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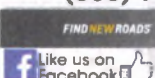


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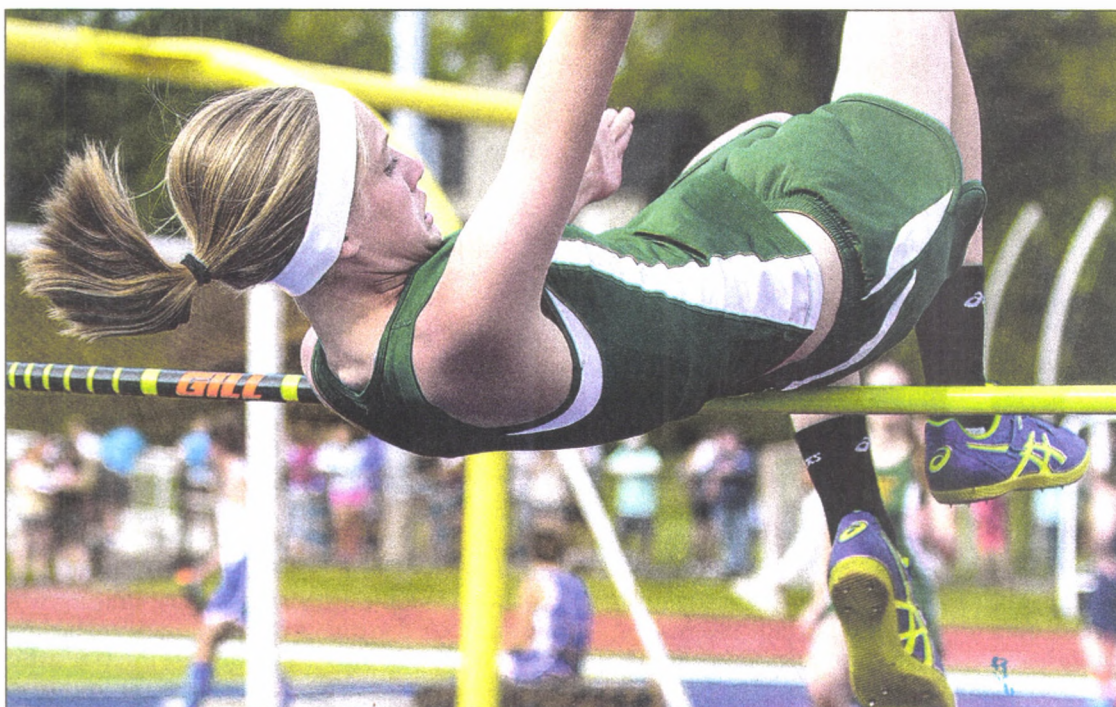


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To the finals

Grosse Pointe North sophomore Abby Kanakry clears the bar at 5-feet, 2-inches, to win the high jump in a Division 1 regional meet last weekend at Grosse Pointe South. With the first-place finish, Kanakry made it to the state finals June 4. For the story, see page 1C.

Board changes policy, 5-2

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus opened the superintendent's report at the Board of Education regular meeting Monday, May 23, with "a little bit of levity." Addressing a filled auditorium at Brownell Middle School, he said, "I just want to thank everybody for coming tonight for my first

anniversary as superintendent of schools for Grosse Pointe."

The comment set a cordial tone to an emotionally charged evening. The community had come to speak on a number of hotly debated issues on the agenda. Top among these was Policy 5111, "Enrollment Eligibility of Students."

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Park passes budget

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city council passed the 2016-17 budget at its Monday, May 23, meeting and while it holds the line on spending, it does not allow for an increase in the city's fund balance for the first time in three years.

While there won't be an increase in the fund balance, there won't be a large

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Tax hike helps park

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — An extra \$262,000 for park improvements is being raised by a 1-mil property tax increase scheduled to expire in one year.

Members of the city council approved the increase Tuesday, May 17, while passing the budget for fiscal year 2016-17, starting July 1.

"We are facing the need to make significant renovations to our park," said

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A great show

It was a perfect weekend for the Great Lakes Boating Festival, held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club May 20-22. Below left, Patrick Kelly, 5, of the City of Grosse Pointe, sits in the captain's chair on the Pride of Michigan ship, looking up at Cadet Wyatt Cleveland of Lake Orion. Below, Jim Mauch and Marv Mauch look over a 2016 Epic 23SC Bay Boat. More photos, page 8A.

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At right, Jennifer Jiles and Tiffany Perry are ready for a test drive in a 2017 32-foot Sunsation. Far right, Maggie McLean, Abbey McLean and Abigail Beltran take in the view on the Bavaria 420 Vitress Coupe while Sheron McLean and Mark McLean talk with Dirk Boehmer of Motor Yachts.



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Park mulls three proposals

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — One of the most lingering political mysteries in the Pointes may be solved in the November election.

The Park's charter, enacted in the 1950s, mandates the city council meet twice a month and to comply with the charter, the city has scheduled council meetings for the second and fourth Monday of each month.

For years, the city clerk has cancelled the meeting scheduled for the second Monday with an announcement it has been "rescheduled" for the fourth Monday.

With some residents questioning how the council could be so far out of sync with the charter, the ordinance review committee has come up with a solution — the committee, chaired by Councilman Dan

Clark, is recommending the city charter be changed to mandating just one meeting a month.

The proposal, along with two other changes to the charter, will be put before voters in the November election, providing ballot language is approved by the state.

In addition to eliminating the two monthly meetings requirement, the ordinance review committee is recommending two other ballot proposals. One would ask voters to eliminate a provision from the charter referencing a merit system for employees. Clark explained the original provision has now been supplanted by union regulations and compulsory arbitration and is simply "outdated."

The other proposal has to do with setting the salary for the municipal court judge. The proposed ballot language would set a minimum of \$15,000 and

a maximum of \$30,000.

Clark told the council at its Monday, May 23, meeting a review of the charter shows several provisions are simply outdated and recommended further review.

A formal presentation on the three proposals will be made to the council at its June meeting. According to Councilman Dan Grano, ballot language must be approved by both the governor's office and the secretary of state. Final approval must be obtained by Aug. 2 for the proposals to appear on the November ballot.

According to the city's website, "Meetings of the city council are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the council chambers on the 4th level of the municipal office complex, 15115 E. Jefferson Ave." Check the website for the exact date of the June meeting.

Pier Park prepared

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Hurry and register for swimming lessons at Pier Park.

"They're filling up," said Michele Eickhorst, recreation and aquatics coordinator for the Grosse Pointe Farms recreation department.

Lessons start June 20. Classes are taught at six levels of proficiency and cost \$55.

"You can register for everything online," Eickhorst said.

Swimming pools at the park open noon Saturday, May 28.

Main pool hours are noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 28 through Thursday, June 16; and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 5.

Wading pool and splash-pad playground hours are noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 28 through Thursday, June 16; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 5.

Next in line among popular organized activities at the park during summer are:

- ◆ youth and adult tennis lessons,
- ◆ Barracudas swim team, Wednesday, June 1 through July 28 (fee \$140 — register

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policy spread, it garnered mixed reviews and prompted questions from the community. Concerns raised at the April 9 meeting were addressed on the district website in a "frequently asked questions" forum. Community members shared their opinions in emails to the board and discussions on social media threads, with some viewing the policy change as a positive step for the community, while others held fast that attendance at a GPPSS school should be for residents only.

Those in favor saw it as a source of revenue, recruitment and retention tool for employees and incentive for non-resident staff members to move to the district. Opponents viewed it as an unfair policy that would increase costs, create an incentive for resident employees to leave the district and open the door to schools of choice. Some speakers urged

board members to do their fiduciary responsibility as stewards of the taxpayers, while others reminded them of their responsibility to represent the school system and serve the best interests of the students.

"Your duty as board members for the Grosse Pointe Public School System is to use our resources to educate the students of our community," said Joan Dindoffer, former board president.

"I've read and heard many times the last few weeks that this board is elected only to represent the taxpayers," said Grosse Pointe Farms resident Quinn Smith. "I think that's a tragic statement. If members of our community insist on pitting the taxpayer against the employee, the only thing that will come from that fight is a deterioration of the product you are really here to represent — the students."

Alex Gulyas, a Parcels Middle School science teacher and Grosse Pointe Farms resident, spoke as a Grosse Pointe

taxpayer. "This proposal meets two of the goals of our strategic plan — to increase enrollment and to recruit and retain high-quality teachers. It is a revenue-generating, win-win initiative that has absolutely no negative consequences that I can see. Our problem is not teacher pay; it's declining enrollment. We have seats to fill in our classrooms. Rather than close schools, cut programs or cut pay, let's allow these empty seats to be filled by families who are vested in this district. This is a positive solution that will help us move forward as a district in meeting our goals."

Melissa Currier, a Brownell Middle School teacher and Grosse Pointe Farms resident, invoked Brownell's motto for the year, "Be an upstander, not a bystander," written on the back of her T-shirt.

"I can assure you, as a resident, I would not consider moving from Grosse Pointe if this proposal passes. Grosse Pointe is my home," she said in response to concerns the benefit would create an incentive for

resident teachers to move to a less costly district. She closed by thanking the board "for trying to find a way to increase enrollment that will not, in my opinion, take any opportunities away from my own children who live in this district."

Grosse Pointe Park resident Bruce Hubbell also thanked the board for looking at additional ways to get funding. "We're faced with demographic challenges and you're trying to come up with creative ways. But I also think that people make choices and one of those choices is where they live."

"Pay the taxes, be a stakeholder is my advice to those that want to live here. There are plenty of 'for sale' signs all over," said Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Shook.

Grosse Pointe Park resident and Parcels counselor Carla Palffy called teachers in the district the best and the brightest in southeast Michigan.

"I'm a taxpayer and I firmly believe this program will be a win-win financial situation for our residents as well as our teachers We as com-

munity members entrust our children with these fine teachers every single day and it is their children that we are looking to bring into our district as students and members of the classroom. I can't think of a finer group of young children to add to our Grosse Pointe enrollment and help out with our budget."

Trustee Cindy Pangborn made a motion to table the agenda item to gather more financial information. "I think there's too many unanswered questions," she said. The motion failed 5-2.

Following discussion among board members, the motion on approving the policy passed 5-2. Prior to the vote, board members shared what swayed their decision.

"If I thought this policy would hurt this district in any way, I would vote against it," Trustee Margaret Weertz said. "And if I thought that this was a slippery slope to schools of choice, I would vote against it I've listened to my people in the community. I've listened to pros and cons In spite of our fears, I think it is going to be nothing but a win-win for our district My final decision is based on this: what's best for our students and what's best for our students is often what's best for our teachers and our staff."

Vice President Dan Roeske said the policy would help meet one of the district's strategic objectives, which all board members voted on unanimously, to increase enrollment.

Treasurer Brian Summerfield said he viewed the policy as a benefit to employees. "This is not going to cure our fund equity woes — it's going to help a little bit, but it's not going to get us to 10 percent — but what's more important to me is we are looking for ways to tell the staff we appreciate them and that's why I support it," he said.

Trustee Lois Valente said the policy is low risk, a win-win and has been tested in like districts. "It's just the right thing to do," she said.

President Judy Gafa said she was still on the fence Sunday night, weighing all perspectives presented by the community.

"First of all, this will not lead to schools of choice," Gafa said. "I drove to Lansing and testified three or four times against schools of choice."

One driving force for her decision was her concern about losing valuable teachers.

"Our teachers are going to be recruited because we have award-winning teachers in this district."

Another motivator came from her work philosophy. "You take care of your frontline team, because when you take care of your frontline team, they take care of your customers."

"We take care of each other in this community," she continued. "That's what Grosse Pointe is all about. That's what one GP is all about."

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Nearly 1,000 people attended the Guild's dinner at MGM Grand Detroit.



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Guild dinner honors four, raises funds for St. John

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

The 56th annual St. John Guild dinner celebrated four outstanding individuals for their service and dedication while entertaining hundreds of guests with fine food, socializing and entertainment.

The evening kicked off with a VIP reception and 90-minute "cocktail hour" at the MGM Grand Casino & Hotel. A sit-down dinner was followed by the honoring of four community members who've made notable contributions to St. John through their actions. Actor/comedian Paul Reiser helped close the night with his stand-up routine.

"What an all-star lineup we have this evening," Guild President Paul Treder said, as the event kicked off. "This is a special event because you people make it a special event."

The guild, which boasts more than 500 members, has raised more than \$17 million for St. John Hospital & Medical Center to date, Treder said.

"The guild has been an integral part of the St. John system in its entirety," hospital President Bob Hoban said. "We sincerely appreciate everything the guild has done for us over the years."

The guild honored Gene LoVasco with its Philanthropic Services Award. LoVasco — who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Law

School and a CLU designation from the American College — has been a guild member since 1983. He has 30 years of experience in the insurance industry and sits on the boards of the St. John Hospital Foundation, American College Foundation and Detroit Athletic Club Foundation. He has been married to Jeanne for 31 years and has three children, Michael, Laura and John.

"Thanks for this honor and congratulations to my fellow recipients," LoVasco said. "It's really members of the community who are to be applauded The generosity that we see displayed through giving is really a reflection on our community."

John Adamo was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award. A graduate of Western Michigan University, Adamo credits his father with his interest in the guild; Vincent Adamo was a founding member of the guild. He joined the guild in 1981 and is a Guild Life member, past dinner chairman, past guild president and current member of the dinner, golf outing and run committees. He and his wife Connie, owners of Conner Park Florist, have been married 41 years and have two sons, Chris and Andy.

"I'm very honored and also very humbled to receive this award," he said, adding to dinner attendees, "I encourage you to come continually, but also to bring a friend or two."

Beth Carter was honored with the Sister Verence McQuade Distinguished Service

Award. The Ferris State University graduate put her social work degree to work as an administrator at the Children's Home of Detroit. In 1987, she took a post at St. John Masonic Medical Center, where she worked several years before coming to the hospital's main campus. In 2002, the McQuade Society was formed and Carter's role has been to assist society members through all needs and experiences at the hospital.

Carter is mother to Mark, Scott and Kyle and grandmother to Melanie and Joseph.

"I thank the guild for this honor. This award is very near and dear to my heart," she said. "I am humbled to stand among these other recipients this evening."

