Iota Sigma Pi and recognition in the Iotan, the national publication of the Society.

# ULS senior named 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholar

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

University Liggett School student Maria Fields was among 161 outstanding American high school seniors named a 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholar.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects scholars annually based on outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, technical expertise, leadership, citizenship, service and contribution to school and community, according to a news release.

The 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad.

Created in 1964, the scholars program has honored more than 7,600 of the nation's top-performing students, with the award given to honorees during an annual ceremony in Washington, D.C. The Class of 2020 awardees will be recognized this summer as



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## Maria Fields

public health circumstances permit, according to the release.

Since 1983, each scholar has been offered the opportunity to name their most influential teacher. That teacher is honored with a personal letter from the Secretary of Education.

Fields selected ULS upper school science teacher Liz Dann for this recognition.

Dann said she was Fields' ninth-grade biology teacher and faculty adviser for a genetics club she founded.

"I have the great joy of being the right teacher at

the right time to introduce an idea to a bright young lady who understood it from the get-go," Dann said regarding Fields' research work investigating breast cancer mortality rates in African American women, for which she was named among 40 high school finalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2020 and awarded \$25,000.

"It's very exciting that a young African American woman has distinguished herself in a field that has heretofore been dominated by men and she is bringing race into the conversation," she added.

Dann described Fields as fierce, capable, independent, artistic and qualified.

"She has incredible grace and maturity, that's for sure. When she has setbacks or disappointments, she does not linger. She learns all that she can and she moves on. It's incredibly inspiring to see that kind of wisdom from someone that young."

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made an unannounced visit to the pre-K class "just as we were getting prepped," Kemp said. "We almost got busted!"

With help from Krotche and second-grade teacher Steve Buckman, Kemp was able to collect squares from all the classes but one by Thursday, March 12, the last day of school before the shutdown.

Fortunately, Kemp reached out to several parents in that classroom and was able to obtain signatures from the entire class, even during the quarantine.

She contacted alumni by posting on Facebook community pages and her own personal page. Friends helped in the



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effort, with Beth Newhart and Bev Bennert setting up a table at Pierce Middle School, Kemp said, so former Trombly students could sign squares there, yielding more than 100 alumni squares.

The alumni squares make up the gray background of the quilt. The heart is comprised of 267 red squares — each one a current Trombly student or staff signature. There are also 15 handprints from pre-K students.

"I was the architect and builder, but it really is a group project in every sense," Kemp said. "Much like the school, it would not be the same without each unique piece of the whole."

Kemp said while the project "was the worst-kept secret in town," with teachers, parents and students in the know, for Fitzpatrick, "It was a total surprise," he said. "I had no clue anything was going on."

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Management. He is the son of Cameron and Karen Lawrence and a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Michael Calcaterra graduated summa cum laude and William Poplawski graduated magna cum laude from College of the Holy Cross in May. Both are residents of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Kynadi Echols, Rachel Sexton and Samuel Salisbury, all of Grosse Pointe Woods, were named to Belmont University's spring 2020 Dean's List.

The following students were named to the Honor Roll at Central Michigan University: Ayana Crayton and Ryan Revely of the City of Grosse Pointe; Jessica Boehmer, Kira Loren and Olivia Sheffer of

Grosse Pointe Farms; Sarah Buttiglieri, Holly Daywalt, Meghan Groustra and Sydney Semack of Grosse Pointe Park; Lily Adzgian, Christian Calloway, Stephen Carlson, Eva Ciaramitaro, Madison Delas, Ethan Jerry, Jill Mieczkowski and Josephine Riley of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Imani Brown, Dajai Chatman, Carly Lemanski, Olivia Martin and Abigail Paton of Harper Woods.

Allan Stevenson of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from Heidelberg University in May.

Andra Woods of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from Bowdoin College in May with a major in Africana studies and a minor in cinema studies.

Mary Monahan received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Spring Arbor University in spring.

Meghan Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Farms was awarded a Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences degree from the University of Alabama in spring.

Elijah Rollerson, a senior at Bethel University, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. He is the son of Terrance and Michelle Rollerson of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Brenna Finley of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to William & Mary's Dean's list for the spring 2020 semester.

The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's spring 2020 Dean's List: Chase Clark and Adam Ebenhoeh of the City of Grosse Pointe; Claire Koeppe and Madeline Schebil of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Camryn Simon and Ava Wisniewski of Grosse Pointe Woods.

John Schulte of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester at Baldwin Wallace University. He is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

The following students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2020 semester at Lawrence Technological University: Ardian Kelmendi and Carina Taylor of the City of Grosse Pointe; Meredith Bruni of Grosse Pointe Farms; Sean Fannon of Grosse Pointe Park; and Jackson Walkowiak and Brittany Rizzo of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sydney Eger of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to Marquette University's spring 2020 Dean's List. Eger is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in biomechanics.

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# St. Clare tackles technology, distance learning

St. Clare of Montefalco School Principal Ann Crowley is pleased with what the school accomplished this school year, in spite of ending the year with distance learning.

"This beautiful spiritual school community truly embraced its presence between Mack and Charlevoix these past 10 months," Crowley said. "Our school year began with bringing technology upgrades, allowing for all classrooms to have iPad or Chromebook centers for daily student use. A complete overhaul of our technology lab was also completed thanks to donations by generous parishioners and our PTO. This renovation brought design updates and brand-new student computers."

Due to the technology upgrades, distance learning was "a huge success," Crowley reported, with synchronous and asynchronous instruction occurring five days a week. Attendance in virtual classrooms hovered between 85 and 100 percent daily, with families and children having "the security that the school was still a huge part of their lives."

As an added bonus, the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk



Students at St. Clare of Montefalco.

provided a live Facebook children's Mass that families attended each Wednesday.

St. Clare of Montefalco School is now in the process of becoming a one-to-one laptop school for the upcoming school year, Crowley noted, providing all students with their own devices should future distance learning be required or building closures occur.

Examples Crowley cited nurturing students' academic and emotional growth prior to distance learning included weekly

classroom visits with the school's youngest learners from young men from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, field trips, sixth-grade camp, an abundance of sports for second through eighth graders and programs like forensics, robotics, National Junior Honor Society, student council, Spanish club, altar servers, flag raisers, Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee and big buddies.

Also of note were inter-

national meet-ups with other schools via Skype and even international speakers Zooming with students during distance learning.

"St. Clare of Montefalco School is pleased to announce our school program is going strong," Crowley said, with some classrooms forming waiting lists for the fall.

Among other "inspiring news," she added, are plans to expand back into the Sweeney Center school building.

The fall program will run five days a week with small class sizes to accommodate social distancing.

"St. Clare of Montefalco School has the ability to reach the needs of our families seeking a rich, five-day-a-week educational and spiritual program," Crowley said.

She invited interested families to attend a virtual open house at [visitstclareschool.org](http://visitstclareschool.org) from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

Visitors will be able to "Zoom live" with current staff and explore classrooms by opening links as part of a live website.

— Mary Anne Brush

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A first grader enjoys learning in the iPad center.

## BUDGET:

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harmless millage of 5.3087 mills," Matheson said. As operating millage collections increase due to rising taxable values, the amount of money the district receives from the state decreases.

Enrollment is based on a blended full-time equivalent count, with 90 percent from the fall count and 10 percent from the prior year spring count.

Changes in state sources include a budgeted decrease in enrollment of 200 FTEs based on a projection prepared by Plante Moran Cresa.

Also budgeted is a state foundation allowance reduction of \$600 per pupil due to a projected shortfall of \$1.1 million for the current fiscal year and another \$962,000 for the next fiscal year due to the economic downturn attributed to COVID-19.

"As you've all been hearing through various agencies and associations, it's looking like anywhere

from \$600 to \$1,000 per pupil," Matheson said. "There are many of our peers in our region that are budgeting a \$650 to \$700 per pupil reduction. We've made the decision to land at \$600 for right now and then we will utilize our first amendment at that time to make an update based on what the state actually approves and provides to us as a budget."

Another change to the budget is the creation of a special revenue fund for the five special education categorical programs funded by the county-wide Act 18 special education millage. Matheson said \$10.8 million in revenue and corresponding expenditures has been moved from interdistrict sources in the general fund into a separate special revenue fund according to generally accepted accounting practice for a center-based program.

The remaining \$2.7 million of interdistrict funding is the enhancement millage from Wayne RESA.

## Expenditures

Total expenditures for 2020-21 are budgeted at \$94,035,880 under the assumption school will resume in the fall and expenditures will go back to normal operating levels.

"We have increased our expenditures by \$1.1 million, which is the reduction that we made to the 2019-20 budget as part of the most recent amendment," Matheson said.

Other additions include

the wage increases for the four contracts approved by the board May 18, an increase in the retirement rate from 27.5 percent to 28.21 percent and an increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability rate from 12.41 percent to 14.51 percent, for a total of \$1.2 million.

The closure of Poupard and Trombly elementary schools is expected to yield savings of

\$1,276,424 from utilities and reduced staffing, including school administration, custodial and media personnel.

Declining enrollment results in a savings of \$862,000 due to reduced professional staff — accomplished through attrition, Matheson noted — with approximately 26 retirements yielding a savings of approximately \$920,000.

Due to the reconfigura-

tion, the district added an assistant principal and media specialist at Parcels Middle School for a combined total cost of \$240,000.

Overall, the proposed general fund budget results in an operating loss for next year of \$4,158,492, bringing the projected fund balance as of June 30, 2021, to \$10,868,299, or 11.56 percent of budgeted expenditures.

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# Unemployment-related crimes see spike

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Unemployment insurance for nearly 350,000 Michigan residents recently was frozen as state officials attempted to investigate the onslaught of fraudulent claims.

Unemployment-related crimes have seen a significant increase in the Grosse Pointes as well, with five reported in one week in the City of Grosse Pointe alone. During the past month, the City has seen approx-

imately 15 cases of unemployment claims filed under residents' names.

Similar unemployment crimes, such as one in the Shores June 1, include an email scam that appeared to be sent from Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency and asked for the last four digits of a resident's Social Security number.

The spike likely can be attributed to the fact that so many people have gone on unemployment during the stay-at-home order, according to Sgt. Joe Adams with the City

public safety department, with the perpetrators simply picking random victims here and there.

"All they need to do is get one person and they just made \$600 for the day," he said. "... Unfortunately, these criminals, that's their thought process. They get one person, that's a payday for them."

In such cases, Adams reported it's fairly uncommon to ever find the perpetrators, since they consistently use different IP addresses and complex internet appli-

cations.

"One of the victims today asked me, 'How do you think they got it?' and I said, 'You know, it's the world we live in today. It's the chances we take with the conveniences that we have,'" Adams explained. "Everybody does everything online (like) paying their bills. Well, when you do that stuff, you're more at risk of being compromised, so I always tell people you have to do your due diligence to protect yourself, because you could be

compromised at any time and you don't even know it."

The public safety department has created an identity theft sheet for victims that includes issues to watch for going forward and companies to contact to track the extent of the fraud.

"That seems to help out a lot of people, because they're kind of like, 'OK, what do I do next?'" Adams said. "... Since those have gone out, the residents seem a little bit more knowledgeable about what's going on."

A similar occurrence took place in 2018, Adams said, when 75 cases were reported within a two-month period, with two or three cases reported each day.

"Residents have to do their due diligence in making sure that they're watching (their accounts), because nobody else is watching it and that's what they're hoping to catch you on," he said. "And that's not just for unemployment. That's for credit cards. That's for bank accounts. That's for everything."

## City's contract with GFL extended another term

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As part of a coalition with Grosse Pointe Farms, Park and Shores and Harper Woods, the City's recycling contract with GFL Environmental was set to expire at the end of June, leading to unanimous approval of a 15-month extension by council Monday, June 15.

The extension begins July 1, but until Oct. 1, will remain at \$3.99 per unit per month. A rate increase of 2 percent, or 26 cents, will be effective Oct. 1, through Sept. 30, 2021.

"I think some of us were concerned there was going to be a much larger than 2 percent increase," Councilman John Stempfle said. "Two percent is very reasonable."

Along with the other coalition communities, the City intends to competitively bid out the recycling program by the end of this extension.

"Due to the pandemic, the recycling market still remains in flux and we don't think this would be a good time to bid out the recycling," City Manager Peter Dame said.

The coalition had originally planned to bid out the recycling program this past year after entering into a short-term agreement with GFL in 2019, due to the uncertainties of the recycling market.

"One of the problems a year ago was that everyone in this area was subject to one other provider taking over the MRF, which is the center where all the recycling materials go to, and I do understand that GFL has started their own MRF, so they can control their costs better," Dame said, "so that may be one of the factors of why they were able to extend this at very little increase for 15 months and if that's true, they'll probably have a pretty good chance of being competitive when we put this out to bid."

Dame also addressed concerns that GFL could simply be taking recycling to the same place as garbage.

"In our case, we know that they're doing recycling because we do the garbage," he said. "I have heard that complaint in communities that GFL does both."

— Laurel Kraus



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## Talented teachers

Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers Pat Brown and Matt Eszes became friends years ago, when they both worked at Kerby Elementary School. The musicians jammed together on their lunch breaks and at the occasional assembly for 10 years; however, four years ago, when Eszes transferred to Trombly Elementary School, the duo decided to form a band. Uncle Brown and ME have been playing guitar and singing around Grosse Pointe ever since. Friday, June 12, the pair celebrated the last day of school — as is their tradition — by playing a gig on the outdoor patio at Atwater in the Park. It was their first gig since COVID-19 restrictions were implemented. A handful of GPPSS teachers were on hand to celebrate the close of the school year.

## City condemns racial injustice

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The City became the first Grosse Pointe community to officially pass a resolution condemning racism and racial injustice, as well as supporting diversity and inclusion during the virtual council meeting Monday, June 15.

"We commit the City of Grosse Pointe to equity, diversity and inclusion, because these values are proper and just, and they result in a stronger community," it reads. "We

believe that engagement, interaction and fair treatment of all people fosters unity, increases understanding and promotes respect for differences. We believe in a community where everyone belongs and everyone matters."

The resolution passed unanimously and follows multiple peaceful protests throughout the Grosse Pointes, acknowledging the grief and outrage expressed over the wrongful deaths of George Floyd and other African Americans. "We pledge to be open

to all voices in the community, to hear and understand concerns about racial injustice, systemic racism and the excessive use of force by police in society," the resolution reads. "We commit to taking action, in collaboration with the community, to examine and address concerns that are raised. We will make every possible effort to combat inequalities and increase trust by and among all members of the community, its government officials, staff and public safety officers."

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# Retiree healthcare plan altered in Shores

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Shores city council voted to change the current and future retiree healthcare plan and premium cost sharing to mirror the active employees' plan, effective July 1, during the meeting Tuesday, May 19. The change was deemed necessary based on the city's \$1.8 million in assets set aside to cover healthcare liabilities, which leave an underfunding for healthcare legacy liabilities of \$9.2 million.

"The funding status for the city as on the most recent actuarial report shows an \$11 million accrued liability," explained Mark Manquen, a partner with Manquen Vance, the city's health insurance plan provider. "That represents essentially the long-term estimated cost of covering those who are eligible for retiree healthcare."

The city currently has 35 retirees and the total annual savings projected from the change is approximately \$139,000, or 34 percent of the current cost.

"This is a very difficult vote, because it is a change," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. "By doing this, I think we're extending this benefit for

a much longer time frame so that it continues."

The motion passed 6-1, opposed by Councilman Doug Kucyk, who was against putting the added burden on 35 people instead of sharing it across the whole community.

The plan for active employees, which seven retirees already were on, is a \$2,000 deductible for single-person coverage and a \$4,000 deductible for two-person and family contracts, paired with a \$1,600/\$3,200 contribution from the city into a health savings account.

"Retirees would be afforded that same benefit of receiving the HSA contributions of \$1,600 and \$3,200 a year," Manquen said before the vote. "The difference would be though that in addition to the plan change, there would be imposed a 20 percent premium cost share for retirees as do active employees have today, which means that the premium rates that are associated with this plan, the high-deductible plan with the HSA contribution, today every active employee must contribute 20 percent of that ensuring that the illustrative rates on those plans, they must pay that in to the city."

A hardship plan with an income-based qualification also is built into

the change.

"Based on this plan, not every retiree is in a comparable position," Manquen reported. "In other words, the affordability of paying for this change lessens as we move further out into the retirement age of the members that are covered on this plan, so in recognition of that, the council had asked us to develop a hardship proposal."

The nine retirees who currently qualify by having pension incomes of less than \$31,225 a year, based on the 2020 federal poverty level, will be exempt from their 20 percent premium cost share.

Manquen reported mirroring retiree healthcare with that of active employees is in line with what many cities currently are considering.

"If active plans change, so do retiree plans," he said. "So it's a mechanism to moderate the cost of not only active employee plans but at the same time can be an automatic level to change your retiree healthcare plans based on this motion."

"By matching the plan design," he continued, "what we're doing is creating a mechanism not only to provide savings today, but also have a mechanism to save in the future."



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## Loving the lake

On Saturday, May 16, a few boats and jet skis gathered on Lake St. Clair next to Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park and took advantage of a warm, rain-free spring day.

# Woods announces relocation of polling sites for primary election

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Voters planning to cast ballots in the Tuesday, Aug. 4, primary election can expect a change of scenery. The Election Commission's June 3 emergency recommendation to relocate three precincts, due to construction at school sites, was unanimously approved by city council June 8.

"We looked at the possibility of relocating the precincts within the schools by relocating them from the gym to an alternate room," City Clerk Lisa Hathaway said. "However, accessibility, space and safety of the voters were a concern, and available space in the schools was being used for storage during the construction."

Precinct No. 3 at Parcels Middle School will be temporarily relo-

cated to the Precinct No. 4 location at the Woods Community Center, Precinct No. 5 will be temporarily relocated to the Precinct No. 6 location at Barnes and Precinct No. 1 at Ferry Elementary School will be temporarily relocated to the Precinct No. 2 location at Mason Elementary School.

"For a number of years, one of our precincts was located in a church and since then I also requested use of another church," Hathaway said. "Although I was grateful for those opportunities, unfortunately they did not pan out, for various reasons. The Grosse Pointe Woods library would have allowed us use of space in which to conduct elections; however, due to COVID-19, it could not be approved for use in time for the August election."

Contingency plans are already being dis-

cussed in the event of future challenges at traditional neighborhood polling sites, Hathaway said.

"In the future, the city's Election Commission may be looking at requesting the use of other Grosse Pointe Woods churches in which to house polling locations, should the Grosse Pointe Public Schools gym locations become unavailable," she added. "Spaces are limited in the city that are able to accommodate and fulfill the requirements of administering an election."

"Election law imposes polling location requirements and the maximum number of registered voters permitted per precinct. With the increase in absentee voting statewide, voting requirements continue to be monitored by local, county and state election officials."

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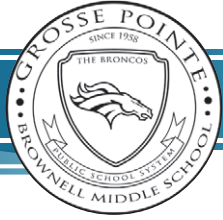
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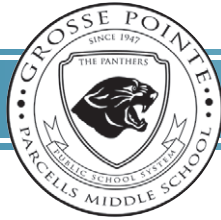


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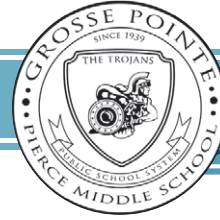
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## Taking the show on the road

### Popular car show reinvents itself amid restrictions

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

For more than 30 years, families have gathered on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House to celebrate Father's Day amid hundreds of distinctly designed automobiles.

With distancing restrictions still in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's EyesOn Design, which serves as a fundraiser for the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, will take on a distinctly different look.

"EyesOn Design Sunday Drive: A Father's Day Pop-Up Event" will feature a range of vehicles; however, instead of being artfully arranged at Ford House, the cars — as the name suggests — will be taking a leisurely drive on Lakeshore.

After an initial announcement, nearly 170 cars registered for the event. Just five days later, more than 400 participants were planning to take part. As registration is not required, even more cars are anticipated to participate in the drive, which takes place 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 21,



A 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special.

along Lakeshore between The War Memorial and Ford House. There's no official starting or ending point, noted Kathy Lightbody, EyesOn Design chairwoman.

"It's a casual drive along Lakeshore on Father's Day, within regular traffic," she said. "This is an attempt to keep some semblance of the event, to give people a Father's Day tradition that's become significant. Here's an opportunity to safely give yourself and your family some enjoyment within the confines

of our current predicament. ... It's about remembering the joy of the drive."

Of the more than 400 registered participants, 200 were selected — some by panelists, others via random draw — to be considered for judging on Ford House grounds. Notifications were sent Sunday, June 14.

Approved vehicles will pull into Ford House and drive to the Winner's Circle to have their photos taken in front of the estate, Lightbody said.

This year's judges, led

by head judge Glen Durmisevich, include Ralph Gilles, head of design at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles; Michael Simcoe, head of design at General Motors; Joel Piaskowski, design director at Ford Motor Co., and Larry Erickson, global director of industrial design at Magna Exteriors.

As with every EyesOn Design show, judging is focused on design, Lightbody said, "but this year we're adding, 'the car I most want to cruise in,' and they're doing it



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATHY LIGHTBODY

A lineup of cars during a past media preview for EyesOn Design.

from a unique design perspective.

"They'll be judging 200 cars on Ford House grounds and naming the Sweet 16," she added. "That bracket will continue on EyesOn Design social media sites and the community will narrow it down to the top eight, then the top four and so on."

The top eight selections will receive prizes and the No. 1 winner will be invited to EyesOn Design 2021.

Community members may vote for their favorites on the EyesOn Design Facebook page; information also will be posted on its Twitter and Instagram pages.

While spectators and cars that do not have prior approval will not be allowed onto Ford House

grounds, the community is invited to find a spot along Lakeshore to take in the drive, or even drive along with it, Lightbody said. Parking will be permitted at The War Memorial; other parking options were still being discussed at press time.

"We've reached capacity at Ford House," she added. "The rest will be Sunday drivers along Lakeshore. ... I've never seen something like this. It's not a cruise; it's not a parade. It's the EyesOn Design Sunday Drive, a pop-up event."

"For spectators, this is a cool opportunity to see everything from a Ferrari Testarossa to a Model A." Other registered vehicles include a 1966 Jeep, 1957 Chevy, 1960 Alpha

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## Sunrise Rotary fulfills wish for peace garden

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Among the final wishes of late Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Anthony Kalogeridis was to implement a peace garden at the Nonprofit Center at Pare.

The home of Kids on the Go and several other nonprofits like Gilda's Club Lake House and Big Family of Michigan, Pare regularly welcomes clients' families. It was Kalogeridis's hope to give them a place of peaceful reflection and solace.

"Anthony, their president, reached out to me and told me he wanted to do a project through the Rotary Foundation," said Kristy Schena, founder and director of Kids on the Go.

And though Rotary approved funding for the project, Kalogeridis was unable to see it come to fruition; he passed away in June 2018.

"It never happened under his term, but his last conversation with us and Kristy was to have a



Rotarian Paul Lechner mows the area.



Christian Bueti and Dr. James Cooper give the project a thumbs up.

peace garden," Rotarian Dennis Hyduk said. "It was his vision to have a peace garden so when parents dropped their kids off, they'd have someplace peaceful to

sit." Knowing how dear the peace garden project was to Kalogeridis's heart, those behind it were determined to see it through. Schena said she



Volunteers work on beautifying the peace garden.



The group adds finishing touches.

approached Hyduk to revisit the idea — and dedicate it to Kalogeridis's memory.

Last fall, five trees and a perennial garden were planted. On May 30, four

Sunrise Rotarians and five students gathered at Pare to bring the garden to life — pulling weeds, installing rubber edging, putting down a yard of mulch and a yard of pea

gravel and planting flowers. Additionally, two benches donated by the Rotary Club were installed.

Project chairman Paul Lechner, Dr. James Cooper, Bob Duker and Hyduk led a team of teens — De La Salle Collegiate High School students Anthony Schena, Luke Schena, Avery Spindler and Christian Bueti, as well as Grosse Pointe North High School student Anneliese Lechner — through the effort.

Also installed was a boulder donated by Allemon's Landscape Center; it will bear a plaque engraved with the names of four late Rotarians — Harvey Hohlfeldt, William Lacey, Dr. William Fulgenzi and Kalogeridis. Four trees planted at the site also are dedicated in their memory, Hyduk said.

A fifth tree was donated by Sparkman Landscaping.

"Student volunteers and Rotarians worked together," Schena said,

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# 2020 scholarship auditions slated

On Sunday, July 12, Grosse Pointe Theatre will host its 2020 scholarship auditions at 315 Fisher Road. Because of pandemic restrictions, this year, applicants will be limited to Class of 2020 high school seniors.

Grosse Pointe Theatre created a scholarship program in 1972, designed to help high school seniors planning to attend an accredited college or university, as well as high school underclass students enrolled in a recognized summer theater or performance camp. This year marks GPT's 47th year of granting scholarships to students in the community.

Applications, rules and regulations are available at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) for any interested senior high school student meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- ◆ Graduated from a Grosse Pointe high school
- ◆ Grosse Pointe resident
- ◆ A child or grandchild of a Grosse Pointe Theatre member or season ticket holder
- ◆ Has performed in or worked backstage for a GPT show
- ◆ Has participated in GPT's Youth on Stage program

Scholarships are awarded for theatrical performance, technical theater work or a combination of both.

Students will audition with a memorized dramatic monologue less than 3 minutes long and a memorized comedic monologue less than 3 minutes long. An optional song or dance also may be done.

Technical theater applicants should prepare a portfolio of their work and submit it prior to auditions. It is recommended that technical applicants also prepare a monologue.

For the safety of everyone, auditions will include private scheduling of each applicant, a deep-cleaned audition space, social distancing and safety masks worn by GPT personnel and applicants.

Applications are due Monday, July 6, and may be sent to [kathy.fisk@comcast.net](mailto:kathy.fisk@comcast.net) or put in the mail slot at Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher Road, City of Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Linda Zublick at (313) 320-4325 or Scholarship Chairwoman Kathy Fisk at (313) 510-4434.