She added she felt blessed McQuade "was not just my mentor, but my friend."

"It's quite an honor to be associated with such a dedicated group of people."

The Physician of the Year Award was presented to Thomas LaLonde M.D., who started working at St. John in 1983. The University of Michigan and Wayne State University School of Medicine graduate became chief resident in 1986, was a cardiology fellow from '86 to '88 and an interventional fellow in 1989. He has been an active staff member ever since and in 2008 was named chief of cardiology.

LaLonde has been married to Mary Jane since 1983. They have three children, Daniel, Andrew

and Kathryn.

"I am extremely honored to be recognized by the guild as physician of the year. I could not think of three better people to share this award with," he said, thanking his mother, Joanne, for teaching him the value of an education and hard work. Family is the most important thing in his life, he said.

"I thank the guild for their generous support. For 33 years I've witnessed events they've put together," he said. "I'm extremely proud to be a lifetime member of the guild, extremely proud to be a member of the board and now I can say I'm extremely proud to be physician of the year."

"I love coming to that place every morning," he continued. "Every day is different. Not a day goes by that something great doesn't happen at St. John Hospital & Medical Center St. John is a gem. It's the best academic community hospital probably in the country. Nothing excites me more than coming into the hospital and seeing what we do."

The evening also included raffles, among them the two-year lease of a Jeep Cherokee donated by Ray Laethem Motor Village, a Rolex watch donated by Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, a suite at Comerica Park donated by KEM-TEC, an overnight stay at the MGM Grand Casino donated by the casino, a trip to Las Vegas donated by the MGM Grand and a trip to Napa Valley with airfare donated by Celani Family Vineyards and Cosmopolitan Travel.

Hearing ends

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Circuit Judge Vonda Evans set July 14 for closing arguments in the 6-month-long hearing to determine if Bob Bashara's murder conviction for the death of his wife will be overturned.

Evans set the date Tuesday after both the prosecution and Bashara's attorney, Ronald Ambrose, rested their cases. She said she will allow both sides 40 minutes to present their arguments and will rule that day whether Bashara's 2014 conviction should be overturned.

Bashara asked for a new trial, citing inadequate counsel at his trial. He was convicted of first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

The final witness in the hearing, Joe Gentz, was questioned Tuesday by Ambrose about an affidavit filed December in Gentz's name in which Gentz alleges Bashara had nothing to do with the murder of his wife.

Gentz admitted he had killed Jane Bashara Jan. 24, 2012, but did so at the behest of her husband. Gentz said Bashara was going to pay him \$2,000 and give him a used Cadillac. Gentz told police Bob Bashara was in the garage while he murdered Jane Bashara and that Bob Bashara held a gun to his head to force him to do it.

Gentz said Park police told him they wanted to get Bob Bashara because they had not been able to charge him on alleged child molestation charges brought against Bob Bashara by a family member.

However, in the December 2015 affidavit, Gentz said Bashara had nothing to do with his wife's death and was not present when he murdered her.

When called to testify in April, Gentz described the affidavit as "garbage" and

"a lie" and in testimony May 24, said he wanted to get back at the Grosse Pointe Park Police and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for the way "they treated me."

Gentz said from the witness stand he was offered deals and was told authorities would guarantee his safety if he testified against Bashara, but that police and prosecutors had not lived up to their promises. Gentz said in prison he's considered a "rat" and he has been assaulted several times.

But Gentz testified that in spite of what the affidavit, written by another inmate, alleges, Bob Bashara was very much involved in the murder of his wife.

"He held a gun to my head," Gentz said in previous testimony.

When Ambrose attempted to question Gentz about events described in the affidavit, Gentz stuck to his story that he did not write the affidavit and did not know exactly what was included in it.

"I'm not the brightest guy on the block," Gentz said. "I didn't know what it said, I didn't read it."

Evans would not allow Ambrose to question Gentz on anything other than the affidavit, and since Gentz alleges he did not write it, what Ambrose described as "several hours of questioning" was abandoned and both sides rested.

At one point in the hearing, when Gentz talked about killing Jane Bashara, Bob Bashara started to cry, his shoulders shaking.

After the hearing, Ambrose said if Evans does not overturn Bashara's conviction, he will take the case to the appeals court.

He said he felt constrained by Evans' ruling barring additional questioning of Gentz and said if Gentz had been forced to testify at his client's preliminary examination, Bob Bashara would have never been tried in Jane Bashara's murder.

Cleaning on tap for main line

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Some of next fiscal year's water and sewer fund will go down the drain.

"We have to clean the main sewer line," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores finance committee. "That's in the budget."

A recent survey of the main interceptor under Lakeshore revealed a buildup of debris, which can cause backups.

Crews installing new gas line for DTE Energy discovered the partial blockage.

"The company is televising sewer and gas lines," Bisballe said. "They looked at the sewer line for us. It's a almost half full of dirt."

The interceptor collects sewer water from smaller lines under side streets.

Although sewers are partially self-cleaning because they flow downhill and operate by gravity, two pumping stations in the Shores are needed to lift contents elevator-fashion to an even larger interceptor under Cook Road.

The system is part of a regional network leading

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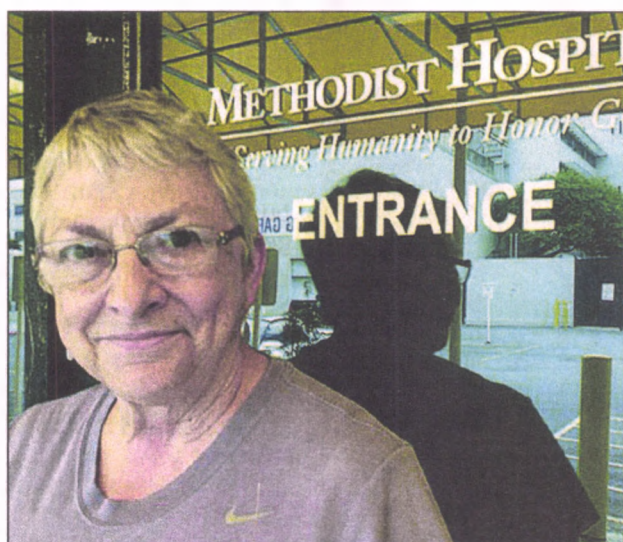
Local author says book a labor of love

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

"I've never had breast cancer," said Patricia Anstett, medical writer and author of "Breast Cancer Surgery and Reconstruction: What's Right for You." "Why am I writing a book about breast cancer?"

The answer begins with a story. Three years ago, Anstett, a 35-year Grosse Pointe Woods resident known in the community by her married name, Kiska, accompanied a friend, Donna Dauphinais, to Baltimore to visit a well-known breast tattoo artist. Dauphinais had gone through surgery and reconstruction for breast cancer, but experienced difficulty with her implants.

Anstett said the experience opened her "eyes that reconstruction is important to women and it's not always done right." She realized while there is a lot of breast



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Patricia Anstett is a 35-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

cancer awareness, including the need for screening, there is little awareness about surgeries beyond mastectomies.

"Something told me how important this was," she said. She wrote a sample chapter and found a publisher. The complete book will be released June 16 by Rowman & Littlefield. Of 24 chapters, 23 tell wom-

en's stories, including Dauphinais'.

Anstett, married 35 years to fellow author and journalist Tim Kiska, was born and raised in Detroit. She majored in journalism at Michigan State University and worked 40 years as a newspaper journalist in Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Detroit. She spent the last 22 of her 30

years at the Detroit Free Press as a medical writer. Her award-winning stories covered various aspects of breast cancer and breast implant surgery. She has been honored by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the American Cancer Society and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and received the Vivian Castleberry Award, a national competition honoring top reporting on women's issues. She retired from the Free Press in 2012.

"It was a wonderful time to be a medical writer because newspapers invested in their writers," Anstett said, adding she had the luxury of traveling all over the world.

For her book research, funding was limited in her contract so Anstett formed a kick-starter campaign and raised more than \$21,000, enabling her and Emmy award-winning photographer Kathleen Galligan to travel out of state to document women's stories. "I don't plan to make any or much money on this," Anstett said. "This is a labor of love. I'm

grateful to have a contract. I've pretty much gotten this far on this book by myself with help from a wonderful photographer."

In addition to meeting breast cancer survivors, Anstett talked with doctors and watched surgeries at three major health care centers. Her goal was to improve the conversation women have with their doctors.

"Many of them don't know what questions to ask," she said. For example, many women feel pressured to have reconstructive surgery by family members or their doctors, Anstett said. She felt it was important women understand not having surgery was an option, quoting one woman in the book who said, "It needs to be on the menu and it's not." A chapter addressing this choice is called "Flat or One-Breasted."

"Another important thing: you can have (surgery) later. You don't have to rush," Anstett said. "It's important to do what's best for you."

Anstett's goal in writing the book was "to make women feel beautiful and comfortable

regardless of the decision they made." The book includes advice on finding good doctors; sex and intimacy; clothing and breast forms; and living without breast reconstruction. She hopes the book will be helpful not only to women anticipating surgery, but also those who have been through it to fill in gaps and validate the experience, she said.

A private book launch to thank donors and supporters will be held Sunday, June 26, at Aretree Day Spa in Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a public book launch at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 29. The first hour is a book signing and light strolling dinner. The second hour features discussion with Anstett, two survivors and Henry Ford doctors. RSVPs are required at (248) 325-3890 or dk@hfhs.org.

Another public book signing will be held Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In addition to promoting the book over the next year, Anstett hopes to have conversations with doctors in training at medical schools. She plans to bring survivors with her to talk with them.

"If there's another book in me after that, I don't know," she said. "This is an issue I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I think of myself as a full-time breast reporter."

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Construction goes round and round

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Holes keep being dug at the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier.

“First, the gas company’s dug up that intersection three times,” said Brett Smith, director of public works in Grosse Pointe Shores. “They’ve replaced the sidewalk with concrete three times. The company putting in the street lighting system has dug it up twice.”

More is coming.

“It will probably be dug up the end of (this) week, unless I can hold them off until after the (Memorial Day) holiday,” Smith said. “They still need to

install foundations for new traffic signals.”

There’s a method to the madness.

One round of digging involved building a vault to hold high-pressure gas mains.

“Then, guys dug it up and put in the high-pressure lines,” Smith said. “When everything works out and the lines are safe, they have to dig it up again and tie in the line that goes down the road. “It almost looks comical. But, I’m understanding the process.”

Construction is part of DTE Energy’s community-wide replacement of old, underground iron gas lines with plastic ones.

“Once (new) gas mains are installed, they’re

going to come around and dig everything up again because lines between gas mains and houses have to be replaced,” Smith said. “Once this is completed, you’re going to see some restoration.”

The first residential lines are scheduled for installation on Lakeshore north from Vernier, he said.

DTE isn’t attaching meters to the front of houses, Smith said, citing the company’s gas operations manager.

“He assured me this will not be a problem in Grosse Pointe Shores,” Smith said. “He said the gas company will take all measures possible to route the meter to the side of the house.”

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to southeast Detroit for treatment.

“This main sewer line (under Lakeshore) has not been cleaned in 25 years,” Bisballe said.

Shores infrastructure includes “about 35 miles” of water and sewer pipes, according to Brett Smith, director of public works.

“Our budget has \$110,000 for maintenance of sewer lines and we have \$70,000 for maintenance of the water lines,” said Mayor

Ted Kedzierski. “We have, essentially, \$280,000 to repair all water and sewer mains for the year.”

Money for cleaning is partially contained in a 6 percent water and sewer rate increase starting next fiscal year, July 1.

“We may get reimbursed by the state if we get a grant in the coming year,” Bisballe said. “In the interim, we need to go ahead.”

Another water project is outfitting residences with remote-sensing meters.

“That’s a phased program we started about three years ago,” Bisballe

said. “We’ve been periodically upgrading water meters throughout the city.”

Remote-sensing meters broadcast real-time water consumption readings to city hall, supplanting house-to-house meter readers.

“If your water usage for one day goes haywire, an alert comes to the department of public works,” Bisballe said. “They’ll call you. You may be out of town and have a broken pipe.”

The system has been used three times to notify residents of broken pipes, according to Smith.

Farms water rate up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The average residential water bill goes up 4.8 percent next fiscal year, starting July 1, to \$255.08.

The figure is \$11.79 more than the current average of \$243.29.

Bills are issued bimonthly.

“Rates include passing along the Great Lakes Water Authority sewage rate increase of 7.6 percent, adjusting the flat charge by \$2 and minor adjustments to other rates,” said John Lamerato, Grosse Pointe Farms treasurer and controller. “Rate adjustments are estimated to provide funds for operations, maintenance, debt service and reduce our negative cash position.”

Some 4 percent of the authority’s higher rate compensates for bad debt of other communities. The Farms’ share is \$58,400, or 1.058 percent.

Minimum Farms water bills, based on consumption of 700 cubic feet or less, become \$103.79

bimonthly, a \$4.85 increase each period.

“The annual increase is \$29.10 for minimum water users,” Lamerato said.

Farms officials shifted billing from quarterly to every second month a few years ago.

“The bimonthly bill spreads the cost of water and sewer usage more evenly throughout the year,” Lamerato said.

The city’s overall rates are based on customers, which include the City of Grosse Pointe, using a combined 60.4 million cubic feet of water per year.

“We came up with that amount by looking at the last six years of estimated water usage and consumption,” Lamerato said. “The average residential customer uses approximately 2,400 cubic feet on a bimonthly basis.”

Consumption is rebounding somewhat from a 10-year low during fiscal year 2013-14.

That year, the Farms filtration plant on Moross between Lakeshore and Grosse Pointe Boulevard sold roughly 55 million

cubic feet, down about 35 percent from nearly 85 million cubic feet sold during fiscal year 2005-06.

Reduced consumption is attributed to conservation efforts, including the availability of more efficient household appliances.