# City native takes to the skies

## Pointer graduates from U.S. Naval Academy

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's a legacy to the house in which Aubrey Leggat grew up. And according to that legacy, it's no surprise the Grosse Pointe South High School graduate recently earned a degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"This is truly extraordinary," Leggat said. "It is my understanding that since the house at 490 Lincoln was built in 1928, four of the five families that lived there had children that attended the Naval Academy. I was a youngster — a sophomore — when the two previous owners of my house had midshipmen



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**Aubrey Leggat shows off her U.S. Naval Academy class ring upon graduation.**

who were firsties — family living there with a daughter who is interested in attending the Naval Academy," she added. "She is currently

as sophomore at South. If she ends up going, that would mean five families that lived in that same house had a child that went to the Naval Academy."

With an acceptance rate of around 7 percent, "the odds of so many who lived in one house attending are phenomenal," Leggat said. "Maybe there is something in the water;" the young man who attended before me said when he heard I was accepted."

Leggat recently closed out her time at the academy by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering. And like many graduates at all levels,

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**Volunteers, from left, are Dr. James Cooper, Avery Spindler, Paul Lechner, Christian Bueti, Bob Duker, Dennis Hyduk and Anthony Schena. Not pictured are student volunteers Luke Schena and Anneliese Lechner.**

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noting Kids on the Go also plans to work with Allemon's to establish raised flower beds in the garden.

"Next year, we'd like to add a peace pole and some more flowers," Hyduk said, adding the club hopes to host a dedication ceremony near the end of the month.

For now, because of restrictions associated with COVID-19, Kids on the Go will hold its music and summer fitness classes outdoors, so par-



**From left, Rotarians Paul Lechner, Dr. James Cooper, Bob Duker and Dennis Hyduk.**

ents can sit and watch their children perform. However, the garden isn't limited to use by Kids on the Go.

"There are many nonprofits here," Schena said. "Everyone's thrilled to have a peaceful, tranquil space. Gilda's Club can use it for support groups. ... Even when things are back to nor-

mal, it will be a space to sit outside."

Schena said a picnic table will be added to the area, near where Kids on the Go also is in the process of restoring its basketball courts, and the next phase will involve memorial pavers.

"We are grateful to the community for their support and to our



**Avery Spindler, a student at De La Salle Collegiate High School, gets his hands dirty volunteering at the peace garden.**

Rotarians," Schena said, "especially during these difficult times."



**Luke Schena lends a hand.**

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# World record attempt underway

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Window shoppers in The Village have a chance this summer to witness history.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michelle Boggess-Nunley has officially started her Guinness World Record attempt to make the world's largest hand-drawn maze. For the remainder of June and through the month of July, she can be found at Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Making the attempt a live performance is part of the Guinness guidelines Boggess-Nunley must follow. Additionally, the process must be recorded and must involve two independent witnesses at all times.

The space at Posterity



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**Michelle Boggess-Nunley hard at work at Posterity Gallery.**

allows people to walk by and watch the attempt unfold. Boggess-Nunley will be in the storefront window 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays until she completes the maze.

"People will be able to walk by and witness the whole thing, as well as 'sponsor' square footage of the maze if they wish,"

she told the Grosse Pointe News in April, noting she'd be happy to incorporate sponsors' names into the maze.

Proceeds from sponsorships will be donated to Living Arts of Detroit.

"As a teaching artist and owner of a traveling studio, I foresee the effects of this pandemic hitting youth art pro-

grams and teachers very hard, with funding spread so thin for other things," she said. "My mission is to try to help through whatever means I can."

A lifelong artist, Boggess-Nunley will create her maze using a 2,000-square-foot roll of paper. The maze paths cannot exceed one centimeter in width and the maze must be solvable. She anticipates putting 200 hours into the project.

Posterity owner Sherry McInerny said Boggess-Nunley has settled in nicely to her new surroundings, where she'll be for the next eight to 10 weeks.

"She can only work four hours a day," McInerny said. "So it's going to take a little while, but she's gaining speed."

"I think it's a good



**Boggess-Nunley is attempting a world record using a 2,000-square-foot roll of paper.**

thing to bring awareness to The Village and bring more art to the community," she added. "This is a great platform for her to meet new people and for people to find out what's going on in The Village. I'm hoping to spread the word about art."

A fan of Boggess-Nunley's work, McInerny said it was easy to say yes when the artist asked to make her attempt at Posterity. The gallery owner encouraged anyone who wants to stop in

and check it out to do so.

"We're open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and she's working from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.," McInerny said, noting the gallery is closed Sunday and Monday. "Anybody who wants to come by and help support is welcome."

"You can see her right in the front window," she added. "You don't have to come in, but a lot of people do."

For more information or to sponsor a square foot of the maze, visit [boggessart.com](http://boggessart.com).

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commencements looked a bit different this year.

Commissioning Week at the U.S. Naval Academy usually includes garden parties, balls, shows by the Blue Angels flight demonstration team and a commissioning ceremony at its football field.

"This year's graduation wasn't typical for the Naval Academy," said Leggat, whose family still lives in the City of Grosse Pointe. "This year was different, with everyone scattered across the country, since we could not return to the academy after spring break due to the COVID pandemic. Additionally, restrictions placed on military travel made a week similar to previous years impossible."

Instead, she said, seniors were brought back to school in five waves. Each wave was allotted two days, one to collect their belongings and move out of their rooms at Bancroft Hall — the largest dormitory in the U.S. where approximately 4,000 midshipmen reside together — and the second day for a small, socially distanced commissioning event.

"After each commissioning day, the waves were sent home and the next would come in," Leggat said.



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**U.S. Naval Academy graduate Aubrey Leggat with her parents, Marleen and Douglas Leggat.**

On May 22, Leggat and her loved ones were able to watch her virtual graduation from the academy, which was comprised of "clips sent in by reporters, celebrities, athletes and the video coverage from each commissioning event," she said. "I was fortunate enough to be able to watch it with my family and friends. Although it wasn't what I expected, the virtual graduation was really well done. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to attend the academy, making amazing memories along the way."

"Now that I've graduated, I feel excited for the future," Leggat said, adding she currently is temporarily assigned to work with the Aerospace Engineering Department at the academy until she leaves for flight school in September. "Once I get down to Pensacola for flight school, I will begin

my flight training."

Flying planes — or even joining the academy to begin with — weren't "even on my radar," Leggat said, "until the middle of my junior year in high school."

"During this time, I received information about the academy's summer seminar in the mail," she continued. "My mom handed me the postcard with a picture of a young woman low crawling in the mud under barbed wire and said, 'Doesn't this look fun?' The very next day a Naval Academy representative was presenting information and, unbelievably, the following day I received an email from the academy soccer coach about a spring camp."

Leggat decided she better look into the school. She applied for the one-week summer seminar program and afterward, her mind was

made up.

"I officially applied to the Naval Academy during the summer going into my senior year of high school," she said. "I didn't apply anywhere else, because I knew the Naval Academy was where I wanted to be. I was accepted after the first admissions board in September of my senior year at Grosse Pointe South."

Leggat isn't the first in her family to pursue a career in the military. Her older brother, Doug, is an Apache pilot in the Army. She admitted she was always interested, but hadn't seen joining the military as a possibility.

"The U.S. Naval Academy presented an opportunity where I could become a pilot, serve my country and get a great degree at the same time," Leggat said. "Now that I've gone through the academy, I can really say that it was the best place for me. I earned my degree, developed leadership skills, and had amazing adventures. I was selected to serve as a Navy pilot and now I will be heading down to Pensacola for flight school. There is no way my life could have turned out better."

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Pictured from left are Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety officers Rob Ruggero, Jason Lockwood, Paul Pionk and Mike Miller, with Dr. Clark Okulski.

# Food delivery hits the spot

Dr. Clark Okulski has long respected the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department. He recognizes that not only have first responders remained on the frontline throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but also that police departments everywhere are under scrutiny since the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minnesota by a uniformed policeman.

Negativity toward officers in the national media was the last straw for Okulski, who has lived in the Park more than 30

years. "They're the ones who watch our backs when bad things happen," he said, noting that the coronavirus and protest marches have added stress to a lot of people's lives, including public safety. "Cops are under a lot of stress; I wanted to boost morale."

Tuesday, June 9, Okulski personally delivered 45 meals to members of the Park's public safety department. The food was prepared and individually packaged by Red Crown. Each

meal included half a chicken, macaroni and cheese and cheddar buttermilk biscuits, all funded by Okulski.

"They were expecting us," he said. "It was a bright sunny day. It was just something to give back to the community."

"I've lived here over 30 years," he added. "I've never experienced a situation like this before; I wanted to cheer them up. ... It was personally very rewarding."

— Jody McVeigh



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## Nearly finished

In just a few short weeks, the long-anticipated re-imagining of the Rotary Tot Lot should be complete. While there have been some delays — largely due to mandated construction shutdowns — Rotary Club members, with approval from the City of Grosse Pointe, still plan to host a grand-opening celebration later this summer. A private ribbon-cutting ceremony for donors begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, followed by a public grand opening at noon. Additionally, project chairman Michael Carmody said, "the community can look forward to another exciting announcement regarding Phase Two of the Rotary Tot Lot, coming soon."

## Celebrating 102

Jean Gilbert's daughter, Charlene Gilbert, wanted to do something special for her mom's 102nd birthday June 1, so she called neighbors, friends and family to invite them to participate in a birthday parade.

The City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department provided a fire truck and police car to lead the parade and a police car to end the line of cars.

The parade was a surprise to the birthday girl, who thought there may have been a fire when she heard sirens. That's when her daughter told her the parade was in her honor.

As her neighbors and her family arrived, Jean Gilbert began to cry tears of joy. She said a few times, "Oh, I can't believe it, I just can't believe it. This is wonderful."



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World War II veteran Jean Gilbert displays her dog tags while sitting on her walker decorated with American flags.



Gilbert and her daughter, Charlene Gilbert, wave as passing drivers call out birthday greetings.



Jean Gilbert's great-grandnieces, Gemma and Emi LaRosa Smith, sing "Happy Birthday" to her.

Jane Schmidt gives Gilbert flowers for her birthday.



Gilbert gets a birthday wish from Vietnam veteran George Gourlay.

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# ERs remain open to care for everyone, with strong safety precautions

Medical emergencies happen every day — even now. For people experiencing symptoms of a heart attack, stroke, mental health crisis or other acute illness or injury, a hospital emergency room is still the safest, most appropriate place to get care. Delaying critical care can make conditions worse or recovery more difficult.

Unfortunately, slowing the spread of COVID-19 has also delayed some people from seeking the emergency care they need for themselves or for a loved one. Some may be unsure whether the time is right to go to an ER or concerned about safety for themselves and for their caregivers.

“We know many people have put their lives on hold to slow the spread of COVID-19. But, an emergency is still an emergency,” said Ken Berkovitz, M.D., Ministry Market Executive, Ascension Michigan. “We want our patients to know they are safe getting care at Ascension Michigan hospitals.”

## Heightened precautions for patient and caregiver safety

Balancing care with caution, Ascension Michigan emergency rooms have adapted to this evolving situation to provide the right care as safely as possible. So, strict safety precautions have been put in place to help protect both patients and caregivers.

### Precautions include:

- ◆ Screening doctors, nurses and care teams before they enter a facility
- ◆ Cleaning and sanitizing all areas extensively and more often
- ◆ Designating separate emergency triage and care areas for patients with symptoms of COVID-19
- ◆ Maintaining proper social distancing in waiting rooms
- ◆ Continuing to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

### Committed to meeting care challenges with open doors

This pandemic may be unprecedented, but Ascension Michigan has been meeting challenges for more than 100 years to care for its communities.

“We’ve been here throughout this crisis. Our emergency rooms remain open and we’re here for you when you need us,” Berkovitz said.

And as we all embrace a new way of living, Ascension Michigan care teams are fully prepared, providing compassionate care in a new way for every patient we serve. Ascension Michigan ERs are open 24/7.

## The importance of immediate emergency care

Getting immediate care for a serious condition like a heart attack, stroke, severe mental health condition or difficulty breathing is important for a person’s long-term health and is often lifesaving. For example, delaying care for a stroke, even by a few minutes, can be the difference between recovery and permanent disability.

**Find the nearest Ascension Michigan ER at [GetAscensionMichiganCare.com](http://GetAscensionMichiganCare.com)**

*Disclaimer: If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, go directly to the ER or call 911.*

## Red Cross testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies

Beginning June 15 and for a limited time, the American Red Cross is testing all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies, providing donors insight into whether they have been exposed to this coronavirus. At the same time, there continues to be an urgent need for blood donations as hospitals resume surgeries and treatments that require blood products.

Antibody testing will indicate if the donor’s immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Donations will be tested using samples pulled at the time of donation and sent to a testing laboratory where they also will undergo routine infectious disease testing. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within seven to 10 days in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The test has been authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

“As an organization dedicated to helping others, the Red Cross is pleased to provide more information about COVID-19 to our valued donors,” said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of

direct patient care with the Red Cross Biomedical Services. “If you are feeling healthy and well, please schedule an appointment to not only help save lives, but also learn about your potential exposure to COVID-19.”

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test.

Donation appointments may be made by downloading the free Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), calling (800) 733-2767 or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Thanks to Amazon, all those who donate during the month of June will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email. Some restrictions apply.

### Blood drive safety precautions

To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 should postpone their donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control and additional precautions — including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff — have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming local American Red Cross blood drives include:

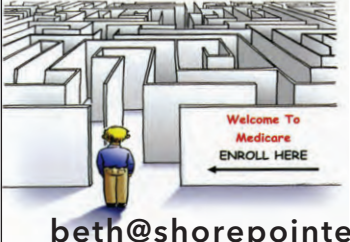
◆ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 19, at Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Friday, June 19, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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# Dr. Shauna Diggs of CosmedicDerm offers the latest in skin care

Wrinkles and blemishes are just a few of the thousands of skin conditions that affect the skin. Some cause mild symptoms, while others may be serious and interfere with everyday life.

A dermatologist is a doctor who specializes in treating the skin, hair and nails. While some treatments improve the look of your skin, others, such as checkups for skin cancer, can save lives.



**Dr. Shauna Diggs**

Dr. Shauna Ryder Diggs is Michigan's leader in comprehensive skin health and rejuvenation. Her practice, CosmedicDerm, is located in The Village of Grosse Pointe and offers patients the most cutting-edge treatments available.

PiQo4 is the latest laser technology on the market and is used to help with a number of different pigment conditions or for overall rejuvenation. The PiQo4 laser targets pigment in the skin to remove sun and age spots, freckles and birth marks, and create a more even skin tone. This also is the best way to remove tattoos because it removes all color pigments, meaning less treatments for the patients, Diggs said.

Along with improving abnormal pigment, the PiQo4 laser is used for skin rejuvenation. The laser stimulates new collagen grown to promote smoother, younger-looking skin.

"This is a great way for patients to just improve their overall look," Diggs said.

CoolSculpting, a non-surgical body contouring and fat reduction procedure, uses controlled cooling to eliminate stubborn fat. While many

physician offices offer CoolSculpting,

Diggs is leading the way by having two machines. Typically treatment lasts anywhere from 60 to 90 minutes. With two machines used simultaneously, treatment time is cut in half.

Diggs listens to patients' needs and responds by offering the latest technologies in dermatology, which is why she recently added the Splendor X laser for leg veins and hair removal to her practice.

Additional cosmetic options are available, as are medical treatments for acne, skin cancer and other skin conditions. Diggs cares for all ages.

Diggs is an American Board of Dermatology-certified dermatologist, a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a Fellow of the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery. She's a graduate of the University of Michigan and served as the first medical director of the Detroit Medical Center Advanced Laser Treatment Center. She is the creator of the CosmedicDerm Professional Skin Care line, products formulated with green tea, vitamin- and fruit-based antioxidants and retinol, all of which promote skin health and natural beauty. In addition, she recently was named one of Hour Magazine's Top Docs.

"I like to think I bring modern technology, but practice in a traditional way," she said.

CosmedicDerm is located at 17000 Kercheval, Ste. 215, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, visit [drshaunadiggs.com](http://drshaunadiggs.com) or call (313) 566-4729.



## The Corner Studio launches outdoor classes, reopens for retail, sauna

Just more than a month after opening, The Corner Studio was forced to temporarily shut its doors in compliance with Michigan's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" mandate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But that didn't stop the fitness studio, whose focus on community interaction inspired numerous charity-driven initiatives over the last three months, from continuing to engage its clients and provide workouts and wellness resources for all, both virtually and now outdoors.

With its brick-and-mortar studio on Mack Avenue and Broadstone yet to reopen for fitness classes, The Corner Studio has set up shop at Kerby Field in Grosse Pointe Farms, hosting classes outside Monday through Friday mornings. The open-air option has delighted clients, in large part due to the firm abundance of social dis-

tancing protocols, small class sizes and diligent sanitization of equipment. The summer weather has cooperated beautifully, too.

Classes at Kerby Field include Yo Strong, HIIT Strong, Cardio Dance, Yoga, Cardio Drills & Tone, Bootcamp, Teen Yoga and Teen Conditioning. Regular class prices apply.

Clients who are still more comfortable at home can tune in for The Corner Studio's virtual classes, which currently remain available and free on Instagram Live.

In tandem with the launch of outdoor classes, The Corner Studio opened its boutique for retail shopping 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Infrared sauna appointments are now available for booking as well.

The studio is offering a Summer Detox special:

three sessions for \$60.

For The Corner Studio, community engagement has remained a prominent pillar. Over the course of quarantine, social media-fueled fitness challenges raised funds for front-liners, like Detroit EMS, as well as donations for a local juice company to deliver cold-pressed juices to hospitals. Most recently, The Corner Studio donated 20 percent of proceeds from retail and class purchases to We Love Lake Street, a nonprofit organization helping rebuild small businesses in Minneapolis, Minn.

Despite its newness, The Corner Studio's efforts to stay connected with clients through ever-changing times has allowed it to effectively serve its wellness community. Follow @thecornerstudiogp for weekly virtual class schedule and sign up for outdoor classes on The Corner Studio app.

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# Spotlight on joint replacement: Birthday benefit

## What you need to know

Want to get back to your morning run? Walk your dog? Or just walk to the mailbox pain free? If painful hip or knee arthritis is getting in the way, you might want to consider joint replacement surgery.

Michael Charters, M.D., a fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon at the Henry Ford Center for Joint Replacement, says it may be time to consider a joint replacement if you:

- ◆ Have an arthritic hip or knee that causes pain and keeps you from doing the things you want to do.

- ◆ Are unable to manage these symptoms with nonsurgical treatments.

During the surgery, the damaged cartilage and bone is removed from your joint and replaced with prosthetic components made of metal, plastic, or ceramic. The prosthesis mimics the shape and movement of a natural joint.

After surgery, many Henry Ford joint replacement patients return home the same day; others may stay overnight in the hospital before going home. Patients typically return to their normal activities in four to six weeks. It may take up to three months to be fully recovered from surgery.

Having other medical conditions usually doesn't rule out a joint replacement. But you may need to work with your doctor to get into the best possible shape before surgery.

"We create individual-

ized treatment plans for each patient, to get them back to their life" says Trevor North, M.D., also a Henry Ford fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon. "We want our patients to get back to their most active self."



The new joint replacement outpatient program at Cottage is led by joint replacement surgeons, Michael Charters, M.D., and Trevor North, M.D.

If you're considering this option, Dr. North recommends asking your surgeon:

- ◆ How will you tailor my care plan to fit my personal needs and priorities?

- ◆ What results can I expect? Will there be any limitations on my activities afterward?

- ◆ Do you offer advanced techniques, such as the use of robotic technology?

For the convenience of our patients, joint replacements are performed at six Henry Ford locations in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Jackson counties – including at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage

in Grosse Pointe Farms. You can also consult with a physician virtually, from the comfort of your home. These visits are great for your initial consult, post-operative care or second opinions.

Although the world has changed, our commitment to providing the safest care environment

possible has never wavered. We have additional measures put in place to allow us to safely provide medical care to our patients in person. Those include things like screening all patients, visitors and staff before entry into all Henry Ford facilities, implementing social distancing in all spaces, visitor restrictions, wearing a mask at all times, and enhanced cleaning practices.

### Learn More

Ask your primary care physician if it's time for you to see an orthopedic surgeon. Call (313) 916-2181 or visit [HenryFord.com/Services/Joint-Replacement](http://HenryFord.com/Services/Joint-Replacement).

# birthday benefit

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Riley Slattery had plenty of reasons to celebrate Friday, June 12. For starters, it was her 10th birthday, but also it was the last day of school and, 5 minutes before her birthday parade began, power was restored to her home after it had been knocked by Wednesday's storm.

A parade of well-wishers drove by her house, some with cards, some with gifts and all with birthday greetings, including Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 Officer Harris and K-9 Duke.



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Riley Slattery, in front of her decorated front lawn before the drive-by birthday parade began.

Unlike other birthday parades, Slattery's kindergarten teacher at Monteith Elementary School. Between her birthday fundraiser and her Team Super Riley Facebook page, Slattery raised \$305, which she will donate to the Bruveris.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Susan White Rockwell

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Susan White Rockwell died Monday, June 1, 2020. She was 82.

Born May 4, 1938, in Fremont, to Charles and Martha White, Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1960.

A member of Junior League of Detroit, Fred DeHaven Choir, Grosse Pointe Lawyers Wives and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Susan also held several positions and sang in the choir at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

She enjoyed time spent with family, church services and activities, cooking, travel, opera and performances by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Susan is survived by her beloved husband, Thomas P. Rockwell; sons, Michael (David), David (Keira), William (Michelle) and Jeffrey (Lisa); grandchildren, Victor, Celine, Mitchell, Colin, Bella, Charlotte and Thomas; great-grandchildren, Elijah and Eliecer; and brother, David White (Linda).

Interment took place at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Mary McKay Sumner Thorpe

Mary McKay Sumner Thorpe, of Miami, Fla., formerly of Chicago, Ill., passed away Sunday, May 31, 2020, after a brief battle with cancer, with her loving husband, Barry, by her side. She was 74.

Born March 9, 1946, in Detroit, to Robert William Sumner and Isabelle Campbell Kanter Sumner, Mary was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School.

Mary earned a degree in education from Michigan State University in 1968, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Mary's career began at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., in Chicago, as an insurance account manager. After a series of mergers, Mary was named a vice president at Aon, a global professional services firm. She received many achievement awards over the years and numerous accolades from clients. A successful businesswoman, Mary made time to mentor younger women starting out in the insurance industry, believing it to be an obligation owed to the next generation.

Mary married Barry D. Thorpe April 2, 2006, in Coconut Grove, Fla., where they lived after relocating from Chicago in 2003. Members of Coral Reef Yacht Club — and Barry being an avid sailor — Mary and Barry enjoyed spending time with friends at the club. Mary also was an active Junior League sustainer in Chicago and Miami.

Mary enjoyed volunteering at voter polling stations during national and local elections. She

also enjoyed weekly volunteer shifts at This 'n That Shop, a thrift boutique in Miami, where she chatted with customers and discussed the provenance of the "antiques" for sale. An avid bridge player and voracious reader, Mary's true passion was travel. Mary traveled around the world and loved the detailed planning as well as the adventures she and Barry experienced.

Mary is survived by her devoted husband, Barry; nephew, Robert Kost (Lori) and their daughters, Samantha and Zoe; and nephew, Stephen Kost (Beth) and their son, Charles. She also is survived by her stepdaughter, Lauren Thorpe-Compiano (Sylvan) and their son, Lucas; stepson, Andrew Thorpe (Leslie) and their daughter, Madeleine; cousin, Frank Girardin and his children, Skip and Jennifer; and grandson, Sam Marihugh.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date.

## Earl Joseph Wakely

Earl Joseph Wakely, 94, passed away peacefully Monday, June 8, 2020. He was born Aug. 28, 1925, in Grosse Pointe.

A 1944 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, Earl served in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II.

In his career as a building inspector, Earl provided more than 50 years of service to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and telling a good joke.

Earl was the beloved husband of the late Joan (nee Athman) for 53 years; loving father of Michael (Pam); cherished grandfather of Sarah (Bryan) and Annie (Monte); and great-grandfather of Ivy and Eden. He also was the close companion of Barbara Marrs in recent years.

A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Donations in Earl's memory may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207, or online at cskdetroit.org.

## Grace Harriet McCarren Miles

Grace Harriet McCarren Miles peacefully passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. She was born Feb. 20, 1922, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Grace was married 69 years to her beloved husband, Bob, who predeceased her in 2011. She was the dear and loving mother of Linn (Van) and David (Chris). Grace loved being with her grandchildren, Betsy (Sam), Greg (Whitney), Lindsay (Rich) and Leigh; and great-grandchildren, Estee, Dylan and Rell.

Grace's parties and delicious cooking were enjoyed by family and friends and also won accolades from Better Homes and Gardens magazine and The French Company. Her entertaining skills opened a career working in community relations for

Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., at the hospitality center in Grosse Pointe.

Grace also loved fashion. In her late 60s, she won a beauty contest on the local television program, Kelly & Company. Her fashion sense continued into sales positions at couture designer clothing stores, including Jacobson's and Margaret Rice in Grosse Pointe and Halston Boutique in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

Grace and Bob loved traveling with family and friends in summer aboard their boat, Inchcliff Castle, on the Great Lakes. In retirement, the couple's adventures continued from coast-to-coast in their motor home and included special trips with their grandchildren. They enjoyed winters in Estero, Fla.

Appreciative of what each day had to offer, Grace was an active volunteer in the Women's and Among Friends groups at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and a member of Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club. She also was a member of the women's bridge club at The War Memorial and volunteered at events there. Grace enjoyed the beauty of nature, which she portrayed in watercolor painting and poetry as she savored a cup of tea.

At Grace's request, her body was donated to Wayne State Medical School so others might live in health and happiness.

## Charles Rockwell Williams

Charles Rockwell Williams, 68, died Sunday, June 7, 2020, at Stamford Hospital in Connecticut. The third son of Richard E. and Mary E. Williams, Charlie was born Feb. 26, 1952, in Grosse Pointe.