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Michigan Stem Cell Institute of America, Michigan branch devotes much of its time treating chronically ill patients - especially those in pain. With 26 years of experience, the Sterling Heights-based practice continues to utilize cutting-edge technology to help restore patients’ health. The institute recently announced its latest state-of-the-art healing procedure: **regenerative stem cell therapy.**

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“Our patients say the results are magical,” “In time, it’s our hope that this truly amazing therapy will eliminate the need for drugs and surgery.” Macomb Primary Care is one of the

first clinics in Michigan to offer this highlyadvanced form of therapy. Macomb Primary Care Physicians are all board certified with more than 20 years of experience. The practice will hold **free educational seminars** on stem cell therapy on:

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by Friday, May 27); and
♦ Swim Chicks synchronized swim team, Monday, June 20 through July 30 (fee \$100 register by Wednesday, June 15). Visit swimteam@grossepointefarms.org and synchro@grossepointefarms.org for respective

details.
Youth tennis is taught in five stages — for children ages 4 to 8, up to advanced players ages 10 and older. Courses cost \$55.
The first of three adult tennis sessions starts Tuesday, June 7, and meets two evenings per week for three weeks. Registration costs \$95.
Park hours are 6 a.m. to midnight May through

October.
The office, located in the community building bordering the marina, is open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the same period.
Park pass
Entry to the 17.5-acre, residents-only park at the foot of Moross is by city-issued park pass, or as a guest of a resident.
Passes are issued to residents age 8 and older.

Applications are available at city hall, 90 Kerby, the park office and online.
“The city is implementing park-pass scanning,” said Dick Huhn, recreation director.

Schedule

A full list of activities and programs — including self-defense, parent and infant swimming, Lego camp, knot tying and more — is in the city’s spring bulletin.
The bulletin is available at city hall, the park office and in the recreation section of the municipal

website, grossepointefarms.org.
Major events at the park this year are:
♦ Thursday night sailboat races sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, starting 7 p.m. June 2, and almost every week thereafter through Sept. 1, with close-up viewing of the start-finish line near the gazebo — early in the season, watch out for red-winged blackbirds protecting nests in trees near the viewing area;
♦ regatta and family fun weekend, July 1-3 (on

July 2, each resident with a valid park pass is limited to two guests);
♦ ice cream social, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6;
♦ Grosse Pointe Farms and City Annual Family Fishing Rodeo, open to residents of both cities up to age 17, and the biggest one-day event at the park each year, 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13;
♦ all-Pointes family outdoor movie, “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial,” dusk Saturday, Aug. 13 and
♦ farewell bonfire, around 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2.

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Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores finance committee.
Goals are to increase security at residents-only Osius Park by rebuilding the parking lot with a gate house at the Lakeshore entrance.
Anyone entering the property will have to show a city-issued park pass at the gate house before entering the parking lot, unlike now. Currently, passes are checked after people park their cars, exit and walk to an inner gate.
Also slated is rebuilding four, 30-year-old tennis courts.
“Residents have made it

clear to us they want improved security and facilities,” Bisballe said.
“I, like most of us, am not a fan of higher taxes,” Councilman Dr. Alexander Ajlouni, absent from the meeting due to a work commitment, wrote in an email. “However, in this instance, I support the one-time, 1-mil tax increase. Our primary concern is controlling access to the park itself, which will require a significant change in the infrastructure and landscape of the park. This will cost money, but it is absolutely necessary.”
“(The) increase is offset by Wayne County dropping its assessment of 1 mil for the pension shortfall,” Bisballe said.
“So, the taxes won’t change,” Ajlouni wrote.

“Yet, we will see a significant evolution of our park, which will help put it on par with the rest of the Pointes.”
Money from the tax increase will be held in escrow and used to entice matching funds from private donors while specific park improvements are developed and approved, according to Bisballe.
As such, the tax increase is somewhat a leap of faith.
“I assure you the financial committee and rest of the council is prudent, cheap, frugal and will not spend money needlessly,” Bisballe said. “We continue to save money in many areas.”
Members of the finance committee forecast the increase at the April council meeting.

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draw down either.
“We run a pretty tight ship,” said City Administrator Dale Krajniak.
The new budget, which was approved by a unanimous vote of council, takes effect July 1.
Based with the reality of the state’s Headlee Amendment limiting property tax increases to the cost of living, set this year by the state at three-tenths of 1 percent, the Park expects an increase in tax revenue of only \$30,000.
“Our property values are improving and prices are increasing,” Krajniak told council members. “But with Headlee and the cost of living, our tax revenues are neutral from last year.”
While Krajniak expects the city to maintain services in the coming fiscal year, several major projects may be on hold.
“We are facing several deferred maintenance projects,” Krajniak said.

“Right now we do the minimum, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.”
Major projects the city is facing include resurfacing the Windmill Pointe Park pool, a new roof for the Tompkins Center, cameras for the Public Safety Department and updating of computer equipment and software.
Street repairs, covered by a voter-approved bond, will proceed on schedule.
The budget sets the millage rate at 13.15, of which 11.44 mills go to general operations and 1.71 mills to rubbish collection.
The rate, Krajniak explained, is currently at the city’s Headlee cap.
This year, property tax collections will come in at \$6,454,000. By way of comparison, property tax collections in 2006 came in at \$6,950,000.
“We’re down \$500,000 over the last 10 years,” Krajniak said, adding the city has offset the lost revenue by cutting employees, noting a drop from 85 in 2006 to 66 in 2016.
The approved budget sets a total operating cost

of \$10,650,000 with 60 percent allocated to public safety, 11 percent to public service, 17 percent to parks and recreation and 12 percent to general services.
Residents will see an increase in water and sewer bills, with a projected increase of \$15.81 every two months for sewer services and an increase of \$15 per year for the average water bill.
While the city is holding the line on costs this year, Krajniak said the council is going to have to address several upcoming issues.
“We expect challenges in the next 10 years and we will need to look at long-term sources of revenue,” Krajniak said. Among the biggest challenges will be rising pension costs.
Mayor Robert Denner thanked Krajniak and City Treasurer Jane Blahut for their work on the budget.
“Dale and Jane spent countless hours on preparing the new budget,” Denner said. “We thank them for all their hard work.”



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At 3:19 a.m. Sunday, May 22, a patrolman responding to a burglar alarm at a business on Kercheval at Notre Dame encountered a 16-year-old boy standing on the corner.

“(He) stated he ran away from a group home in Ferndale and needed a ride back,” reported the officer.

The story checked out. Another officer drove him to Ferndale and released him to a Michigan state trooper.

Nothing developed from the burglar alarm.

Meter revenge

Parking meter No. 4 in the alley behind the U.S. Postal Service office in the Village was broken into recently and an unknown amount of change stolen.

A postal customer reported it to a postal employee who informed police at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

A public safety officer confirmed the meter’s coin box was missing. At the base of the damaged meter, police found \$2.30 in change. They deposited it in meter No. 3.

Bike gone

It’s a case of here this morning, gone that afternoon for a Trek mountain bike belonging to a 10-year-old City of Grosse Pointe student enrolled at Maire Elementary School on Cadieux.

He parked the bike, unlocked, at school Thursday morning, May

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19, and went to class.

“He noticed the bicycle at his lunch break, but (it) was missing when he went to leave school for the day (at 3:30 p.m.),” said a public safety officer, investigating the incident. “His helmet was left behind on the ground.”

The bike, bought two years ago for \$300, is blue and missing a handle grip.

No account

A salon in the Village is the victim of the same no-account check writer for the second time in 11 months, according to the proprietor.

The female suspect, 43, of St. Clair Shores, reportedly paid for her hairdo Tuesday, May 10, with a \$134.83 check written on a closed account.

The complainant, unable to contact her by telephone, reviewed salon records and “found she had given a previous check for \$122.52 on June 12, 2015, that was also a closed account,” reported a public safety officer. “(A) search of the (woman’s criminal background) came back with several check-related cases.”

Burglary and car theft

A burglar likely entered a house in the 800 block of Cadieux overnight Tuesday, May 17, through a kitchen window or sliding sunroom door.

He or she stole the

female homeowner’s green Coach purse from the foyer, her 20-year-old daughter’s car keys from the kitchen, a leased 2013 Buick Lacrosse and a potted plant last seen on the kitchen window sill.

The incident happened between the times the daughter went to bed at 10 p.m. May 17, and the mother awoke at 5 a.m. preparing for work.

“As (the mother) walked in the kitchen at 6 a.m., she noticed an open south-side kitchen window and missing potted plant,” reported a public safety officer. “She walked in the sunroom and noticed the door wall was open.”

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Fails tests

The arrest of a Clinton Township man, 43, for drunken driving at 8:39 p.m. Saturday, May 21, resulted from a traffic stop for speeding and erratic driving, according to police.

A patrolman pulled him over on eastbound Lakeshore from Moross for zigzagging a gray 2015 Ford Mustang through a cluster of six to eight cars. The officer’s radar equipment tracked the suspect’s Mustang at 45 mph.

During a roadside investigation near the foot of Webber Place, the man failed a series of field sobriety tests.

Instructed to exhale into a portable alcohol detector, the man registered a .22 percent blood alcohol level, nearly three times the legal limit to drive a car in Michigan.

“Failed,” the officer noted.

Bushed

Two, 20-inch-tall landscape planters containing bush-like plants worth a combined \$800 were reported stolen from the front porch of a house in the 100 block of Vendome Friday morning, May 20.

They were taken sometime after 11 p.m. the night before, according to the resident.

Liquored up

A feisty drunk had to be forced from a restaurant in the 18700 block of Mack shortly after 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19,

according to accounts of public safety officers.

They arrested the suspect, a 55-year-old man from Detroit, for “tumultuous conduct,” meaning disorderly.

He’d refused the manager’s order to leave the premises.

“Officers made the location and encountered an intoxicated individual who was loud and belligerent,” said the arresting officer. “(He) needed to be physically directed toward the exit.”

The man reportedly calmed down eventually.

“(He) stated he wished he had eaten food before he started drinking,” reported the officer.

Cash bundle

Jurisdictions from the Ohio line to Flint and parts west were alerted last week to the possible theft of \$600 a Farms patrolman found on a 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park youth during a traffic stop about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

The money consists of

12 \$50 bills in a Federal Credit Union envelope.

“(He) advised he ‘found’ the money on the ground at a market near his home, but could not identify the location,” reported the patrolman.

The youth was among three passengers in a green 2006 Jeep Commander with an expired license plate.

The driver, a 21-year-old Detroit man, was arrested during a traffic stop on Chalfonte west of Moross for unlicensed driving.

Bad to worse

A man being processed for drunken driving and possession of narcotics paraphernalia (a marijuana pipe) made it harder on himself at headquarters, according to police.

“In the booking room, (he) refused to be fingerprinted and was additionally charged with obstruction,” said an officer.

The man, 31, of unlisted residence, registered a .19 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 9:32 p.m.

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OUR VIEW

Memorial Day is special in the Pointes

It's much more than Memorial Day in Grosse Pointe. It's become Memorial Week. The events continue through the holiday weekend. Two events Monday, May 30, will wrap up the honors our veterans deserve. The first, outlined last week in the Grosse Pointe News, will be the service at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial beginning at 10 a.m. The event takes place on the back lawn of the lakeside institution. The public is welcome to attend. Brig. Gen. Richard Miller will be the guest speaker. The Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission hosts its 34th annual Memorial Day ceremony 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, at the Circle of Honor on Vernier at Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The ceremony includes a welcome from Mayor Robert E. Novitke. The keynote speaker is World War II veteran Eugene Ignasiak, U.S. Navy, electrician's mate, petty officer 1st class. Music is provided by students from Monteith Elementary School, directed by Victoria Pascoe, and Mel Stander's Gentlemen of Swing. Rounding out the patriotic program are soprano Angela Theis singing the national anthem, a color guard, cannon salute and taps. Veterans are encouraged to attend and to wear all or part of their uniforms. A group photo will be taken of the veterans following the ceremony. Participants are asked to gather at the east end of the boulevard island. In the event of rain, the ceremony is relocated to the Parcels Middle School auditorium. We appreciate what the War Memorial and the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission have done to honor our veterans.

Audition time

The Grosse Pointe Theatre will offer auditions for "Singin' in the Rain" beginning next week. Auditions will be held for dancers from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, and for actors on those dates from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Auditions begin promptly at 2 p.m., so participants should be warmed up and have the proper dance shoes ready to go. The auditions will be at the rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher Road, City of Grosse Pointe. Show dates are Sept. 18, 22-25, 29-30 and Oct. 1. Visit gpt.org for more information.

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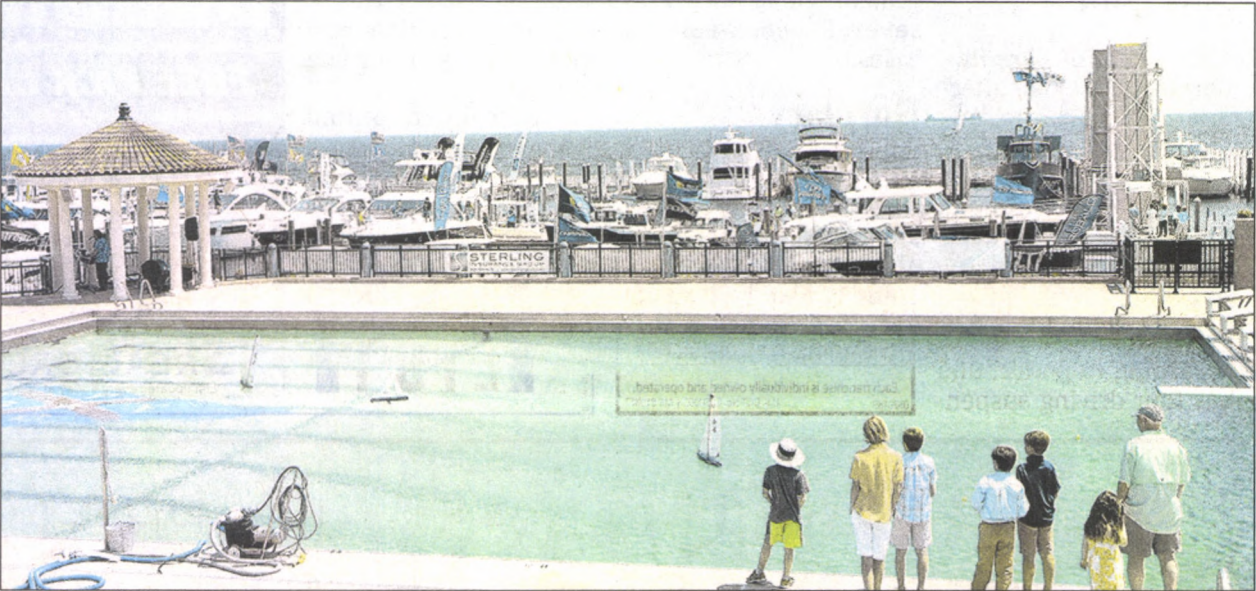
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More from the Great Lakes Boating Festival last weekend. Above, a look from Lake St. Clair toward the show. At right, Blake and Liam Denner relax while their dad, Bill Denner, talks with Troy Rising, salesman for the 30-foot Cobalt. Below, remote control boats whip around the pool at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club during the show.



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Thanks

Special Kids would like to thank the Grosse Pointe South girls varsity soccer team for hosting their game on May 18, in honor of our special friend Kyleigh Webb. The community support for us in Kyleigh's memory was truly heartwarming. It shows how much Kyleigh is loved. We appreciate all the proceeds and donations to our charity. Thank you for helping the kids that need it the most. **JEANNE M. LIZZA** Special Kids

Limited

Anyone who has ever traveled I-75 north in Michigan has seen the sign at exit No. 326 heralding the Giant Man Eating Clam attraction. I suspect it is a favorite stop for the hundreds of Michigan legislators as they wend their way to Mackinac Island for the annual boondoggle known as the Detroit

Regional Chamber's Mackinac Policy Conference. Unfortunately, visits for the clam this year will be limited as many of the island merry-makers will remain in Lansing. Seems Republican Speaker Kevin Cotter has ordered a session for May 31 through June 3 to vote on legislation. This certainly puts a crimp in the plans of the revelers as it coincides with the island conference. So instead of packing up the balloons, the party puffs, togas and cheese curls, some lawmakers will have to be content re-viewing, as Cotter states, "voting on the bills we've got on the floor" and working on the next state budget and a restructuring of Detroit's ailing school district. To me, that sure sounds like their job, but heck, what do I know. As some of us might recall, one of the themes from last year's conference was to "recalibrate how our government

works." Was it a success? Ask the residents of Flint how that recalibration affected them. Now I suspect that some of the legislators will ignore Cotter's directive and sneak up to The Island because who can ignore the pungent aroma of the fudge, the pristine golf course, the midnight excursions to the Grand Hotel Cupola Bar and the cruise around the island on a rented bike. And if someone can actually attend a meeting, that would be a plus even though nothing of substance is ever discussed or decided on. So alert the giant clam. Visitors are on the way. **BILL KALMAR** Lake Orion

Complaint

I wish to make a complaint about Microsoft Corporation. For weeks I have received on my computer, unwanted solicitations from Microsoft to upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10. I have declined about 20 times or more. The same has occurred to my cousin, my wife, my friends; I therefore must assume it has happened to many other people. On May 17, when I turned on my computer, I found MS Windows 10 trying to install itself. My computer was locked to Windows 10 blue screen. I could not block or undo Windows 10. Microsoft had tres-

passed and taken complete control of my computer. I turned the computer off several times but it was locked to Microsoft and Windows 10. I called Microsoft's 800 help number only to find the current wait time was in excess of 30 minutes. I hung up. Finally in safe mode I was able to block the Windows 10 install. It took an hour to get back to Windows 7. My complaints about Microsoft are: 1. I purchased Windows 7 several years ago. Today Microsoft tried to steal (no other word for it) it from me and install Windows 10. Microsoft attempted to deprive me of something I paid for: i.e. I bought a license to use MS Windows 7. 2. It took me hours to undo the damage they have done to me. 3. I wonder how many other people Microsoft stiff-armed (forced) into downloading and installing Windows 10. 4. I accuse Microsoft of using illegal trade practices to force people to use their products. I accuse Microsoft of trying to deprive customers of what they paid good money for. 5. Microsoft trespassed on my personal property. I did not ask for Windows 10. Microsoft forced it on to my computer against my wishes. **B.J. KHALIFAH** Grosse Pointe Park

REPORTS:

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Tuesday, May 17, on southbound Moross at Chalfonte.

A patrolman pulled him over for operating a white GMC Sierra with no license plate, plus swerving.

Car entered

A \$30 gold necklace and 69 prescription Klonopin tablets were stolen from an unlocked 2016 Ford Fusion parked curbside during the afternoon of Tuesday, May 17, in the 300 block of Hillcrest, according to the owners.

Flat chance

The way police describe it, a 22-year-old woman from Shelby Township treated a roadside sobriety test like a multiple-choice exam.

Asked to choose a number between 21 and 19, "(she) began stating several numbers before she finally stated, '20,'" said an officer.

Police began investigating her at 12:19 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, on eastbound Mack near Kerby for weaving a tan Mercury with a flat right front tire.

In the front passenger seat, officers said they found a 21-year-old male from Chesterfield Township "passed out."

Officers arrested the woman when she failed the exam and registered a .19 percent blood alcohol level.

She's wanted in New Baltimore for third-degree retail fraud, according to police, and has four driving suspen-



PHOTO BY C ZIENTEK

Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers battled a blaze on Nottingham Saturday afternoon, May 21.

sions.

Gas siphoned

A woman suspects someone siphoned six gallons of gasoline from her car while parked behind St. James Lutheran Church on the Hill between 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, May 16.

Matching outfit

A 21-year-old Detroit man, operating a black 2014 Chrysler 300 with a color-coordinated Kel Tec 9 mm pistol allegedly under the driver's seat, was arrested shortly after 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, for illegal possession of a handgun.

"(He) denied knowl-

edge of the gun," said the arresting officer.

So did three passengers, two 17-year-old females and the driver's brother, 20.

"They (said) the four of them had just left Baldock Park (in Detroit), where a candlelight vigil had been held for the (driver's other) brother, killed by gunfire one year ago," said the officer.

The patrolman pulled over the suspect for making an illegal turn into an alley off eastbound Mack past Roland.

"The alley is posted at the sidewalk with a sign that states, 'Do not enter,'" said the officer.

— Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Runs into trouble

A few minutes past 4 a.m. Sunday, May 22, a Livonia man, 73, allegedly drove a 2015 Ford Taurus through a red light on southbound Lakeshore at Vernier.

An officer monitoring the intersection arrested him for drunken driving.

His blood alcohol level measured .236 percent, according to the officer.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Equipment gone

Overnight Monday, May 16, a Black & Decker lawn mower was removed from a rear yard in the 1400 block of Lakepointe. The next night, Tuesday, May 17, thieves got away with a Craftsman edger and a bike from a rear yard in the 900 block of Beaconsfield.

Arrests made

A 56-year-old Detroit resident was arrested at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, after witnesses saw him attempting to remove a bicycle from a garage in the 1200 block of Maryland.

At 5:45 p.m. the same day, two Detroit residents, age 11 and 12, were arrested after a witness saw them inside a garage in the 1300 block of Kensington. Both boys were attempting to steal bikes and fled when confronted by the resident. Police were able to apprehend the boys in the area.

Larceny

Overnight Tuesday, May 17, a factory-installed car stereo was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the municipal parking lot at Beaconsfield and Kercheval.

Oh, the irony

A lock used to secure a

gate at a house in the 1400 block of Berkshire was stolen the afternoon of Saturday, May 21.

— Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Juvenile found

A 13-year-old Parcels Middle School student who had been the subject of a missing person alert put out by Woods police was found safe and back with his family. The young man was reported missing Thursday, May 19. He contacted family members Monday, May 23, and returned home.

— Kathy Ryan

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

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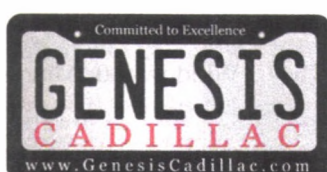
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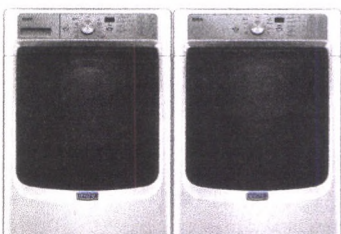
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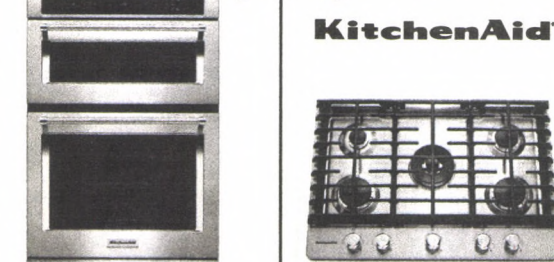
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Here come the brides

Ford House celebrates 100 years of family weddings

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

In celebration of Edsel and Eleanor Ford's 100th wedding anniversary, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House hosts an array of events starting next month at the Grosse Pointe Shores property.

The catalyst for the occasion was a request by Edsel Ford II for a bronze statue of his grandparents in the gardens.

"We realized it would happen — and we made it happen — around the anniversary," said Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications at the Ford House. The bronze, which depicts the couple walking, is being created by Studio EIS in New York. It will be placed by the property's lagoon and unveiled during a private reception in June.

The public is welcome to attend, "A Legacy of Love: Vow Renewal and Garden Party," 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 25. The event allows couples



COURTESY PHOTOS

Left, Eleanor Ford on her wedding day and, above, with her bridesmaids.

a chance to renew their marriage vows in the estate's new garden, followed by a strolling dinner, wedding cake and dancing to the music of The Sun Messengers.

While the estate is available for engagement and wedding photography, actual weddings themselves generally are

not permitted.

"Only a few weddings have been on site," Fitzpatrick said. "This is a very special opportunity to do something like that."

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel will officiate the vow renewal.

The event also includes

Tickets are \$225 per couple or \$100 for those interested in attending but not participating in the renewal ceremony.

Also open during the vow renewal is the "Down the Aisle: 100 Years of Ford Family Weddings," an exhibit at the estate's South Cottage.

The exhibit opens to the public the following day, Sunday, June 26.

"We have displayed wedding dresses before," Fitzpatrick said. "We decided to pull them all out again. People want to see them. We've received other gowns from the family, too. The exhibit has really grown. We'll have 14 gowns for sure."

"But it starts with Edsel and Eleanor, then weddings in the '40s, in the '70s and '80s and in the '90s through today," she continued. "It's neat to see the changing trends, how the gowns have changed, how photography has changed, even the way the media coverage has changed."

The dresses include Eleanor's Russian-style gown created by House of Lucile, Josephine Ford's Mainbocher-designed hoop skirt gown, Martha Firestone's Carrie Munn-designed gown and others.

While the gowns are the centerpiece, the exhibit also features photographs and examples of elements from differ-

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The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7 a.m. Friday, May 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Peter Henry, pastor of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, speaks. People of all faiths are welcome.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, May 27, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, shows the movie "Mr. Holmes" 1 p.m. Friday, May 27. Cost is \$2. Call (313) 882-9600.

Libraries

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

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, "The Drunken Botanist," featuring Advanced Master Gardener and Master Composter Rhonda Linton and a master mixologist from Two James Distillery. A bottle of distilled liquor will be given as a door prize.

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

◆ 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, Mystery Book Discussion, featuring "Maisie Dobbs," by Jacqueline Winspear.

Family Center

The Family Center celebrates its 15th anniversary with "A Celebration of Family," 6:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at the Charles Lambert House, 166 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register in advance at familycenterweb.org or (313) 432-3832.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers Crafty Afternoons at 1:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Space is limited to 10 participants. Cost is \$7 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. June 8 is "Quilting Basics," July 13 is "Meditative Doodling" and Aug. 10 is "Watercolor Painting."

The center hosts a cruise on the Detroit River aboard the Detroit Princess Riverboat Wednesday, June 15. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$44 for non-residents. Advance reservations are required. The bus departs the community center at 10 a.m. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 8. For information on these programs, call (313) 343-2408.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1971 presents its 45th reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 10. Tickets are available in advance only. Cost is \$55 until June 1, \$65 after. Visit gpn1971.org for more information.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Anne Marie Gattari

Steps to finding in-home care

Q: I think it might be time to start looking for options for my mother and extra care in her home. How do I know for sure and where do I begin?

A: Are there signs she may be lonely or not adequately taking care of her daily needs? Is she eating and drinking well or keeping up with her hygiene? Is she managing housekeeping chores? Sometimes even a few hours a week can make a big difference in energy level and emotional well-being of your loved one.

Once you determine care is needed, the next step is figuring out which type and how often. Private duty home care is a service provided so elderly and disabled can remain independent in their own homes. It is either paid by the client, long-term insurance or, if the client is eligible, by veterans' benefits. Medicare will only pay

for visits by physical and occupational therapists and those services must be prescribed by the client's doctor.

It is important to compare services and overall oversight. You can ask a few basic questions to each agency:

◆ Do you have a full-time nurse on staff overseeing the caregivers in the homes?

◆ How often does the nurse visit?

◆ Are you accredited by one of the three healthcare quality organizations — Joint Commission, Community Health Accreditation Partner and Accreditation Commission for Healthcare? *

◆ Are your caregivers employees or contractors?

◆ What is your screening and hiring process for caregivers?

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◆ What if we don't like the caregiver assigned?

◆ What if we love the caregiver and want to hire him/her directly?

◆ Do you carry professional liability insurance?

◆ If a caregiver gets hurt in my home, who is responsible?

◆ Is after-hours on-call service available?

◆ What special training do you provide for dementia patients?

◆ Why should I choose you over another agency?

*Accreditation is important because the state of Michigan does not provide licensing for private duty home care, so there is no state authority overseeing the quality of care in your parent's home. Becoming accredited by one of the three organizations listed provides that quality oversight.

Anne Marie Gattari of

Grosse Pointe Park owns and operates BrightStar Care of Grosse Pointe/Macomb, 22811 Greater Mack, Ste. 109, St. Clair Shores. She may be reached at (586) 279-3610. BrightStar Care is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Josephine Ford on her wedding day with her father, Edsel Ford.



Left, Cynthia Ford and her bridal party on her wedding day. Below, the new garden at the Ford House, where the vow renewal event takes place.



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ent eras, like shoes, a bridal party gift from Edsel and Eleanor's wedding, video footage of a party at Henry and Clara Ford's house during

which the bridal party has fun during a mock wedding, film footage of Henry Ford II's and William Clay Ford Sr.'s weddings and more.