Charlie proudly graduated from Deerfield Academy in 1970, and cum laude from the University of Virginia in 1974. At UVA, he was a member of the Delta Phi "St. Elmo Hall" fraternity. Ever a passionate alum, he enjoyed returning to cheer his teams, especially when his daughters attended each school.

Charlie was a senior vice president in private wealth management at UBS, where he worked nearly 40 years, first at Kidder Peabody, then Paine Webber and most recently UBS. His career began at Irving Trust Co., in New York City, in 1975.

He met his wife, Amy Atwell Williams, a year later when they were introduced at a friend's cocktail party. They shared burgers at JG Melon and attended a New York Rangers hockey game on their first date. Charlie often reflected that on the couple's first Thanksgiving together in the city, he knew when he picked up Amy at the Manufacturers Hanover Trust building and she walked across the lobby wearing a red coat and aviators, she was the woman he was going to marry. Charlie proposed to Amy on her birthday in the wine cellar at New York's 21 Club. Charlie



Susan White Rockwell



Mary McKay Thorpe



Earl Joseph Wakely



Grace H. Miles



Charles R. Williams



Linda R. Tisdale

and Amy were married October 1979, in Fox Chapel, Pa.

Charlie gained a love and appreciation for antique cars and wooden boats from his father. He and his family spent summers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula at Les Cheneaux Islands or summer camp at Lanakila and Keewaydin. His lasting memories and formative experiences were carried on in family tradition by his daughters, nieces and nephews.

A family man first, Charlie was proud his daughters attended his alma maters of Deerfield and UVA and his wife was the first female president of Les Cheneaux Club. He upheld family traditions at holidays and loved sharing stories of his childhood. Whether he drove his father's Ford Model A in the Darien Memorial Day parade with his young daughters and their friends or his neighbors' children, marched as leader of the Indian Princess Kickapoo tribe, coached soccer and hockey teams or even played Pretty Pretty Princess with his girls, Charlie was the ultimate girl dad. He taught his daughters to ride bicycles, ice skate, drive a boat and be fiercely loyal to family and friends.

Charlie loved laughing, dancing and helping others. He was the life of the party, a welcoming and smiling face, eager to talk to anyone and everyone, tell stories and share his passion for boats, cars, cooking, travel, Deerfield, UVA and Michigan. A mentor to nieces, nephews and family friends' children, he encouraged those he spoke with to "be essential."

Charlie was a longtime member of Wee Burn Country Club in Darien, Conn., Racquet and Tennis Club in New York City, Les Cheneaux Club in Cedarville and Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, Va. He loved playing team sports and getting to know the clubs' staff and members.

Love of family and tradition was one of Charlie's truest attributes. He adored his siblings, Richard "Dick" Griffith Williams, of Baltimore, Md., Henry Phillips "Phil" Williams II, of Charlottesville, Va., and Judy Williams Holmes, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Amy; daughters, Christy Williams Coombs and Hillery Williams; and family dogs, Piper, Tootsie Roll and Lollipop.

A small service will be

held this summer at Les Cheneaux Club in Cedarville; dear family friend, the Rev. Charles Fels, will preside. A memorial service will be held later this year at St. Luke's Parish in Darien, Conn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, giving.msccc.org; Jefferson Scholarship Fund at UVA, jeffersonscholars.org; or Deerfield Academy for the Charles R. Williams Fund, Deerfield Academy, P.O. Box 306, Deerfield, MA 01342.

## Linda R. Tisdale

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Linda Rae Tisdale (nee Parsons), 81, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 14, 2020, at home in St. Clair Shores. She was born Aug. 7, 1938, in Oak Park, Ill., and raised in the Chicago suburb of Western Springs.

Linda graduated from Western Michigan University in 1960, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in arts and education. She also was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Linda met her future husband, Bradford Tisdale, at WSU. They married in February 1962, and lived in Grosse Pointe more than 50 years. Together, Linda and Brad raised three children, Scott Tisdale, Kristin Edmonson (Steven) and Kevin Tisdale (Danielle). Linda also is survived by four grandchildren, Dan Edmonson, twins Megan and Jack Edmonson and Bennett Tisdale.

An elementary school teacher before raising her family, Linda taught four years in Hinsdale, Ill., and St. Clair Shores.

Linda loved tennis, gardening, sailing and traveling. She and her family enjoyed their sailboats more than 35 years and traveled extensively. Linda and her family also spent time at their second home in Hilton Head Island, S.C., and visited annually since the early 1980s. Linda and Brad moved to St. Clair Shores in September 2014.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 26, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A private family memorial service will follow. Face coverings are required and social distancing must be observed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 150,



Betty J. Allor

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## Betty J. Allor

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Betty J. Allor, 93, died Saturday, June 6, 2020, in Plainsboro, N.J. She was born April 11, 1927, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Helen and Adam Raymond.

A 1943 graduate of Buffalo High School, Betty graduated two years early, at age 16. She was a summer camp counselor for Christian Youth Conference of North America during the 1950s.

Betty worked at Globe Woven Belting until she and Richard Allor married in 1961. After marriage, Betty worked as a home-maker.

Betty joined Grosse Pointe Congregational Church when she moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1961. She was a member of the church's women's organizations and served as church clerk many years. Betty also delivered meals throughout the Grosse Pointes for Meals on Wheels many years.

Betty will be remembered as a kind and loving friend and a doting mother and grandmother. She loved gardening and was happy to give away homegrown tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers to friends and family. Betty baked, packaged and hand-delivered dozens of cookies to church members and community friends each Christmas. She will be missed and loved always by her friends and family.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Beth Schaefer, and grandchildren, Rachel and Serena Schaefer.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church building fund, 240 Chalfonte Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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**Elizabeth R. Greenia**

Grosse Pointe Park resident Elizabeth R. Greenia, 91, died peacefully Monday, June 8, 2020, at a nursing facility in St. Clair Shores. She was born April 17, 1929, in Detroit, to Joseph Martin White and Marie Motz White. Elizabeth lived many decades in Detroit and moved to Grosse Pointe Park in the 1980s.

Family was the core of Elizabeth's life, first as daughter to her late parents and devoted sister to her late siblings, Joseph Jr., Dennis, Mary and Elizabeth's twin, Patricia, then as wife of Maurice Greenia, mother of nine, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of two. Her family extended to many nieces and nephews. Elizabeth's sense of family further extended to neighbors, friends, fellow parishioners at St. Martin Catholic Church, St. Ambrose Catholic Church and the world.

Elizabeth was a person of deep faith. In youth, she was a devoted member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, which gave her a foundation of good cheer, thoughtfulness and kindness. She was endlessly curious about and concerned for the world in which she lived. She read voraciously, listened attentively and shared her sense of decency with everyone.

Elizabeth met her husband and love of her life for 67 years, Maurice, at a Third Order of Saint Francis dance during



Elizabeth R. Greenia

World War II. Visitors to the couple's home often found them seated on the couch, holding hands, singing songs and sharing prayers; "Prayer of St. Francis" was a favorite, along with "Blue Skies," "We'll Meet Again" and "Danny Boy."

Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Maurice; children, Trish (the late Tim Knoll), Peg Sulek (the late Paul Sulek), Maurice Jr. (Jennifer), Thomas, Dennis (Ann), Matthew (Nancy), Timothy (Gail), Michael and Joseph; grandchildren, Matthew, Louisa, Corinna, Justin, Heather, Thomas, Leila, Victoria and Elizabeth; and great-grandchildren, Georgia and Camila.

A memorial Mass for Elizabeth was celebrated June 12, by Father Tim Pelc at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park. Interment took place at Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207, the capuchins.org/donate; or Father Solanus Guild, 1780 Mount Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207, solanuscenter.org/donate.

**Walk benefits Beaumont Children's programs, employee support fund**

Beaumont Children's Walk for Miracles Workers will bring the community together virtually Saturday, Aug. 8. An online kickoff celebration takes place at 9 a.m.

Participants are asked to register online, create teams and use Children's Miracle Network Hospitals' Crowd-funding page to raise money. In addition to supporting the pediatric programs and services of Beaumont

Children's, proceeds also support Beaumont's health care heroes.

Those participating in the virtual event may decide to walk or run a desired route of their choosing, as well as create their own timing for their event Aug. 8.

Registration fee is \$30. Contests and prizes are included. To register or for more information, visit [beaumont.org/walk-for-miracles](http://beaumont.org/walk-for-miracles).

**GPPL offers curbside service**

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Patrons who have materials ready to pick up may go to their designated branch and call upon arrival. A staff member will bring the requested materials to patrons' cars. There's no need to leave the vehicle or even open the window; drivers should pop open the trunk or rear hatch so a staff member can place the materials inside.

To maintain strict social distancing, staff will not accept returns. Returns are only accepted at outdoor book-drop locations, which are available 24/7. Book drops are located at all three branches, as well as the Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Park municipal building parking lots.

Overdue fines will not be charged for materials checked out before the GPPL closed March 13.



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Curbside service is available at all three branches of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

While there is no immediate rush to return materials to the library, staff would like all items returned within the next month.

Also at this time, patrons may search the library catalog to place holds on books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs. Library card holders will be notified when materi-

als are ready to pick up.

For the health and safety of library patrons, all returned materials are quarantined for 72 hours before being put back in circulation. The GPPL also is in the process of cleaning its buildings according to guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To pick up requested materials, call the Central branch at (313) 343-2074, Ewald branch at (313) 821-8830 or Woods branch at (313) 343-2072.

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**Helping young adults fulfill their dreams**

By Theodore G. Coutilish  
Guest Writer

Kristine Mestdagh spends her days evaluating worthwhile requests as executive director of The John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation, named after her parents.

The mission of the foundation is to support Christian organizations, education, the arts and communities in which her family lives.

Giving away money is not as easy as it may appear, said Mestdagh, of Grosse Pointe Farms, who has served on several boards, including SpringHill Camps, St. John Hospital Foundation and St. John Hospital Fontbonne Auxiliary.

"God has blessed our family and we feel we need to be good stewards of these gifts and carefully evaluate to make sure the money is being



COURTESY PHOTO

**Jim and Kristine Mestdagh**

invested in worthwhile causes," she said.

She and her husband, Jim Mestdagh, regularly and generously support several local causes. Near and dear to them is the Full Circle Foundation.

"We are fortunate and blessed to be able to give back and help improve the lives of those involved in Full Circle," said Jim Mestdagh, president and

owner of Landquest Properties, where he is a real estate developer of multi-family properties and senior communities. "We enjoy helping these young adults fulfill their dreams and seeing the impact of the fruits of their labor."

Kristine Mestdagh says she puts herself in the shoes of parents of children with special needs at Full Circle.

"It brings us joy to be able to give and touch their lives while watching their children learn, grow, be nurtured, become more independent and contribute to the community in positive ways," she said. "Why wouldn't you want to be a part of Full Circle?"

Inspired by the Full Circle Foundation, "Circle of Love" is dedicated to people with special needs living in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities and those who love and support them. For more information, visit [fullcirclefdn.org](http://fullcirclefdn.org).



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Romeo, 1957 Ford Fairlane, 1951 Studebaker, 50th anniversary Porsche 911, 1949 International Harvester pickup truck, 1981 DeLorean and “Corvettes from every year,” Lightbody said.

“We’ll have sports cars — both European and American,” she added. “A 1931 Ford Model A, 1936 Packard — a number of Packards from the 1930s. This runs the gamut, from modern day to fully collectible and antique.”

Traditionally, EyesOn



1929 Cadillac Dual Cowl Phaeton  
PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHY LIGHTBODY

A 1929 Cadillac Dual Cowl Phaeton.

Design has included awards and recognitions for achievement in design; all of this year’s honorees will be recognized at the 2021 event. And because this year’s event isn’t charg-

ing admission, but still hopes to raise funds for the DIO, donations may be made on the EyesOn Design website — eyesondesign.org — by calling the DIO office at (313) 824-4710 or pur-

chasing commemorative posters.

“The annual car show is a Ford House Father’s Day favorite and we will miss hosting it this year,” Ford House Director of Communications and Engagement Clare Pfeiffer said. “We are happy we can accommodate the registered Sunday Drive participants, even though it’s a lot fewer people and cars than we would normally be able to welcome. While we wish we could open the gates to everyone, we have to make sure we are staying safe and following the state guidelines.”

“With so many restric-

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tions on travel and activities, this is a way for people to see something in a gorgeous venue with the lake in the background,” Lightbody said. “Just the beauty of

seeing these cars driving along Lakeshore, even if they don’t get into the Ford House grounds, to see them driving along Lakeshore is good for the soul.”

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## North's Perrino defines hard work

By Bob St. John  
 Sports Editor

One constant with the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team the last two seasons was watching 2020 graduate Cameron Perrino drain three-point baskets.

It didn't matter if he was coming off a screen or trailing on a fast-break, the 18-year-old Perrino was the master of the trifecta.

When he was on a roll, look out because he individually changed the momentum of a Norsemen game.

With college coming soon, Perrino is heading to Eastern Michigan University. He will try to make the Eagles' men's basketball team as a walk-on.

"I love basketball, and I'm going to try to make the team," he said. "I have been working hard. If it happens, great. If not, that is OK, too. I'll just play intramural."

Perrino was Mr. Clutch for the Norsemen, scoring a career-high 36 points against Utica Eisenhower near the end of his senior season.