"We'll have historic images and current photos showing how even media coverage has

changed," Fitzpatrick said. "The whole world was watching when Edsel and Eleanor got married. Even photography has changed. There are no photos of Edsel and Eleanor together (on their wedding day). There have been changes in wedding cakes, too. Edsel and Eleanor's was a fruitcake.

"Edsel and Eleanor kept an amazing scrapbook from their honeymoon," she continued. "It was during the war, so they couldn't travel abroad. They took this amazing trip to Hawaii. We have postcards, letters, pictures, maps —

so much information about their honeymoon."

The exhibit runs through Sunday, Nov. 6, "but we will continue to have elements of it, because the wedding gowns are so popular," Fitzpatrick said. "We'll do a smaller version and rotate them."

In conjunction with the exhibit, Ford House offers wedding-themed programs starting in July such as ballroom dancing, gown and textile preservation, wedding china history, floral arranging and more. Teas will be offered in the Cotswold Cafe as well. For more information, visit fordhouse.org.

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Mutt March returns to Ford House June 5

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

When Martin and Sherilyn Steiger arrived at the Michigan Humane Society last summer, they had their hearts set on adopting a Brittany spaniel, but an American bulldog changed their minds.

"He's very cute, super friendly. He was giving kisses and we just fell in love with him," Sherilyn Steiger said. "We had talked about getting a dog for a long time. It felt like the right time."

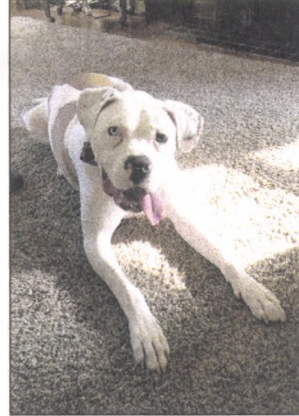
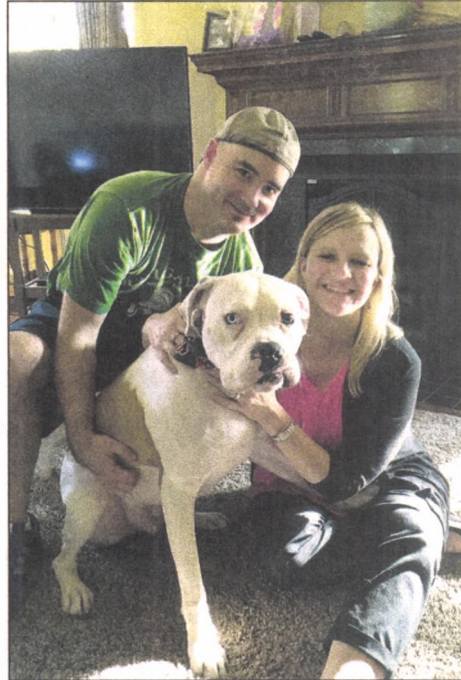
They named the 7-month-old puppy Stoney, because the Grosse Pointe Park couple had been to a Rolling Stones concert the night before.

"He's a good addition to our family," Sherilyn Steiger said, adding often she sees Stoney following her husband around outside like a toddler. "It's cute to see them together. I couldn't be happier when I think of my family."

The couple said their furry new shadow is

Martin and Sherilyn Steiger adopted Stoney from the Michigan Humane Society last summer. Stoney, an American bulldog, serves as grand marshal at the Mutt March June 5.

PHOTOS BY
JODY MCVEIGH



the side of the road. He was guarding a deceased dog that presumably had been hit by a car. He was taken to a shelter and cared for until the Steigers adopted him.

"We didn't know the story about him when we adopted him," Sherilyn Steiger said. "He's very protective of us and great with kids. You never know what you're going to get with a rescue dog But he walks right up to kids and kisses them. He doesn't always know his size or strength — he forgets sometimes he's 85 pounds — but he gives us unconditional love. He's a snuggler. He

good practice for the baby they'll have in September.

Stoney will take the lead during the Michigan Humane Society's 28th annual Mutt March 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 5, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. This year's grand marshal, Stoney will lead other

dogs along the walk route while sporting a Mutt March ribbon.

"The Humane Society contacted us in October," Sherilyn Steiger said. "They liked his story. He's a face for the march and a good success story to share."

Stoney was picked up by the MHS Cruelty Investigation Department when they found him on

brings laughter and smiles, but also companionship."

The Mutt March, presented by Sellers Bowman Subaru, includes a five-mile walk on Ford House grounds for families and canines. Individual walkers and teams may register, set up personalized web pages and collect donations online. Online registration is encouraged.

Each walker who raises \$200 will receive an official Mutt March T-shirt at the event. Those who raise \$1,200 become part of the MHS Best Friends Club and receive a BFC T-shirt, their choice of fundraising incentives and a tour of an MHS adoption center.

The first 800 four-legged walkers receive Mutt March bandanas.

"The Mutt March plays a huge role in helping the tens of thousands of animals that MHS cares for every year," said Matthew Pepper, MHS president and CEO. "We invite all animal lovers to enjoy this beautiful walk with

their friends, family members and four-legged companions."

Ford House offers several course lengths and water stops are provided for people and their pets. For those walking with their pet, current vaccination records are required. Also, dogs must remain on leashes at all times.

"(MHS has) been a great partner to have here," said Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications at Ford House. "It's nice to be able to have the property available to outside groups that are doing such great work. It's one of the few times you can come and walk your dog. We get great community support, so we're always happy to have them."

Added Sherilyn Steiger, "Anything to help out the MHS. They do a lot of good and save a lot of animals."

For more information, call (248) 283-5643. To register, visit michiganhumane.org/muttmarch.

Neighborhood Club preschool program wins national award

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

The patriotism of the 4- and 5-year-olds in Sue Sullivan's classroom at the Neighborhood Club is evident not only in their booming renditions of "America the Beautiful" and "She's a Grand Old Flag," but also in a recent art project.

Sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution's Junior American Citizens Committee and following the theme "Celebrate America," the youngsters created a banner expressing their love of country.

The project came together in November and Monday, May 23, students learned their banner won four awards, placing first with the local Louisa St. Clair chapter, DAR of Michigan, DAR East Central Division and DAR National.

"When you gave me that pretty banner with your music on it, I gave it to people I know from the DAR," said Louisa St. Clair chapter Regent Peggy King Scully to students. "These ladies took a look at your banner and decided it was so wonderful ... that you won our chapter award."

Sullivan was given a cash award for placing first in the state and a medal for the national win. The local chapter presented students the book, "A is for America," as well as snacks.

"This was probably the best banner DAR has ever received," King Scully said. "This really does celebrate America. I knew we had a really good shot at state, but I had no idea it would do so well at the national level."

Sullivan said this was the first time her students have entered the contest, but it was well-received



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Students in Sue Sullivan's preschool class at the Neighborhood Club won four awards for a banner they created celebrating America.

by them and their parents. She said she thought it might be too advanced for the young ones, but they handled it well.

"It was a fun unit," Sullivan said. "Everybody had a little part in it. Everybody sang the songs."

"I didn't expect (to win)," she continued. "I was very happy to hear it. These are great kids from super nice families."

Art teacher Lori Corden was instrumental in the project.

"This shows the exceptional staff we have here and the exceptional programs here at the Neighborhood Club," Executive Director Stu

Alderman said. "Our kids are creative, the teachers are creative. This exemplifies what learning and

preschool is all about. I'm extremely excited to win this award at four different levels.



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Correction

The story, "A week to remember," printed in the May 19 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, should have read, "Enlistee Recognition Certificates are provided by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial."

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.

Dorothy Grunow Verstraete

Just four days short of her 100th birthday, Dorothy Grunow Verstraete died Saturday, May 21, 2016, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit. She was the beloved wife of Marcel Verstraete Sr. and the late William J. Grunow.

Dorothy was born May 25, 1916, to Herbert and Agatha Earl, graduated from St. Catherine High School in 1934 and from the Detroit Business Institute two years later. She married William J. Grunow Oct. 3, 1936. They were married 52 years until his death. Dorothy and Marcel were widowed the same year and comfort and support blossomed into love. They married Oct. 28, 1989.

She is survived by Marcel; her sister, Betty McCarthy; sons, William H. (the late Carol) and Richard (Marilyn); daughter, Suzanne Moir (Ron) and former daughter-in-law, Rose Marie Fuller; stepchildren, George Verstraete (Darlene Soave), Rose Sarkees (George), Marcel Verstraete (Mary), Herman Verstraete (Debbie) and Lisa Noble; 28 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents; sister, Mary Louise Krausmann; daughter, Mary Beth Mercier; grandsons, Michael Mercier and Anthony and

Gregory Grunow and stepson, Anthony Verstraete.

Dorothy spent most of her career as the vice president and manager of her father's store, The Watkins Shops, which was one of the first tenants in the Fisher Building in downtown Detroit. The business closed in 1971 and Dorothy continued to work for other tenants in the building, including Automotive Materials, the Fisher Brothers and the Nederlander Corporation.

Dorothy's interests revolved around tending to her ever-growing family. She always had a kind word and wisdom to share. She loved to garden and watch local wildlife and birds. Her family said Dorothy was a woman of faith and a devout Roman Catholic who told her children to always do their best and not worry because worry is an insult to God. She delighted in celebrating her birthday each year at Farms Pier Park with her large brood gathered around her.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 26, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Monastery of St. Therese Discalced Carmelite Nuns, 35750 Moravian, Clinton Township, MI 48035.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

William J. O'Donoghue III

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident William J. "Bill" O'Donoghue III passed away Sunday, May 22, 2016, at the age of 93. He was the beloved husband for 62 years of the late Barbara Fahey O'Donoghue; brother of the late John O'Donoghue; loving father to Deidre Proteau (Greg), Bill, Dennis (Jacqueline), Patrick (Lindsay) and the late Mavourneen (Dan Currie) and dear grandfather of Colleen, Erin, Michelle, Christine, David, Owen, Conor, Ryleigh, Liam and Teagan.

Bill graduated from St. Augustine High School and Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He served in World War II in the Signal Corps after completing the U.S. Army Specialized Training program and spent the war years in the China-Burma-India Theater. He worked 41 years as a stock broker and served the final 15 as resident manager for the A.G. Edwards & Sons office in Detroit retiring in 1994.

He was a member of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Detroit Athletic Club, Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and Ex-Dividend Club. Bill enjoyed traveling the world with Barbara; he cherished all time spent with family and the enjoyment of many friendships over the years.



Dorothy G. Verstraete

Visitation will be held 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Rosary recitation will be at 7:30 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 27, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Phil F. Saverino

Phil F. Saverino, 100, passed away Monday, May 9, 2016.

He was the beloved husband of Aline, who predeceased him; loving father of Victor Saverino (Fran), Frank Saverino (Donna) and Aline Lafferty (John); proud grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of 11.

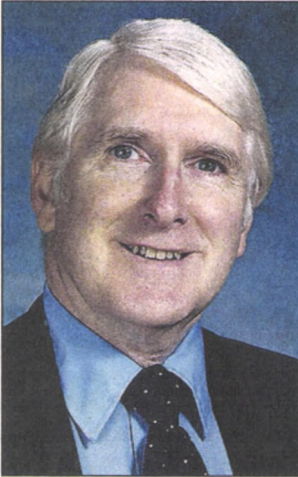
A funeral Mass was celebrated May 13 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods. Entombment was in Resurrection Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Leader Dog School for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

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William O'Donoghue III



Daniel Francis Doheny

Daniel Francis Doheny

Daniel Francis Doheny, 88, died peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods, after an extended illness.

He was born in St. Albans, Vt., to Helen (nee Maun) and Daniel Francis Doheny, and graduated in 1949 from The University of Vermont with a Baccalaureate of Science degree. Daniel earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1956 and did post-graduate work at Wayne State University in education commencing in 1978.

Daniel was inducted into the U.S. Army September 1950 and served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged January 1957 having attained the rank of corporal. He also served two years in the Peace Corps in Africa.

Daniel worked 25 years as a master's prepared speech and language pathologist in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, retiring in 1987. He worked with children with special needs throughout most of the elementary schools and had particular expertise in the area of treating stuttering.

Daniel's passion was for opera and world travel, especially for European festivals celebrating Wagnerian operas. He took countless exotic vacations and had a thirst, reverence and respect for all peoples and cultures in this world.

Daniel is survived by his sister, Carol Lapan; nephew, Craig, and his wife Darcy, and their son, Nathan Lapan; niece, Lynda Lee Lapan, and her daughter, Karyssa and lifelong friend, Robert Walker.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother-in-law, Richard Lapan.

A graveside service was held May 24 at Holy Cross Cemetery in St. Albans.

The family would like to thank the staff, Lisa and Amy, from Great Lakes Caring of Clinton Township for their care over Daniel's last months of life, as well as the staff at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods for the care shown to Daniel the past several years.

Donations may be made in Daniel's name to the Disabled American Veterans at dav.org.

Share a memory at minorfh.com.



Phil F. Saverino



Jonathon Otis Wardwell

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Former Grosse Pointe resident Jonathon Otis Wardwell passed away peacefully Saturday, May 7, 2016, in Nashville, Tenn., surrounded by his loved ones.

Jon was born June 29, 1959, to Alice and Jake Wardwell, at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe. He graduated in 1977 from University Liggett School, where he met and made lifelong friendships with many classmates. He was a 1981 Babson University graduate, where he earned a business degree.

Growing up, Jon loved sports and was well known by ULS hockey opponents as having an NHL-like slap shot which quickly sent opposing players away from the front of their goal. He also could hit his golf drive 300-plus yards prior to the advent of new technology golf clubs. Most of all, Jon's proudest accomplishments were his three daughters, Jessica, Melissa and Sarah.

Jon joined Ford Motor Credit Co. after spending a few years experiencing automotive retail financing in California. With FMCC, he worked in the Lansing, Detroit, Boston and Portland, Maine, offices and finished his Ford career in Nashville working for Primus. Jon later was hired by Hyundai Financial and retired last year.

Jon is survived by his wife of 28 years, Cyrenia Wardwell; daughters Jessica, Melissa and Sarah; sister, Suzie Prescott (Bill); brother, Butch Wardwell (Chris) and brother-in-law, George Haggarty. He was predeceased by his parents, Alice and Jake Wardwell; sister, Thumper Haggarty and brother, Jeffrey Wardwell.