He finished his season by averaging 17 points and four rebounds per game. The Norsemen won only a few games



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JENNIFER PERRINO

**Cameron Perrino was a scoring threat every time he had the ball.**

under head coach Andy Ayrault, but it didn't stop Perrino from enjoying his high school basketball experience.

"We didn't win as many games as we thought we could, but we were a tight team, and that made it better," Perrino said. "Many of our games were close. We just couldn't finish and win them."

He grew up in the Pointes, attending Monteith Elementary and Brownell Middle schools before hitting high school.

When he arrived at North, he played on the freshman team for head coach Kareem Hakim.

"That was a good experience," Perrino said. "Coach Hakim made it fun, and I learned a lot about my abilities to become a better basketball player."

As a sophomore, Perrino made the jump to varsity under head coach Ron Kochan. He learned the game at the varsity level.

He also played on the varsity team as a junior

under Ayrault and started to make a name for himself. His clutch shooting was evident.

Perrino worked hard, shedding a few pounds and improving his shooting during the summer between his junior and senior year.

He started his senior season strong, and maintained the consistency to become one of the best players in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

He was a scholar athlete, as well as MAC White All-League and Honorable Mention All-East.

"Watching Cam play all of these years, I saw him get better mentally and physically," said Perrino's father, Terry. "He left his high school career at the top of his game. He is one of the smartest competitors on the court, knowing what his next move should be, and that of his opponents. He has fantastic game IQ and can be fierce. He is also a great teammate and leader."

"I have never seen anyone with so much intensity and passion for the game of basketball," said Perrino's mother, Jennifer. "He was a born competitor. That is just who Cameron is. The



**Cameron Perrino is heading to Eastern Michigan University to earn a degree in education.**

hundreds and hundreds of games over the years, from Neighborhood Club, to CYO playing for St. Joan, to the many seasons of AAU ball, he has never gotten tired of competing and trying to be the best he can be."

Perrino worked hard in the classroom, too, finishing with a 3.7 grade point average. His goal at EMU is to earn a teaching degree, and is interested in being a teacher and basketball coach.

He toured EMU in February and liked the feel of the school. Oakland University was also on his list.

His older brother, Christian, is a junior at Michigan State University.

"I visited Christian, but MSU is too big," Perrino said. "I like the smaller Eastern. It has what I'm looking for."

He will report to his dorm at the end of August, and then college life begins.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## North's 'Dream Team' celebrates

By Bob St. John  
 Sports Editor

The 1980 Grosse Pointe North boys baseball team steamrolled its way to the Class A baseball state title under hall-of-fame head coach Frank Sumbera.

The players, Keith Schatko, Matt Costello, Mike Seagram, Bob Brown, Tom Shook, John Vens, Don Luberto, Karl Kurtz, Scott Young, John Hackett, Bill Babcock, John Clem, Al Lucido, Dave Monark, Pete Mogk and Eric Schubert joined trainer Tom Smith and assistant coach Dan Griesbaum to form a team of the ages that finished 29-4.

In the title game, the Norsemen beat Royal Oak Kimball 9-6 in nine innings and in the semifinals, it was Babcock tossing a no-hitter in a 2-0 victory over Wayne Memorial, striking out 15.

"The team was a good blend of juniors and seniors," Babcock said. "We played with or against each other in Little League, then played



FILE PHOTO

**Grosse Pointe North's 1980 baseball team that won a Class A state championship.**

on the same high school team. We loved to compete.

"We were blessed to have some very talented athletes grow up in the same area. We had a lot of players go off to play college athletics."

Costello won the title game with a ninth-inning grand slam, while Kimball could only plate one run in the bottom of the inning, which gave the Norsemen the title.

Sumbera had the luxury of having great pitch-

ing. That alone was enough to win most games, but add in timely hitting and the 1980 state title was theirs for the taking.

"We had very, very good pitching, and that helped us a lot because we faced some good teams during that title run," Sumbera said. "If I recall, Babcock threw three no-hitters in the state playoffs. He had a fastball in the low 90s as a senior. This was a team with dedicated players

who loved to play baseball. It was a special team."

Five players off that team earned contracts with Major League Baseball teams, while a couple of others went to shine at the college level.

It was a team of home-grown teenagers who were extraordinary baseball players. Griesbaum eventually left North and took over the baseball program at Grosse Pointe South, leading it to a couple of

state titles and several spots in the quarterfinals.

On Griesbaum's staff is Hackett, his pitching coach.

"We had a lot of fun that year," Sumbera said. "We won our final 16 games, and then won our first 28 games the following year before Bishop Gallagher beat us."

In the qualifying round, the Norsemen beat Detroit Denty 15-0 behind a no-hitter from Shook and a 4-4 day at the plate from Seagram to move to the pre-district. In the pre-district game, they defeated Bishop Gallagher 3-2.

In the district semifinal, the Norsemen beat East Detroit 6-0 behind a no-hitter from Babcock, and in the district championship game they smacked St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 30-3.

"It wasn't easy as the competition in that district was good, but we scored 30 runs in the final against Lake Shore," Sumbera said. "They had an outstanding team the year before, but graduated a lot of seniors."

Sumbera recalls

Seagram hitting two grand slams in one inning in the final.

"We just kept scoring and scoring runs," Sumbera said. "We finally ended the game after four or five innings."

In the regional round, the Norsemen beat Detroit Northwestern 6-0 behind another Babcock no-hitter, and then Shook earned the win with Babcock getting the save in a 6-4 victory over Livonia Franklin in the finals as the Norsemen moved to the Final Four.

Sumbera also guided the Norsemen to the 2006 Division 1 state title, beating U-D Jesuit 7-5. He also has more than 1,000 coaching wins, putting him third on the state's all-time list behind Pat O'Keefe of Grand Ledge and Larry Tuttle of Blissfield.

Sumbera's final season at the helm was 2018.

In 2019 under David Martin, the Norsemen lost an epic district semifinal to rival Grosse Pointe South.

In 2020, the MHSAA canceled the season due to COVID-19.

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## 2C | SPORTS

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# South's Hart heads to GVSU

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South senior Grant Hart signed his National Letter of Intent to play college football at Grand Valley State University.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident spent the last few falls starting at wide receiver and defensive back for the Blue Devils varsity football team.

He enters college at 5-foot, 10 inches, and 165 pounds.

Hart joins a highly successful NCAA Division II program with Matt Mitchell as its head coach.

Since the start of the football program in 1970, GVSU has an overall winning percentage of .730 (409-150-3), which places the program as the highest in NCAA D2 and among the highest regardless of division. The Lakers all-time home record is 219-46-1.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRANT HART

**Grosse Pointe South's Grant Hart is an accomplished football player who will take his talent to the next level at Grand Valley State.**

The Lakers won four nationals titles in a five-year window from 2002-2006.

"I picked Grand Valley State because it felt like

home and I felt comfortable with the coaches, players, and area," Hart said.

He picked GVSU over other schools which were

recruiting him, Miami of Ohio, Toledo, Central Michigan, Morgan State, Alabama A&M, Saginaw Valley State, Grand Valley State, Albion,

Northwood, Tiffin University, Findlay and Davenport.

The Lakers' 2020 schedule starts with away games Thursday, Sept. 3, and Saturday, Sept. 12, against Edinboro and Colorado State University-Pueblo.

They also play another non-league game Saturday, Oct. 17, against Assumption College.

Their Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedules consists of Northwood, Ferris State, Ashland, Davenport, Saginaw Valley, Wayne State, Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech.

The speedster has been staying in top shape with the college football season right around the corner. He is running and working on drills and ball skills.

"My best high school memory was receiving my first offer from Northwood after finishing a football camp," Hart said. "It was very

life changing knowing that all my hard work is starting to pay off."

He will play defensive back in college.

"I'm looking forward to going on the field next year and competing for a spot," Hart said. "No, I'm not really nervous, just anxious to play."

He finished high school with a 2.7 grade point average and wants to major in business.

Hart, a member of the South boys track and field team, missed his final season when the MHSAA canceled it due to COVID-19.

"It's been very hard not being able to go out to places with friends and hang out but I usually play PS4 with them every other day," Hart said.

However, with high school in the rearview mirror and college ahead of him, Hart said, "Long range goals I have for the future is graduating college with a degree in business and planning starting a business."

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Troost heads to Ivy League to row

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Getting up before the crack of dawn and rowing several miles is the norm for Grosse Pointe North senior Emma Troost.

The 18-year-old has turned that hard work and dedication into a spot on the Dartmouth College women's rowing team.

Dartmouth is located in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Troost, who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods, has stayed in shape by running, erging (the rowing machine) and jumping rope.

"Rowing is both team oriented and independently focused which allowed me to be a part of a team while also enabling me to advance on my own," Troost said. "Not very many people in the world row, or know much about rowing."

Troost was contacted by more than 75 coaches from schools with amazing academic and rowing programs, including Penn, Princeton and Cal.

After taking time to think about her college choice, she selected Dartmouth.

"Dartmouth felt like the natural next step in both my athletic and academic career," Troost said. "I really like the team, from the time I first met them I felt connected. The community of rowers is small, which is all the more reason for rowers to be so close-knit."

"Dartmouth has a unique culture and the campus is right on the Connecticut River, so the boat house is always accessible. The students I met seem to love it there, because Dartmouth offers experiences, like Sophomore Summer in which only sophomores stay on campus. That I

didn't find at the other schools that I visited."

At the moment, Kelly Harris is the Dartmouth interim head coach. Her assistants are Lauren Ayers, Anders Corbett, Martha Beattie and Taylor Daly.

Troost has leaned on her coach, Mike Gentile, who played a huge role in inspiring her and every girl on the team to be the best they can be.

She excelled in the classroom, finishing with a 4.2 grade point average. At Dartmouth, she is majoring in quantitative social science.

"I can't wait to meet my new team this fall, but I'm apprehensive about leaving my friends and family in Grosse Pointe," she said.

Troost's biggest support group is her parents Edward and Jessica Troost. She has an older sister, Catherine, and a younger brother, Connor.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERESA BENNETT

Grosse Pointe North senior Emma Troost is heading east for college, Dartmouth.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Kloc going to G-town

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South senior Thomas Kloc is heading east to compete in crew at the Georgetown University men's team under the guidance of head coach Luke Agini.

His assistant coaches are Chris Lambert, Lee Rumpf, Dave Mottola, Mark Roberts and Samson Ramasamy. Tony Johnson is Coach Emeritus.

The Hoyas' fall schedule is the end of September through early November, while the

spring season is end of March through of May.

While a student at South, the 17-year-old Kloc has excelled. He is the Vice President of the National Honors Society, a state finalist for DECA. His grade point average is 3.96.

As a member of crew, Kloc was selected to the U.S. Rowing Youth Regional Challenge and to the 2019 Head of the Charles.

He was first place at the 2019 Hoover Regatta for the 1x, first place in the 2020 Motown Erg and first place in the 2020 Island Sprints Erg. He also took third in the 2019 Head of the Hooch 4x event.

"Georgetown is in the top 10 of D1 rowing pro-

grams in the country and McDonough School Business is a top 5 business program," Kloc said. "Georgetown is the perfect blend of excellence in academics and athletics."

"When I visited the campus during my recruiting visit, I really loved being in the nation's capital. The coaching staff at Georgetown is phenomenal and running the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and rowing on the Potomac can't be beat."

While at Georgetown, Kloc will major in finance. After graduation, he plans to work for a few years on Wall Street and then attend Law School.

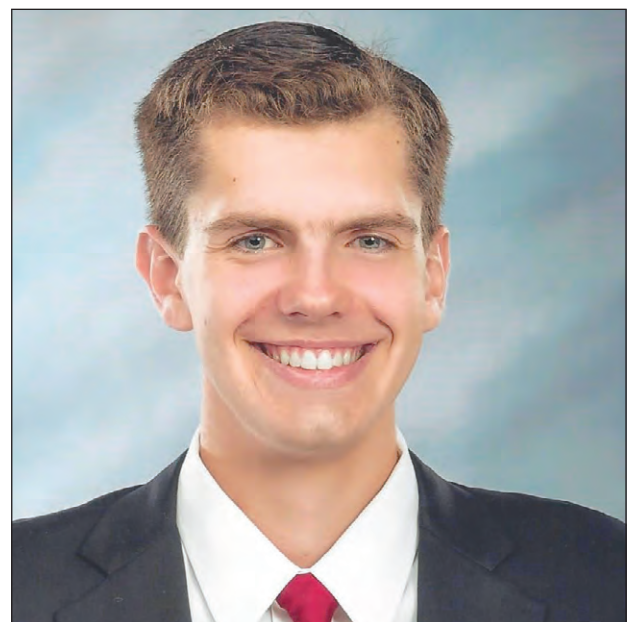


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**Thomas Kloc is heading east to be a college student-athlete.**

"He came to our trainer program, which we engage with high schools and programs in the inner city and train them on our content and curriculum," said Dr.

Andrew Mac Intosh, the vice president of curriculum at RISE (Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality). "We train them on how to facilitate."

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS - DPW Water/Sewer Garage AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0420.** Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. The bid opening will be conducted in the Municipal Court/Council Chambers at the same address at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Work consists of constructing a 3,200 sq. ft. wood framed garage with metal siding and roof along with all applicable site work. Plans and specifications must be obtained through BidNet Direct at [www.bidnetdirect.com](http://www.bidnetdirect.com). Plans will be available beginning Tuesday, June 9, 2020. A public viewing copy is available on the City of Grosse Pointe Woods website at [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding, and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk



## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Ilitch heading to IMG Academy

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

During the last two years, University Liggett School senior Patrick Ilitch has taken the steady climb to become a more complete baseball player.

The 18-year-old Eastsider is building on that momentum and heading to Bradenton, Fla., where he will attend IMG Academy.

"I am attending IMG to further elevate my game, as my goal is to enter a high-level program in 2021 and excel in a major way," Ilitch said. "IMG has tremendous coaches, trainers and facilities that will assist in maximizing my game."

Ilitch has played Little League since he was a child and eventually developed into a top-notch catcher, which is the field general on defense.

"At age 11 in Little League, I began to take catching seriously and worked with coach (Dan) Cimini as my first catching instructor," he said. "During the last six years I have also trained with Dave Fox and Dominic Jamett, who is a former ULS and University of Michigan catcher. Both of these instructors were very helpful with receiving, footwork and blocking."

"Coach Jamett has been very helpful with many mental and subtle positioning aspects as well. Mike Fox and Joe Neal (helped) on strength, flexibility and speed. Coach Cimini and Coach (John) Clem have coached me on hitting."

When he was young, Ilitch said he loved watching the top 10 plays on ESPN. In so many of those plays the players



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PATRICK ILITCH

Patrick Ilitch, at the Catholic League playoff game at Comerica Park last spring, is improving his defensive skills.

dove for the baseball or the football.

"My dad said that when I got on a baseball field, I wanted to dive for everything," Ilitch said. "When I went behind the plate I really loved the non-stop action, being in control of the game and, of course, the ability to block and dive for balls all the time."

Ilitch is working out six days a week, including cross-training. On the mental approach and in-game strategies, he works with Cimini.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ilitch and his teammates had to sit out this season when the Michigan High School Athletic Association canceled it.

"It is very mentally challenging," Ilitch said. "The seniors on my team and I are heartbroken we will not leave Liggett with a state championship. I believe we had the team to go the distance this year."

Ilitch was a freshman on the ULS baseball team that made it to the Final Four in Division 1, which was a jump of two divisions for Cimini's program.

They lost to Saline at Michigan State University.

The Knights entered this season ranked No. 2 in Division 3 behind defending champ Homer.

Last year during their playoff run to the Division 3 championship game, Ilitch hit .588 with four doubles, nine RBIs and a home run.

Defensively, he threw out five runners trying to steal.

"Patrick has improved every year he's been on a baseball diamond and it is directly related to his outstanding work ethic," Cimini said. "He wants to be the best at everything he does. He is a great leader, both in the classroom and on the baseball diamond."

"I am so proud of him

and feel he would've had an outstanding year and been a First Team All-State player this spring. Patrick has set high expectations and standards for this next crop of baseball players to follow and emulate."

"So needless to say, my teammates and I were really hungry to win it all this year and we had the team to do it," Ilitch said.

He balanced the rigorous academic standards at ULS and excelled at time management.

"It is a lot of work and time management is very important," Ilitch said. "Liggett academics demand excellence and the Liggett baseball program is all about excellence. Creating monthly goals and plans are critical."

"Liggett is a special place," he continued. "The teachers are very talented and go the extra mile to make sure that students gain knowledge. Further, the teachers here



Patrick Ilitch

are available anytime: before school, after school and at night from home via email. This is a tremendous advantage as very often working late at night after road games, you can get some clarification on an assignment or whatever is needed.

"Also, Liggett utilizes student advisors and my advisor, Ms. (Jamie) Fugitt, has been terrific. Moreover, Coach Cimini demands 100 percent effort in the classroom as well, so having this culture emanate from the baseball program helps keep everybody on point."

Ilitch is interested in studying business and economics during his college career. He has a great mentor in his grandfather, Mike Ilitch, as well as his parents, Patricia and Atanas Ilitch.

"My grandfather, Mike (Ilitch), had a mindset and charisma that was something I will always admire," Ilitch said. "His ambition and sense of kindness has definitely left a mark on me. I miss him greatly."

From a defensive standpoint, Ilitch watches

the expertise of Major League Baseball player James McCann, who was with the Detroit Tigers but is now with the White Sox.

"His blocking ability and strong arm I studied often when he was in Detroit," he said. "For hitting, I have always studied former Detroit Tiger, J.D. Martinez."

His father was his first Little League coach and when he began his travel baseball days.

As to the mental aspect of being a student-athlete, his mother is the go-to person.

"My father was my early coach at Little League and then helped coach in travel ball. He has been very supportive," Ilitch said. "My mother has really helped me with the mental side of being an athlete and student. She has a strong spirituality, which has given me an inner strength and ability to stay calm under pressure. I am lucky, as they are both very upbeat, positive people."

Ilitch continues to be in contact with various schools and is interested in attending a high-level institution.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Madden heads to U-D Mercy

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North senior Zoe Madden has spent the past three years fine tuning her skills as a track and field standout.

The 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident has been working on core and endurance during the stay-at-home order that canceled her final year of high school track and field.

Through the rigors of a busy academic schedule, Madden still found the strength to earn a spot in the Division 1 track and field state championship meet in 2018 and 2019.

In the 2018 state meet, she competed on the long jump and was a member of 400-meter relay.

In the 2019 state meet, she was in the high jump and long jump.

Her vast skill set and dedication to rising to the top put her on the recruiting trail.

Several schools were interested in Madden, including University of Detroit Mercy, Eastern Michigan, Bowling Green, Rochester, Concordia in Ann Arbor,

Brown, Marian University Indianapolis, Albion College, Williams College and Valparaiso.

Madden, who carries a 3.17 grade point average, chose to stay close to home and accepted a scholarship to attend UDM to run on its track and field team for head coach Guy Murray.

"I picked U of D Mercy because of their excellent reputation and their dentistry program," Madden said. "I am also very excited about being a part of their track and field team as a multi-eventer."

While at UDM,

Madden will major in dentistry.

"I'm looking forward to coming closer to my dream of being an orthodontist," she said. "The thought of starting over and meeting new people, I hope that I can have good friends like I had at Grosse Pointe North."

The UDM women's track and field team has 25 members. The assistant coaches are Anne Takacs-Grieb, Rondell Ruff, Michael Christina and Tom Voorheis.

The Titans compete in the Horizon League, which includes rival Oakland University.

Staying close to home allows father, Rodney Madden, mother, Yvonne Madden, and brother, Treiveyon Williams, to watch her compete.

The college track and field schedule has events in early December, and then takes the holiday break off.

The student-athletes are back on the track in January and run through early May.

Her travels will take Madden through the Great Lakes region.

Some big meets are held at Notre Dame, as well as the University of Michigan.



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Grosse Pointe North student-athlete Zoe Madden signs with University of Detroit Mercy. She is pictured here with her parents, Yvonne and Rodney Madden.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 218

On June 8, 2020, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 218 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective June 30, 2020, which Ordinance provides for amendment to Sections 2-271-276, Chapter 2, Article VII, of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, regarding the City's Planning Commission.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(K). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut  
City Clerk

GPN: 6/18/20

### Notice of Public Hearings On Proposed 2020-2021 Tax Certification and Budget

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:45p.m. via Webex Call in # 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 126 949 1994, Password: 72968547, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Harper Woods will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed property tax millage rates and the proposed 2020/2021 Budget, respectively.

The Board of Education may not adopt its proposed 2020/2021 budget until after the public hearing. Copies of the proposed property tax millage rate and the proposed 2020/2021 budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours at 19851 Anita St., Harper Woods, Michigan.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Radu Iacoban, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
On behalf of  
The Harper Woods Board of Education

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## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

## Bournias prepping for college

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The years of hard work paid off for University Liggett School senior Eve Bournias.

The soon-to-be 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident signed a letter of intent to play college softball at Wellesley College in the Greater Boston area.

"Softball has been with me all my life," Bournias said. "Softball was always a constant in my life and I have been playing ever since I was 7 years old, so I figured I may as well continue it in college."

"Also, softball is different than any other sport I have played. It's a team sport, but it's also heavily individual. Each player gets their own spotlight; whether you do well or make a mess, it's entirely up to you. Yet even though softball is individual, each player has to show up to each game in order for the team to be successful."

Bournias fell into other sports because of her athleticism. She played three sports at ULS -- field hockey, ice hockey and softball.

Bournias stays in shape by taking daily two-mile runs with her younger sister, Constantina. She also does pavement ladders to work on speed and agility.

"With that said, I have

been mainly focusing on lifting and getting a strong core," Bournias said. "It doesn't really matter if I have dumbbells or no weights. I still make time daily to work out, doing upper with core one day and lower with core every other day."

When it came time for college recruiting, schools looking at her included Aquinas, University of the South in Tennessee, Cleveland State and Wellesley for softball, as well as Michigan State and Cleary University for ice hockey.

Bournias enjoyed some great high school memories, such as the Knights' girls hockey team winning back-to-back Division II state titles.

That first year it was the performance of Kara Francis, who scored six goals to lead a comeback; the second year, Bournias posted a shutout as the starting goalie.

"The comeback was a surreal feeling; it still gives me chills," she said. "But for this year, it would definitely have been our Traverse City trip, between messing around in the hotel to pre-game dancing in the locker room. We were very competitive, but we knew how to have a good time."

Bournias took the time to improving as an ice hockey goalie.

"Being a goalie is not easy in any way; having shots fly at you from all over the place and some you can't even see," she said. "You hear what spectators say in the stands. The 'oh, the goalie could have stopped that' or the 'if only the goalie,' but being a goalie, you can't focus on that; all you can focus on is the puck."

"Stepping in freshman year, I had zero expectations for myself. Everything was new, but as I progressed and got better, I soon created a name for myself and my team started counting on me more and more to come through. Each game I had one thing in mind, stop the puck. If I stop the puck, the goals won't go in. Who cares what others think/say?"

Bournias has posted solid numbers in net for the Knights. She helped the team win 80 percent of their games this winter under first-year head coach Greg Paddison.

She puts herself under a ton of pressure, but shines. She tells herself to stay calm, cool, collected and confident -- four C's that get her through the tough times.

She is a good student, using time management to its fullest. She would get her school work done and then head to Brighton for softball workouts.

"I was forced to stay on top of my work," she

said. "I am very outgoing, so I would reach out to all my teachers if I need help with a topic or needed an extension. Coming in early or meeting in my free period was important. I managed to go to bed every night around 10 so I must have been doing something right."

She is planning on majoring in economics and business. From there she is looking to pursue either marketing/sales or more schooling for engineering.

Bournias's biggest supporters are her father, Nick, mother, Andra, as well as her sister and grandparents.

"I have to come out of the gates charging and build a new name for myself," Bournias said. "I will be fine. I just hope people don't miss me too much."

### New coaches

University Liggett School has hired four varsity head coaches for football, cross country, track and field and field hockey who together bring more than 30 years of coaching experience to the Knights.

Athletic Director Alan Parish said he is enthused by the level of experience each of the coaches will bring to the ULS athletics program.

Tarif Kumasi will take over as the varsity football coach. Kumasi has been coaching high



PHOTO COURTESY OF EVE BOURNIAS

Eve Bournias is taking her talents to the Boston area to play softball in college.

school football 20 years, including a long run as head coach at Cesar Chavez Academy in Detroit. Kumasi is a Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Melvin Moss is the new head coach for track and field. He also will serve as the football defensive coordinator.

Moss, a certified strength and conditioning coach, began working with the track and field athletes in Liggett's Boll Campus Center weight room in February, before the season was cut short.

He is the president of a Detroit nonprofit and has more than a decade of experience in NFL player

development.

Joe Smith will be the head coach for cross country and also serves as the Knights' distance running coach in track and field. Smith previously was the cross-country head coach and assistant track coach at Lamphere High School for three years.

He is a Grosse Pointe Park resident and has been guiding Liggett's distance runners remotely with their training during the pandemic.

Amanda Amine, who has been assisting with the field hockey program the past two years, has taken over the helm as head coach for the varsity team.

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1 St. Louis landmark  
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12 Silver salmon  
13 Kan. neighbor  
14 Sandwich cookie  
15 Destruction  
16 Thrilling  
18 Passage  
20 Idles  
21 Still  
22 "You've got mail" co.  
23 Really fun time  
26 Leave out  
30 Thither  
31 Beer cousin  
32 Queue  
33 Shout out  
36 Co-star with Ball, Arnaz and Frawley  
38 Branch  
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40 Larynx output

43 Surpasses  
47 "My bad"  
49 By word of mouth  
50 Night light?  
51 Atmosphere  
52 Loosen  
53 Paquin or Quindlen  
54 Final (Abbr.)  
55 Exam  
**DOWN**  
1 Land measure  
2 Sauce thickener  
3 Stylish  
4 Sweethearts  
5 Klutzy  
6 Adjoining  
7 Leno's network  
8 "Is that so?"  
9 Eye part  
10 Landlord's due  
11 Garb  
17 Sporty Camaro  
19 Emeritus (Abbr.)