A memorial service was held May 14 at the Fellowship Bible Church in Brentwood, Tenn.

Donations in Jon's name may be made to the University Liggett School hockey program, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or at uls.org/jow.

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

— Thomas Campbell, Hallowed Ground

Cultivating community



More than 30 volunteers helped plant Full Circle Foundation's edible garden, featuring flowers and vegetables such as sweet potatoes, cucumbers, carrots, eggplant, squash, kale and lettuce. Above, Jacob, Michael and Dan Kaufman plant thyme. Right, Christine Cramer waters carrots.



Diane Kratz plants snapdragons.



Above, Ben Paolucci, a sixth-grader at Brownell Middle School, helps plant zinnias. Right, Ashley Allemon plants lavender with gerbera daisies.



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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Public Notice - Ordinance No. 426

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe has passed Ordinance No. 426 amending Section 78-143 of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances regarding changes to the combined water and sewage rate and the readiness to serve charge. This Ordinance will become effective ten days after the publication of this Notice. The complete text of Ordinance No. 426 is available at Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm. Telephone 313-885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

From left are Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast co-president Bruce Vick, Justice Bridget Mary McCormack and the Rev. Peter Henry of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.



COURTESY PHOTO

Breakfast group hosts Justice McCormack

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack spoke Saturday, May 7, at the Husbands, Wives and Friends annual breakfast of the Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast. She discussed her work with the Michigan Innocence Clinic, which she co-founded in 2008.

Through the clinic, students at University of Michigan Law School represent wrongfully convicted Michigan prisoners. McCormack described the tears of a newly released prisoner visiting the graves of his wife and children who were killed in a house fire for which he was wrongly convicted. She also gave several examples of how students followed up on

clues by going door to door and questioning passersby.

To date, the clinic has been responsible for proving the innocence of seven prisoners, resulting in their release. In 2010, McCormack won the Justice For All Award for the clinic's work.

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast group meets 7:15 a.m. Fridays at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Men from different religious backgrounds hear messages from people from local churches and community service organizations. The group is open to men of all ages. For more information, contact Eric Lindquist at stjohnsinterest@comcast.net.

Soroptimist Int. awarded

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe attended the Midwestern Regional Conference last month and was presented the Midwestern Governor's Award of Excellence. SIGP earned the award through its local and international service projects, as well as its fundraising to support educational awards to women.

Noudiamintoya "Toya" Molsby won SIGP's Virginia Wagner Educational Award of \$2,000. She went on to win District III and the Midwestern Region for an additional \$5,000. Molsby is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business management at Baker College.

Soroptimist is a global organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

For more information, visit grossepointe.soroptimist.org or search "Grosse Pointe Soroptimist" on Facebook.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Midwestern Gov. Vicky Hicks, Grosse Pointe Soroptimist Karrie Blankenship and District III Director Darcy Merritt.

DSO honors Bolls at Heroes Gala

Saturday, June 18, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will honor John A. and Marlene L. Boll for more than 30 years of support at its sixth annual Heroes Gala. As homage to Marlene Boll's former career as a member of The Rockettes, the benefit concert will star Broadway and television sensation Megan Hilty performing selections from her role as Ivy Lynn in the TV show "Smash," as well as showstoppers from "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and other Broadway favorites.

"I think it was our good friend Sam Frankel who first introduced me to John Boll and I will never forget how warmly the Bolls welcomed me and my entire family from our first days in Detroit," said Anne Parsons, DSO president and CEO. "Coming from the New York City Ballet, I immediately bonded with Marlene over the power of music and dance to transform, uplift and educate. John and Marlene generously and selflessly give to so many, leading from their hearts, truly committed to making our world a better place for all. We are thrilled to be recognizing them and acknowledging their incredible legacy of community support."

Proceeds from the event support the DSO's commitment to transforming the lives of children and youth through music education. The DSO's Wu Family Academy for Learning and Engagement serves thousands of youth each season through weekend youth ensemble

training, educational concerts in Orchestra Hall and in-school programming. Also, thanks to the bi-annual "Live From Orchestra Hall: Classroom Edition" webcast series supported by the Mandell L. and Madeleine H. Berman Foundation, students nationally can experience a live orchestra concert from their own classroom. Supporting the community's youth also is key to the mission of The Boll Foundation, recently exhibited by their support of a new athletics facility at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In addition to their support of the DSO, the Bolls support countless institutions and causes across metro Detroit and beyond. Locally, they led efforts to build the John and Marlene Boll Family YMCA in downtown Detroit and spearheaded the expansion of St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

The celebration includes a gourmet dinner, dessert reception, dancing and other activities at the Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center. Guests are encouraged to channel the Golden Age of Broadway with black tie attire.

Sponsorships and VIP ticket packages for the sixth annual DSO Heroes Gala and benefit concert start at \$1,000. For details, call (313) 576-5120 or email jgarner@dso.org. Concert-only tickets also are available for \$19 to \$68 at dso.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

Summer worship hours at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, begin 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, for those who are away summer weekends. Sundays through Sept. 4, there will be one service at 10 a.m. with Holy Communion. A service Father's Day, June 19, on the south lawn

includes a barbecue. The schedule continues through Labor Day.

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts "Music, Fellowship and Dessert" at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 28, in Poppen Hall. Mary Ann Siefke, pastor intern at St. Paul, is the featured vocalist. Other musicians

include Linda Bauer, the Rev. Justin Dittrich, Rick Grenzke, Bob Mobley, Ben Wrobel and Bill Wrobel. The program includes favorite works of American composers such as Jerome Kern, George Gershwin and Stevie Wonder. A sing-along and silent auction are included. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for children and free for ages 6 and younger. Funds benefit the children of the Rev. Samer Azar, pastor of Good Shepherd Church in Jordan. Call (313) 885-0529.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Carver – Bay

Jean and Phil Goodrich of East Leroy and Joe and Jennifer Carver of South Haven announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Thelma Carver, to Jonathan William Bay, son of Martin and Susan Bay of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Miss Carver earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Central Michigan University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan. She is a disaster program manager with the American Red Cross.

Mr. Bay earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from CMU and is a data analyst with Schlumberger. A June 2016 wedding is planned.

Mohni – Haxer

Pamela and Jesse Mohni of Port Huron announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Mohni, to Justin Haxer, son of Patricia Sunisloe and Marc Haxer of the City

of Grosse Pointe.

Miss Mohni graduated from Port Huron High School and St. Clair County Community College. She is a pharmacy technician.

Mr. Haxer graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School, Lawrence Technological University and the University of Michigan. He is an acting quality management specialist.

A June 2016 wedding is planned.

McKeen – Campbell

Jeffrey and Carla McKeen of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Rose McKeen, to Kyle Scott Campbell, son of Scott Campbell of Pennsylvania.

Miss McKeen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in advertising and specialization in public relations from Michigan State University. She is a media planning supervisor at Carat in Detroit. Mr. Campbell earned

a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in advertising from MSU. He is a media planning supervisor at Universal McCann in Birmingham.

A September 2016 wedding is planned.

Boggus – Stephens

April Boggus and Ryan Stephens are engaged to be married.

Miss Boggus is the daughter of Paul and Patricia Boggus of Warren.

Mr. Stephens is the son of Larry and Linda Stephens of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A September wedding is planned.

Dettlinger – Eckert

Pete and Peggy Dettlinger of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Raleigh Dayle Dettlinger, to Robert John Eckert, son of Nancy and Rick Eckert of Grosse Pointe Park.

Miss Dettlinger earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health and exercise science from Wake Forest University and cur-



Jonathan Bay and Jennifer Carver



Justin Haxer and Jennifer Mohni



Kyle Campbell and Elizabeth McKeen



Robert Eckert and Raleigh Dettlinger



Ryan Stephens and April Boggus

rently is completing Master of Science in Public Health and Master of Physician Assistant Practice degrees at Campbell University.

Mr. Eckert earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a project estimator at Chicago Bridge & Iron Co.

A March 2017 wedding is planned.

NEW ARRIVALS

Haberkorn

David and Elizabeth Haberkorn, a son, Wesley David Haberkorn, born March 4, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Brian and Kathryn Wolff of Royal Oak. Paternal

grandparents are Gary Haberkorn of Grosse Pointe Woods and Charlene Haberkorn of Grosse Pointe Park. Great-grandparents are Ronald and Joan Wolff of South Lyon.

and Nicole Bianchi-Hemler of Grosse Pointe Woods, a daughter, Phoebe Joan Hemler, born April 30, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Nicholas and Nancy Bianchi of Clinton Township. Paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Lynn Hemler of Chesterfield Township.

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Beautiful Beginnings

WEDDINGS

Tallerico-Carey

Christoph Tallerico and Molly Carey were married Aug. 9, 2015, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The bride is the daughter of Lori and John Carey of Ann Arbor. The groom is the son of Siglinde and Randall Tallerico of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Paul Chateau of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and the Rev. Kathy Schell officiated.

Kristen Hall served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Claire Tallerico, Cecilia Latiolais, Samantha Mazzei and Elizabeth Palmer.

Christian Bielski served as best man. Groomsmen were Gabriel Carey, Nicolas Tallerico, Alex Gangi and Corey McClain.

Jayla Daniels was the flower girl.

The bride graduated from Pioneer High School, then graduated in 2010 from Albion College with a degree in music education. She is a high school music teacher in Redondo Beach, Calif.

The groom graduated from Grosse Pointe

North High School in 2006 and attended St. Paul on the Lake and Ravenscourt Park Prep in London, England. He graduated in 2010 from Albion College and in 2013 earned a master's degree in film and television at the Savannah College of Art & Design. He is a film producer in Los Angeles.

The couple reside in West Hollywood.

Harvey-Allen

Sophia Angela Harvey and Jason Robert Allen

were married May 13, 2016, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. The Rev. Doug Kempton officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Leon and Jean Harvey of Orlando, Fla. The groom is the son of Janice and Gerry Gee of Clinton Township.

The Gem Theatre also hosted the couple's reception.

Stacey Harvey, sister of the bride from Orlando, served as maid of honor. The bride's best friend, Whitney Blue of Zephyrhills, Fla., was a bridesmaid.

Jaimie Rucker, the bride's neice of Orlando, served as flower girl.

Shawn Verbrugghe, the groom's best friend from Harrison Township, was best man. The groom's brother-in-law, Michael Stapleton of London, Ontario, Canada, was a groomsman. Griffen Allen, the groom's son, was the ring bearer. Brianna Bailey and Mackenzie Stapleton read scriptures.

The bride has a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from Florida State University and a medical degree from Michigan State University. This



Mr. and Mrs. Christoph Tallerico



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Allen

June she will be an emergency medicine resident physician at Henry Ford Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of the College of Creative Studies, where he earned a Bachelor of

Fine Arts degree with a minor in industrial design. He is an experimental design freelancer and owns Sketchy Studio J.

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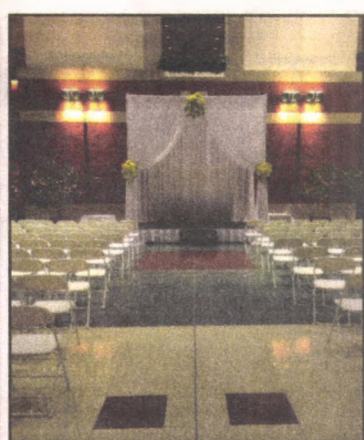
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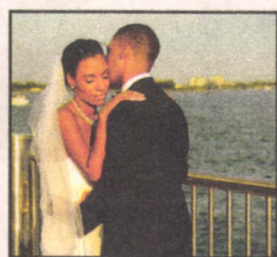
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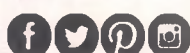
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TRACK & FIELD

South girls win regional, North gets two runners-up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' track and field team enjoyed another successful day on the track, winning a Division 1 regional championship with 185.5 points.

Grosse Pointe North was a solid runner-up, earning 103 points.

Rounding out the field were Detroit Cass Tech with 91.5 points, followed by St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 57, Detroit Martin Luther King with 46, Fraser with 39.5, Warren Cousino with 32.5, Warren Woods-Tower with 16, Roseville with 12, Detroit Western International with seven and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore with four.

The Blue Devils qualified to the state finals in 13 events and won 10 events, while the Norsemen qualified in six events and won three.

"We had three goals: use our depth of talent to score points in all 17 events; qualify to the state finals in all four relays (a first or second place finish); and most importantly, be extraordinary teammates," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "We went above and beyond in accomplishing all of these goals."

Heading into the regional, South was coming off its eighth straight undefeated season, which included the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship. South also had won seven straight regional titles.

South did exactly that winning three of the field events and scoring points in all five.

Hadley Diamond and Natalia Szura gave South an 18-point boost in the first event, going 1-2 in the pole vault each clearing 8-feet, 6-inches.

Kayli Johnson had the throw of her high school career in the discus at 136-feet, 8-inches to win and then came back to win the shot at 39-feet, 9-inches.

Noelle Prater added points for South in the discus, as did Mary Shepard in the high jump.

Diamond leaped more than 15-feet in the long jump to place fourth as teammate Gen Boyle qualified to the state finals with a leap of



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South senior Kayli Johnson throws the shot to a winning distance in a Division 1 regional meet.

15-feet, 4-inches in that same event, good for second place.

Diamond's stellar day was not over as she ran away from the field in the 100-dash to claim a regional title.

She then teamed up with Johnson, Margaret Sohn and Elizabeth Calcaterra to win the 400-sprint relay in a season-best time of 50.1.

South's Katie Marschner was a double winner, taking the 100-high hurdles in a career-best 15.5 and then coming back to win the 300-hurdles in 47.8.

Boelstler added hurdle points, as did Calcaterra and Helen Dodge in the 100- and 200-dashes. Calcaterra then teamed with Dodge, Sohn and Boelstler to place second in the 800-sprint relay and qualify to the state finals.

South had another double winner as distance runner Anna Piccione pulled away from the field in both the 1,600- and 3,200-runs enroute to victory.

Piccione also teamed with Abby Hurst, Reanna Raymond and Katie Kuhr to place second in the 3,200-distance relay with a season-best time of 9:56.