22 Chopper  
23 "See ya"  
24 Bagel topping  
25 Anti-apartheid org.  
26 Shade source  
27 Samovar  
28 "What's up, —?"  
29 Ram's mate  
31 Intent  
34 Gap  
35 War god  
36 Carpet cleaner, for short  
37 Went to a restaurant  
39 Put forth, as energy  
40 — cava  
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By Tom Greenwood

### A real pro

It's awfully tough to surprise Bill Rock. But that's what happened recently in Chicago when Rock was presented a plaque at the 15th annual Collectors Association convention honoring him for his years as a magician's magician.

Rock, who recently retired after working 34 years at Whittier Cleaners, was one of America's premiere professional magicians, working the vaudeville boards with legends like Harry Houdini, Harry Thurston and Harry Blackstone.

In those days, Bill would spend 40 to 50 weeks of the year on the road entertaining in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Nowadays, he visits friends and relatives and attends numerous conventions like the recent one in the Windy City where he gave a 45 minute talk to magicians from around the world. He got a standing ovation, too.

While he was there, he attended the White Sox's opening game against the Tigers, which our boys handily won. When he got back home, he also attended their opener against the Texas Rangers. Once again, we won.

I wonder if Bill would mind traveling with the team to work his magic all season long?

### Take me with you!

Congratulations are in order for Phoebe Weinberg, manager of Greatways Travel Corp in the Farms, as one of 15 travel agents in North America invited to celebrate the maiden voyage of the Sea Goddess I in Monte Carlo.

Ms. Weinberg was chosen from more than 100,000 travel agents to attend the inaugural festivities presided over by her Highness Princess Caroline.

Ms. Weinberg left Motown last week and spent a special day in Monte Carlo before attending a private concert, followed by a candlelight supper at the Hotel de Paris. She was then scheduled to return to earth, (read Detroit), on Monday, April 16.

### The Robb Report

It's not often that a reporter gets questioned by another reporter, but it happened to Free Press writer Robb Musial Monday evening after the close of the school board meeting at Trombly School.

Musial, a parent and Woods resident, has been a reporter for the Friendly's east side section covering Grosse Pointe and adjoining cities for some months now.

He was, admittedly, a little surprised when GP News editor Susan McDonald asked him if it was true that he had signed a petition asking for the recall of school board members. He was, in fact, one of the first to sign, on Jan. 21, the day the petition drive was launched.

"Yes, I signed. I'll sign to let anybody have a vote on anything," said Musial. "I'll sign for hand guns and against hand guns. For anything to give people a vote."

Musial has extensively written about the Board of Education, including three stories in last Thursday's east side edition.

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## St. John Hospital grows, part of \$222 million plan

By Harriet Nolan

Whether one prefers to use the '80s slang "you've come a long way baby" or the more dignified proverb "from little acorns big oak trees grow," it's evident that something big is going on at St. John Hospital, and on and on and on...

"In fiscal year 1983, our gross combined operating revenue was \$123 million," says Glenn Wesselmann, vice-president and chief executive officer of St. John. On May 1, he will succeed James T. Farley who will retire as president.

The \$123 million Wesselmann refers to doesn't include \$111 million the hospital received last year as a result of a bond sale to pay for the new construction and renovation over a five-year period.

But, looking back to when St. John opened its doors in the early 1950s, who would have realized that the then gigantic sum of \$2 million that was raised wouldn't rate a raised eye-brow in today's market? Who would have guessed to what gigantic proportions the

health industry would grow?

And while it's important to succeed financially, it's just as important to not lose touch with the people you serve, says Wesselmann. "We don't want to lose the human quality."

One would never suspect that while the hospital, set on 17.3 acres, may appear to be the main focus, it's fast becoming only one of several business components run by the Sisters of St. Joseph under the name of St. Clair Health Corporation.

The most important projects for the near future include seeing the new building completed, followed by modernizing the present hospital.

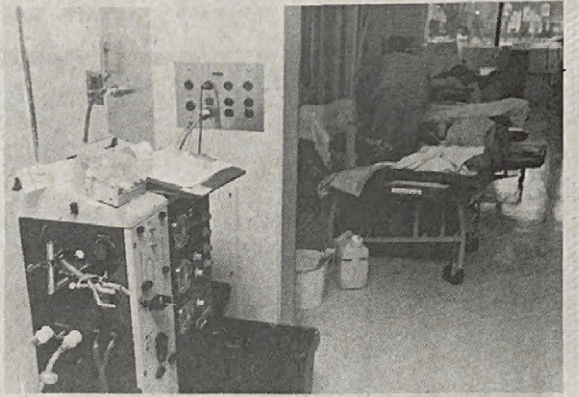
The 607-bed teaching hospital will enjoy a total of 260,000 square feet of space when the new addition is completed. No beds will be added, but the space provided will allow for the latest in technology and provide for the care of critically ill infants, children and adults in new surgical suites and critical

care units.

A highly sophisticated emergency center, rated as one of the 50 major trauma centers in the nation, will be able to handle the entire spectrum of life threatening situations. St. Clair Health Corporation is waiting for an answer from the state on a bid submitted to develop an extended care facility on the land formerly occupied by Austin High School. The acquisition price for the land and buildings are \$1.8 million and further development of a 200-bed nursing home would cost another \$5 million, says Wesselmann.

A free-standing ambulatory surgery clinic is being evaluated for use near the hospital and satellite centers will be needed for people who have to report for follow-up programs after leaving the Oxford Institute.

Another future project, according to Wesselmann, is improving the physical facilities and resources at the newly acquired Harrison Hospital. Also a venture with Beaumont and Oakwood



St. Clair Renal Center is a familiar place to patients who have to make thrice-weekly visits for dialysis. Staff at the center also make referrals to Hutzel Hospital for kidney transplants and teach patients at home-dialysis.

Hospitals is being formulated. The merger, under the banner United Health Systems, will offer medical service to corporations and businesses for their employees.

The hospital also plans to exercise its option to buy the Pointe Plaza Shopping Center at Seven-Mack Avenue in 1987. At this time, Wesselmann says the plan is to continue making it a viable shopping area.

"We want to capture referrals and hold on to where we are," says Wesselmann. "We are in the business of health care, while having the hospital remain viable."

And keeping the hospital viable includes having a financial hand in all phases of operations.

One of these businesses is the St. Clair Renal Center, which grossed 1.9 million in operating revenue last year. (Continued on Page 15A)



Photo by Tom Greenwood

### Sunny silhouette

Possibly the only thing more beautiful than sunlight on Lake St. Clair is the return of the giant ore carriers that signals the welcomed return of spring. In a few more weeks, the warm weather will adorn the flowering trees along Lakeshore Road with millions of white, red and pink colored petals in a perfect compliment to the watery beauty provided by the lake.

## Richard land lease okayed

By Susan McDonald

Jon Gandelot called for a vote Monday night and ended nearly 30 years of negotiation between the Board of Education and city of Grosse Pointe Farms over a parcel of prime Kercheval land.

The vote was 6-0 in favor of leasing the parcel in front of Richard Elementary School to the Farms, which plans to develop a 74-space parking lot there. The decision was greeted with cheers by Farms councilmen and business owners on the Hill, who say the parking is badly needed. Some Richard parents opposed the decision, saying it will do nothing to benefit their kids.

Gandelot called the question, and forced the vote, after nearly an hour's discussion of the lease led by his fellow board member Roger Mourad. Mourad abstained from the final vote after questioning, at length, the financial aspects of the lease.

In exchange for a 15-year lease on the land, the Farms has agreed to make \$50,000 worth of improvements to two playgrounds near Richard school, including construction of a full-sized sports field on adjacent land. The money is part of the city's 1984 Community Development Block Grant from the federal government and must be spent by June 30 of this year.

The Farms will finance construction of the lot, but councilwoman Nancy Waugaman says she doesn't know how, just yet.

"That's the first order of business that must be taken care of next," Mrs. Waugaman said at the school board's Monday meeting. "We'll have to get to work on that immediately if we're to have the lot completed before school reopens next fall."

Ed Kiska, president of the Hill Merchants Association, said after the meeting at Trombly school,

that the new lot will be a boon to the lower end of the shopping area. "It's great that they're finally going ahead with this. This should have been done a long time ago," Kiska said.

Traffic and marketability studies of the Hill area have repeatedly indicated additional parking is needed if retail businesses are to flourish. The new single-level, metered parking lot will serve the Central Library, lower Hill and Punch and Judy Theater.

The land is now a paved playground that is seldom used by students because its hard surface is considered dangerous, according to Richard Principal Dr. Claire Basco.

The Farms and school board first began discussing the possibility of building a parking lot in front of Richard in the late 1950s, when a "land swap" between the two units of government was considered. The proposal was revived in 1978 and again this year, when the Farms received its federal grant to improve the Hill.

Board member Mourad objected to the current proposal because, he said, "I'm not comfortable with the equation (in the lease)."

"This is an expensive piece of property," he noted. "We're just getting \$50,000 for it."

But Gandelot and board president Joan Hapner defended the proposal, saying the board has an obligation to cooperate with other community interests.

"It's exceedingly difficult to park near the library and other businesses on the Hill, especially at night," Gandelot said. "This will help those businesses and we're getting another quality playfield too."

## The search begins

### New superintendent may be hard to find

By Susan McDonald

Local school board members should be getting good at conducting searches for new superintendents by now. Kenneth Brummel became the third superintendent to resign before he spent five years on the job earlier this month, launching the board on a search for its fourth head in 10 years.

But this spring's nation-wide effort to find his replacement may be more difficult than past years'. For one thing, two other top Michigan school districts, Ann Arbor and Bloomfield, are also in the market for new superintendents. And Grosse Pointe's well-publicized ruckus over the board's decision to close a school next fall may scare

some candidates away, trustees say.

More members of the community will likely be watching the board and wanting a say in the selection process this time, as well. When Brummel was picked for the job three years ago scarcely a soul attended meetings or asked questions.

But David Eslick, Jr., and other members of the group working to

recall trustees who favored the school closings, are promising to be active this time around. Eslick said in an interview last week that he was glad to see Brummel go so that his group could "pick a new superintendent who doesn't think elementary schools should be closed." The recall organization could win control of the school board by late summer if it succeeds at the polls in June.

But not everyone is happy to see Brummel, 49, leave for his new job as superintendent of Orange Unified schools, serving the area around Anaheim, Santa Ana, Orange and Yorba Linda near Los Angeles, Calif. School board (Continued on Page 7A)

### Correction

The Merry Mouse restaurant in the Village is called Cafe Le Chat. It was incorrectly identified in the News' April 5 issue.

## Arrested at Metro — Feds charge tax evasion

By Tom Greenwood

The U.S. Department of Justice announced last Friday in a press release that Farms resident Stuart Crane, 53, has been arrested and charged with four counts of tax evasion, obstruction of justice, and making false declarations before a grand jury.

The indictments against Crane were returned by a federal grand jury on Thursday, April 12. According to his attorney, John Carlisle, Crane was arrested by U.S. Marshals at Metropolitan Airport last Friday as he was about to depart on a business trip.

Crane was then arraigned before a U.S. Magistrate in Detroit's Federal building. After his arraignment, Crane was released on an unsecured \$200,000 personal bond. According to Carlisle, Crane immediately returned to the airport to begin his business trip.

"Mr. Crane has unrestricted travel in the continental United States," said Carlisle. "As for his arrest at the airport, the government is just trying to make a big deal of it. They knew he was leaving Detroit and waited until he was at the boarding gate. They tried to

make it look like they 'nabbed' him trying to flee the country. They could have arrested him at home a lot easier."

The indictment alleges that Crane evaded payment of federal income taxes for the years 1977, '78, '79 and '80. According to Carlisle, the amounts allegedly owed for those years respectively are: 1977-\$1,761, 1978-\$775; 1979-\$37,054; and for 1980-\$100,392.

The indictment also charges that Crane withheld and tried to remove and conceal business records which had been subpoenaed by the grand jury, and that he lied during a grand jury appearance on April 14, 1982.

Crane is a former accounting professor who holds a Ph.D. in business from Indiana University and was formerly the Dean of the Business School at Bob Jones University. He has been identified as the owner of several motels in Detroit.

If convicted, Crane faces up to five years in prison, \$10,000 in fines or both on each of the four counts of tax evasion. He can be subjected to additional civil tax,

penalties and interest upon conviction. He also faces five years imprisonment, a \$5,000 fine or both on the obstruction of justice charge, and a \$10,000 fine on the charge of false declarations before a grand jury.

In December, 1983, Crane was found guilty in Michigan Recorder's court of 15 counts of tax fraud and was later sentenced to three years probation by Recorder's Court Judge Warfield Moore Jr. He was also found not guilty of two counts of withholding cigarette taxes from the vending machines at his motels.

Crane was also ordered at that time to make restitution in the amount of \$1,046 in disputed taxes, turn over all books and records pertaining to his businesses to the U.S. Treasury Department and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine for each of the 15 counts of tax fraud.

During his trial, Crane claimed that the state had reneged on paying for the housing of welfare recipients, ex-mental patients and ex-cons at two of his motels and that he had withheld taxes to deduct what was owed him by the state.

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