Adding distance points for South were Hurst in the 1,600, Abbey Guevara in the 800 and Raymond in the 3,200.

Sarah Bellovich and Hope Adams gave South a 3-4 finish in the 400-dash with times of 63 and 64 seconds.

In a thrilling, come from behind victory in the final event of the day, Bellovich, Adams, Boelstler and Sohn raced to victory in the 1,600-relay with a season-best time of 4:12.

For head coach Bruce Bentley and his Norsemen, Sydney Benson, who is running track at Howard University next year, won the 800-run with a time of 2:18.73.

Lauren Sickmiller was second in the 1,600-run with a time of 5:23.60 and Alexis Jimerson was second in the 300-hurdles, posting a time of 48.25.

North's 3,200-relay team of Lauren Sickmiller, Katelyn Carney, Erinne Lubinski and Benson won with a time of 9:51.33 and the Norsemen sent two more competitors to the state finals in the high jump as Abby Kanakry and Meredith Kraus finished first and second with marks of 5-feet, 2-inches, and 5-feet, respectively.

In the boys' meet, Fraser was a surprise champion, earning 124.5 points.

Grosse Pointe North was second with 97.5 points, followed by Warren DeLaSalle with 90, Lakeview with 58, Detroit East English with 55.5, Cass Tech with 45, Grosse Pointe South with 41.5, Lake Shore with 38, Woods-Tower with 26, Martin Luther King with 26, Roseville with 25 and Cousino with seven.

Head coach Frank Tymrak and his

Norsemen enjoyed a successful regional.

"The boys' team rose to the occasion as performances were outstanding, while making a nice run for the championship while finishing second," Tymrak said.

Dan Leone won the pole vault, clearing 12-feet, and Dae'Quon Pope won the shot put with a throw of 44-feet, 5-inches.

Dan Brady was second in the 1,600-run with a time of 4:38.25 and Josh Fischer was second in the 800-run with a time of 2:03.77 to make the state finals.

Fischer also made the finals by teaming with Nate Truss, Ryan Race and Brady to post personal-best time of 8:21.37 in the 3,200-relay.

"Our senior leadership was the best in recent memory," Tymrak said. "I would like to accent several notable team performances, such as senior captain James Shelton, who medaled in four events, all in the sprints, for a total of eight races. This was probably the toughest sprint regional in the state."

Other leaders for the Norsemen were seniors Markael Butler, Ryan Reveley, Tommy Heinemann and Christian Bledsoe, who stepped up and earned much needed points in several key events: hurdles, long jump, sprints and shot put.

The Blue Devils, under head coach Werner Schienke, had one state qualifier, Patrick Nauert, who won the discus with a throw of 146-feet, 8-inches.

Next for the state qualifiers is the Division 1 state finals Saturday, June 4, at Hudsonville High School.

Liggett results

The University Liggett girls' and boys' track and field teams have seven competitors heading to the Division 4 state finals meet.

The girls finished sixth with 66 points in their regional meet at Lutheran Westland.

The host team won with 127 points, followed by Southfield Christian with 117, Birmingham Roeper with 77, Plymouth Christian Academy with 72 and Riverview Gabriel Richard with 68 finished ahead of the Knights.



North senior Sydney Benson won the 800-run in a Division 1 regional meet to make it to the state finals.

Making the state finals was Megan DesMadryl, posting a time of 2:31.84 in the 800-run and the 3,200-relay team of DesMadryl, Alexandra Diggs, Emma Leonard and Julia Zehetmair made the finals by turning in a qualifying time of 10:56.97.

The boys finished seventh with 35 points.

Once again the host team won with 143 points.

Detroit Loyola was second with 90 points, followed by Plymouth

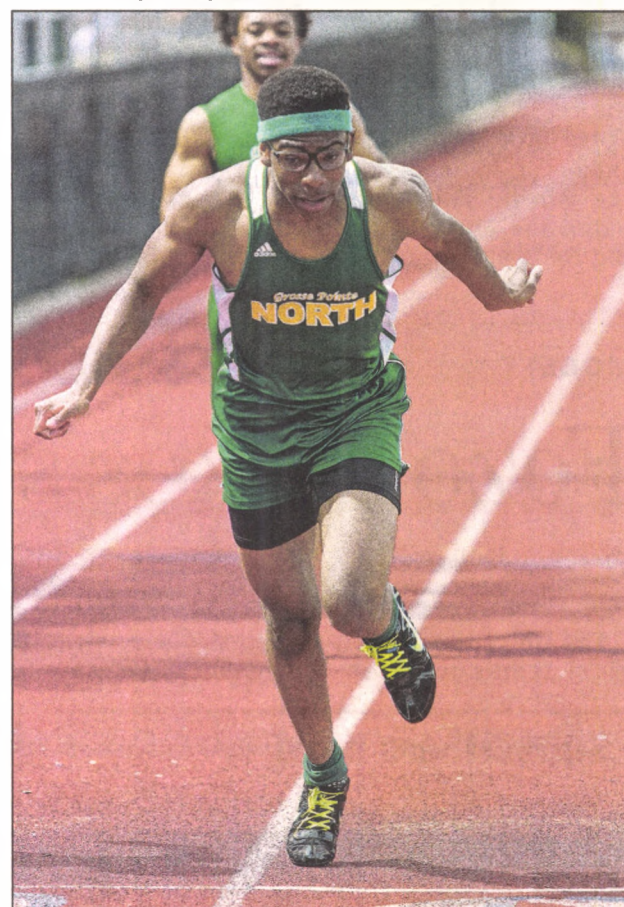
Christian Academy with 81, Gabriel Richard with 77, Southfield Christian with 68 and Melvindale A&T with 44.

The Knights have Nick Brusilow and Isaiah Hines-Bailey who qualified for the finals.

Brusilow made it in the 300-hurdles after running a time of 43.35.

Hines-Bailey made the finals in the shot put, with his toss of 44-feet, 4-inches.

The Division 4 meet is Saturday, June 4, at Houseman Field.



North senior Christian Bledsoe gives it the old college try in a regional meet at Grosse Pointe South.

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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win regional crown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Mark Sobieralski has seen his Grosse Pointe South girls' tennis team elevate its play during the past three weeks and now it is in peak form at the perfect time of the season.

Last week, the host Blue Devils won a Division 1 regional title, earning 30 points, to make another trip to the state championship tournament.

Also making the finals is runner-up Troy, which had 22 points.

Rounding out the regional finishers are Troy Athens with 15 points, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson with 11, Fraser with nine, Sterling Heights and Warren Cousino with three,

Detroit Cass Tech with two and Warren Mott with zero.

"The girls continued to play some very good tennis today," Sobieralski said. "It was a great day for tennis and the girls played great all the way through our lineup."

The Blue Devils won 6-of-8 flights, earning three titles in singles, as well as doubles.

Senior Raven Neely won 6-2, 6-2 over Troy's Hannah Cimpeanu at No. 1 singles, while freshman Laurel Sullivan beat Fraser's Amanda Mello 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Freshman Gigi Bonnell won 6-0, 6-0 over Athens' Neha Sridhar at No. 3 singles and senior Elanore Walker lost a tough match 6-2, 7-6 to Athens' Hanka Lekovic at No. 4 singles to give the Blue Devils 15 points

in the four singles flights.

At No. 1 doubles, seniors Madie Flournoy and Hanna Wilhelm lost to Troy 6-2, 6-4 and sophomore Lauren Sommerville and junior Audrey Doherty beat Troy's duo 5-7, 6-0, 6-4 at No. 2 doubles.

Senior Grace Mallires and sophomore Rachel Harris won 7-5, 6-4 over Troy at No. 3 doubles and sophomores Jade Shepherd and Kate Gavagan won 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4 doubles to earn 15 points for the doubles flights.

Next for Grosse Pointe South is the Division 1 state championship tournament Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, at the Midland Tennis Center.

The Blue Devils finished third with 22 points in last year's state finals.



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

South's Madie Flournoy, shown during a match against Grosse Pointe North earlier this season, played well in the regional tournament.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen rise to top at regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North hosted a girls' tennis regional tournament at its new facility last weekend and won the title with a near-perfect 23 points.

What added a ton of intrigue was the final match of the tournament in which North's Emily Graham faced Dearborn Edsel Ford's Jennifer Tran in the championship match of the No. 4 singles flight.

The top two teams or a squad earning at least 10 points advanced to the state finals next weekend.

Edsel Ford already claimed the runner-up title to make the finals, but the fates of St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Port Huron were also at stake.

A win by Tran eliminated the Huskies and Big Reds and after they

split the first two sets, every player from North, Edsel Ford, Lakeview and Port Huron was watching.

In the end, Graham won 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 to force a three-way tie for second place, giving the three squads a spot in the Division 2 state championship tournament.

"What a great day of tennis from all of the players," head coach John Van Alst said. "Our girls did a great job and it was nice to see the other teams improving and playing tough tennis."

"It's amazing four of the eight teams in our region made it to the finals. I'm happy for them and happy we're regional champions."

Bella Gallant won the No. 1 singles flight, beating Lakeview's Claire Flood 6-3, 6-0 and Lauren Lesha defeated Edsel Ford's Nina Quinn 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

Christina Rafaill made

the final at No. 3 singles. She played well, but lost 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 to Edsel Ford's Lara Harp.

At No. 1 doubles, Kayla Gallant and Sydnie Allor won 6-2, 6-3 over Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Anu Subramaniam and Megan Irving posted a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Port Huron at No. 2 doubles.

Meghan Bessert and Claire Williams won 6-1, 6-4 over Port Huron at No. 3 doubles and the duo of Ashley Carroll and Maria Paluzzi beat Crestwood 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4 doubles.

Lakeview, Edsel Ford and Port Huron finished with eight points apiece, while Crestwood had five, Warren Woods-Tower had three, Hamtramck had one and East Detroit had zero.

Next for the Norsemen is the Division 2 state finals Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, at Holly.



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

North senior Lauren Lesha, shown at a match earlier this season, won a gold medal in her final regional tournament appearance.

LIGGETT

Fozo makes state finals at No. 1 singles

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' tennis team finished

its season last week.

The Knights finished in third place with 16 points in a Division 4

regional tournament at Almont.

They finished just two points from automatically earning a spot in the state finals tournament.

Title favorite Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart won the crown, thanks to winning six of eight flights and earning 28 points.

Flint Powers Catholic earned the other spot in the state finals, winning one flight and taking second in five other flights to earn 22 points.

The one bright spot for head coach Bart Bronk and the Knights was sophomore Maddie Foza, who won the No. 1 singles flight and automatically qualified for the state finals.

Fozo beat Clarkston Everest Collegiate's Carly Sutkiewicz 6-2, 6-0



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett sophomore Maddie Foza made the state finals at No. 1 singles.

in the championship match of the No. 1 singles flights.

Other finalists were Hannah Homsy at No. 3 singles, losing 6-1, 6-3 to Neilia Iska and Gaby

Cavataio also made the finals at No. 4 singles, losing 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 to Victoria Shahnazany.

Sara Anthony at No. 2 singles and Tamara Ajjour and Siobhan

Haggerty at No. 2 doubles played well.

Next for Foza is the Division 4 state final Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, at Kalamazoo College.

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Baseball

RIVALS

North mauls South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a grand day for Grosse Pointe North boys' baseball team and the reversal for Grosse Pointe South.

In the final game of the annual Grosse Pointe Invitational, host North blistered South 15-4 to win the trophy.

"We came out swinging and they booted the ball around a bit," North head coach Frank Sumner said. "We are playing good ball right now and today we stayed hot."

"It was a good day for us."

The Blue Devils out-hit the Norsemen 10-8, but six errors were costly.

"Right now our errors are mental," South head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "We didn't play well and we have to pick up the level of our play."

The Blue Devils took an early 2-0 lead after Alex Martinez hit a two-run double.

It took the Norsemen until the bottom of the first to take the lead. With two outs, Steven Kent sent a ball down the right



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

North's Tristin Richardson slides into home as South catcher Brad Thompson reaches for the throw.

field and it was ruled fair.

Two runs scored to tie it, but Griesbaum and assistant coach Matt Reno argued it was foul. The call of fair stood and it was 2-2.

The next hitter reached on an error and the Norsemen took a 3-2 lead. After two innings it was 7-2 and an eight-run fourth inning put the game away.

Alex Kracht earned the win, going four innings and Steve Levick pitched the fifth inning.

Offensively for the Norsemen, Alex Huguenin, Sam Cross

(four RBIs) and Henry Burghardt each had two hits. Kracht reached base three times, as did Tristin Richardson and Pete Ciaravino.

For the Blue Devils, Brad Thompson was 3-for-3, while Jack Liagre and Alex Martinez had two hits apiece.

In other invitational games, North defeated Livonia Stevenson 4-2 and Detroit Western 6-1 to improve to 23-7 overall.

For South, it fell to 15-17 overall after losing 3-1 to Stevenson and 9-5 to Western.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win White Division

By Richard Borland
Special Writer

The familiarity of dominance was strong last week as the Grosse Pointe North boys' baseball team started its final regular season conference series.

Utica Ford fell victim to the wrath of freshman Chad Lorkowski, who took fans by storm in the Little League World Series a couple of years ago.

His size and talent stayed true in the series opener as Ford as the ace dominated in astounding fashion.

He not only threw a complete game in the 6-1 victory, but managed to give up only four hits.

All four hits came off the 2-3-4 hitters who went 4-for-8 off Lorkowski. Everyone else was left out to dry and went a combined 0-for-16.

Walking only two batters while striking out five showed the Falcons how dangerous he is on the mound.

"He didn't have his best stuff, but it was enough to get the job done and Chad is a battler," head coach Frank Sumner said. "He's going to get better every year and will bring a lot of success for years to come."

Junior Sam Cross went 3-for-4 and reached base every time.

He drove in senior Alex Huguenin with a timely two-run triple in the fourth inning to widen the gap.

Game two had the same result in the win column, but the story of this game was pitching.

The Norsemen were held to only five hits, but senior Tristin Richardson was even better on the mound.

The Norsemen strung together three straight singles, mixed in with a few passed balls, to put three runs on the board in the second inning.

The Falcons didn't go away quietly.

An infield error led to an RBI double and a run-scoring single to make it 3-2, but Richardson got

out of trouble to earn the win. He went seven innings, giving up six hits, walking one and striking out three.

With a win in the series finale, the Norsemen would clinch the Macomb Area Conference White Division outright title, which would be Sumner's 24th conference championship.

Junior Ryan Mazzola took the mound in the bottom of the first and the Norsemen put up a six-spot to give him a comfort zone.

Junior Trent LaCroix, Richardson and Huguenin walked to load the bases. Cross doubled to drive in two and two errors loaded the bases again.

This time junior Alex VanDorne drove in two with a single and the rout was one.

Senior Troy Williams finished with two hits and Mazzola did the rest, striking out six as the Norsemen won 8-1.

Grosse Pointe North finished 12-3 in the MAC White Division, one game ahead of two teams.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils get swept

By Sam Meads
Special Writer

team a 5-4 lead.

After a scoreless fifth inning, the Titans answered again with two runs in the sixth to knock Mico out of the game. Mico went 5 2/3 innings allowing five runs on eight hits.

"Logan threw the ball really well," head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "He really only had the one inning there and he deserved a little bit better fate."

In a back-and-forth game, South came back with an answer of its own, scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Thompson started with a double, which hit the centerfield wall, and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Alex Martinez hit a sacrifice fly to tie the game and then regained the lead later in the inning when Rob Martinez hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Parthum on a bang-bang play at the plate.

The Blue Devils retired two of the first three hitters in the top of the seventh, but were unable to close out the game as the Titans scraped across two more runs to take an 8-7 lead.

The Blue Devils put the tying run on base in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't bring him home as the Titans held on to win.

Grosse Pointe South finished 6-9 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Knights break even

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' baseball team, ranked No. 1 in Division 3, hosted Rockford, ranked No. 4 in Division 1 last weekend.

Head coach Dan Cimini and his Knights were ready for this challenge.

Unfortunately, they lost both games of a double-header, 4-1 and 4-3.

In the first game, the Knights wasted a good pitching performance from senior Matt Gushee. He gave up four runs on nine hits, walking three and striking out three.

The Knights loaded the bases in the bottom of the first inning, but a pop out to third base ended the

rally.

A lead-off double was wasted in the second and junior Jackson Walkowiak was hit by a pitch to lead off the third, but was left on first base after three consecutive pop outs.

They had the bases loaded with one out in the fifth inning, but sophomore Noah Miller hit into an inning-ending 6-4-3 double play. He hit the ball right on the screws, but right to the shortstop who had no problem initiating the DP.

The Knights scored in the sixth when freshman Billy Kopicki singled home sophomore Anthony George.

Rockford scored two runs in the second, one in

the third and one in the seventh.

In the nightcap, the home team fell behind 4-0 before rallying to make it close.

Earlier in the week, Liggett beat Detroit Martin Luther King 12-2 in six innings and U-D Jesuit 7-2.

Against MLK, junior Connor McCarron was 3-for-4, while sophomore Will Morrison had a three-run homer. Kopicki also belted his first high school homer.

In the Cubs' game, Miller was 3-for-3 with two RBIs to back the pitching of senior Sean Fannon, who gave up only two hits and walked one.

Liggett is 23-3 overall.

YOUTH BASEBALL



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Champs

The Lakeside Baseball Club 13U baseball team won the Mother's Day Pink Classic Tournament at Eastern Michigan University. Taking home trophies are, from left, assistant coach Wes Vandenbrink, coach John Clem and assistant coach Tim DeVinney, and players Matt Zontini, Matt Mourad, Louis Randazzo, Joey Tedesco, Sam Russell, Liam Kaiser, Nolan Pietsch, Ethan LaCroix, Nick Vandenbrink, Jacob Peruski, Nathan Lawrence and Dean Therriault.

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RIVALS

Key hit delivers North's win over South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With one swing of the bat, Grosse Pointe North's Celeste Janson turned hero.

With host Grosse Pointe North trailing rival Grosse Pointe South 6-5 in the bottom of the seventh inning and two outs, Janson drove a 1-2 pitch into the right center gap, scoring Liz Grumeretz and Vicki Blaine with the winning runs of a 7-6 thriller.

"They are a much improved team from the first time we played them," North head coach Ron Smith said. "They got some great pitching and key hits, but our girls never quit.

"We felt confident we could give it a good try since we had good swings

the entire game."

South has improved its play since a tough start and starting pitcher Adriana Agosta was cruising along with a 6-3 lead. She scattered only six hits and the defense behind her, keyed by shorstop Grace Foster, helped.

Foster snared two line drives to start inning-ending double plays in the fourth and fifth innings.

"I'm proud of the girls for playing a great game and just coming up a little short in the end," South head coach Bill Fleming said. "It's a tough loss, but the girls look more confident with their overall play."

The Blue Devils were in position to win, thanks to two-run doubles off the bat of Agosta in the



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Lora Dobbs connects for a first-inning single which drove in a run in the Norsemen's 7-6 win over Grosse Pointe South.

fourth and Christina Ambrozy in the fifth. They scored single runs in the second and seventh. Kendall Volpe and Julia

O'Halla had two hits apiece, while Jyen-ai Jones had one hit and walked twice to lead the Blue Devils.

The Norsemen jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first as Rebecca Alway, Blaine and Lora Dobbs drove in runs.

They fell behind 6-3 with one at-bat left and it was Evelyn Zacharias who started the rally with a lead-off single up the middle in the seventh.

Sarah Cherry followed with a single and Alway singled to load the bases. Grumeretz singled home two runs to make it 6-5, but Agosta was able to get a fielder's choice for out No. 1 and a fly out to right for out No. 2.

Blaine advanced to second without a throw and Janson did the rest.

Alway earned the win, while Agosta took the loss.

After the game, North honored its six seniors, Cherry, Grumeretz, Dobbs, Blaine, Nadia Goolsby and Janson, and Norsemen parents, friends and family shared a post-game dinner with South parents and players.

In other action last week, Grosse Pointe North lost 9-2 at Port Huron Northern to stand 7-4 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 11-14 overall.

Grosse Pointe South played two more games last week, losing 14-8 to Detroit Western and 10-1 at home to Warren Cousino to see its record stand at 1-9 in the MAC Blue Division and 10-14 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights suffer meltdown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' softball team experienced a little adversity last week.

The Knights won 2-of-5 games to see their record hit 22-4 overall.

The Knights started with a 4-3 loss to host Riverview as junior Emma St. John suffered the defeat on the mound. She pitched six innings, giving up four hits, one earned run, three walks and struck out 12.

Last weekend, Liggett struggled to a 1-2 finish in the Blissfield Tournament.

They beat the host team 3-1 behind St. John, who pitched seven innings, giving up seven hits, one earned run, three walks and striking

out seven.

At the plate, sophomore Maddie Hamilton was 2-for-3, while junior Emily Miserendino was 2-for-4 with a run. St. John was 2-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs.

It went downhill from that point as the Knights lost 4-2 to Edwardsburg and 11-3 to Ida.

Against Edwardsburg, the Knights could only muster four hits and senior Allison Stapleton was one who had a run-scoring single.

St. John took the loss, giving up only three hits, walking five and striking out seven, but gave up a season-high three earned runs.

In the loss against Ida, Miserendino was 2-for-4 and Stapleton was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two

RBIs.

Hamilton was 1-for-3 with a run and RBI. Senior Sam Allen and freshman Emily Switchulis also had hits.

Switchulis took the loss on the hill.

On Monday afternoon, Liggett celebrated senior day in style, beating visiting Strong Tower 8-2.

St. John earned the win, giving up five hits, walking three and striking out 12 in seven innings.

The Knights came out hitting in the bottom of the first when Miserendino led off with a double and senior Anna Majewski reached on an infield hit.

St. John doubled home Miserendino and Majewski and courtesy runner, senior Molly Murphy, scored on senior

Emily Kanakry's double.

In the second inning, senior Kayla Strong doubled and scored on Majewski's triple. Hamilton's single scored Majewski to make it 5-0.

Strong singled home a run in the third inning and Kanakry doubled home a run in the fourth.

In the fifth, Strong doubled and scored on Hamilton's sacrifice fly.

Strong Tower scored its two runs in the top of the seventh, thanks to two walks, a single and a mental error.

Strong led the way, going 3-for-3 with two runs scored, two doubles and one RBI, while Miserendino and Kanakry also had three hits apiece.

Majewski, Hamilton and St. John each had two hits.



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

Liggett's Emily Kanakry celebrated senior day in style, driving in two runs on three hits.

Boys lacrosse

NORTH & SOUTH

North, South play tough in playoff tune-ups

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse team had a chance to win the Macomb Area Conference Red Division

title last week.

Head coach Mark Seppala and his Norsemen had to win on the road against Utica Eisenhower.

The Norsemen fell behind 3-0 after the first

quarter, but cut the deficit to 4-3 at the half.

It was a 6-4 game after three quarters and the Eagles tacked on one more goal as North lost 7-4 in the showdown.

Defense and goaltending for both teams led the way as each possession became a golden commodity.

For the Norsemen, 4-2 in the MAC Red and 12-3 overall, Hugh Anderson, Marc Filippelli, Andrew Tomasi and Mikey Carron scored goals.

Grosse Pointe South also played last week and was getting ready for its state playoff run by hosting Birmingham Brother Rice's varsity "B" team

last week.

Head coach Don Wolford knew the Blue Devils would be up against a tough challenge and they were ready.

However, South lost 15-12 as Michael Coyle led the way with five goals and William Buhl added four. Other goal scorers were John

Schulte, J.D. Standish and Max Portwood with one apiece.

The following evening, the Blue Devils traveled to Romeo to complete the regular season. South came away with a 10-7 win to end the season 3-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-8 overall.

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By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' lacrosse team swept its regular season series with its city rivals last week, beating host University Liggett 19-7.

It was 8-0 five minutes into the game before the Knights scored.

Head coach Alycsa Valentine and her Blue Devils roared to a 14-3 halftime lead.

The Blue Devils spread around their scoring with 13 different players netting a goal, including a team-leading three by Ryley Kerik.

Julia Fox, Megan Gall and Elise Whitney scored

two goals apiece, while those with one goal were Margret Reilly, Kathryn Williamson, Margaret Brennan, Alex Estes, Elysse Knapp, Elizabeth Rauh, Juliana Berkowski, Mary Reiber, Caroline Frederickson and Caroline Calcaterra.

For the Knights, under head coach Jenn Calver,

Allison Stapleton scored four goals, all in the second half, while Katie Fruehauf had two and Grace Scarfone had one.

Liggett completed its regular season with a tie against Regina, dropping to 2-7-1 overall, while South finished with a 15-11 loss to Birmingham to finish 11-4-1.

Girls lacrosse

RIVALS

South cruises past Liggett

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

In memory

Grosse Pointe South senior Aubrey Leggat, right, and her teammates hosted a fundraiser last week during its home game against Anchor Bay in memory of Kyleigh Webb, with proceeds going to benefit Special Kids, a nonprofit offering individual, specialized therapies and services to children with developmental or learning disabilities in Grosse Pointe. They sold tickets for a tin can auction at the gate and baked goods. As for the game, South played a scoreless tie and is 0-4-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 0-9-6 overall.



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

NORTH & SOUTH

South captures tournament title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' golf team won the Macomb Area Conference Tournament championship Friday, May 20, shooting a 298 at The Meadows Golf Club on the campus of Grand Valley State University.

Teddy Schooff was the medalist and league most valuable player, firing 72. Evan Theros and Jon Theros each shot 75 and Oliver Livingston had 76 for the Blue Devils.

South enters the state playoffs as one of the title contenders in Division 1.

Utica Ford was second with 317, followed by Grosse Pointe North with 327, Utica Eisenhower with 348 and Romeo with 359.

For the Norsemen, Luke Muschong and Matt Beach each shot an 80, while Ben Zacharias had 82. Ryan Schudlich had 84, followed by J.P. Navetta with 87 and Mitchell Zacharias with 88.

South also won the regular season MAC Red Division title with an 8-0 mark.

North was second at 5-3, followed by Ford and Eisenhower at 3-5 and Romeo at 1-7.

Coming up for the Blue Devils and Norsemen is

a Division 1 district tournament at St. Clair Shores Golf Club.

Joining North and South are Detroit Cass Tech, U-D Jesuit, Eastpointe East Detroit, Fraser, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Warren Mott, Warren Cousino and host Warren DeLaSalle.

The top six teams advance to the regional tournament Thursday, June 2, at The Orchards.

The top three squads at the regional make it to the state finals set for Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11, at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University.

NORTH & LIGGETT

Norsemen, Knights prep for playoffs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' soccer team earned an impressive 2-1 win over visiting Fraser last weekend.

The win over the Ramblers capped a 3-0 week and moved the Norsemen to 3-3-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 13-4-2 overall.

"We played much better this week and I could see the girls working harder and playing smarter than the previous tough week we had," head coach Olivia Stander said.

The Ramblers, battling for the division lead, grabbed a 1-0 lead before the Norsemen tied it on a goal by freshman Sia Nezeritis.

The Norsemen defense frustrated the Ramblers' forwards as they had

only a couple of shots on goalkeeper, sophomore Katie Link.

Their offense produced several good scoring chances as their forwards were able to consistently get behind the Ramblers' defenders and get good shots on net.

Midway through the second half, junior Megan Louwers sent a left-footed rocket from 20 yards out. The shot curved by the goaltender, who looked stunned after the ball curved right by her and into the back of the net for the winning goal.

In other games last week, North beat Chippewa Valley 4-1 and Port Huron Northern 1-0.

Against CV, sophomore Greta DeLoach had three goals and Louwers had one.

Against PHN, DeLoach had the only tally of the game.

Liggett results

The University Liggett girls' soccer team played a 2-2 tie with visiting Macomb Lutheran North last week.

Head coach David Dwaihy scheduled the Mustangs in preparation for the state district tournament, which begins the first week of June.

Each team scored one goal in each half, with sophomore Alexis Wenger tallying in the first 40 minutes for the Knights and sophomore Kelly Solak converted a penalty kick in the second half.

It was a defensive battle in the first half, but in the second half the Knights' offense came to life and they used their speed to get several scoring opportunities.

Each shot was either wide or saved by the keeper.

Liggett is 11-1-2 overall.

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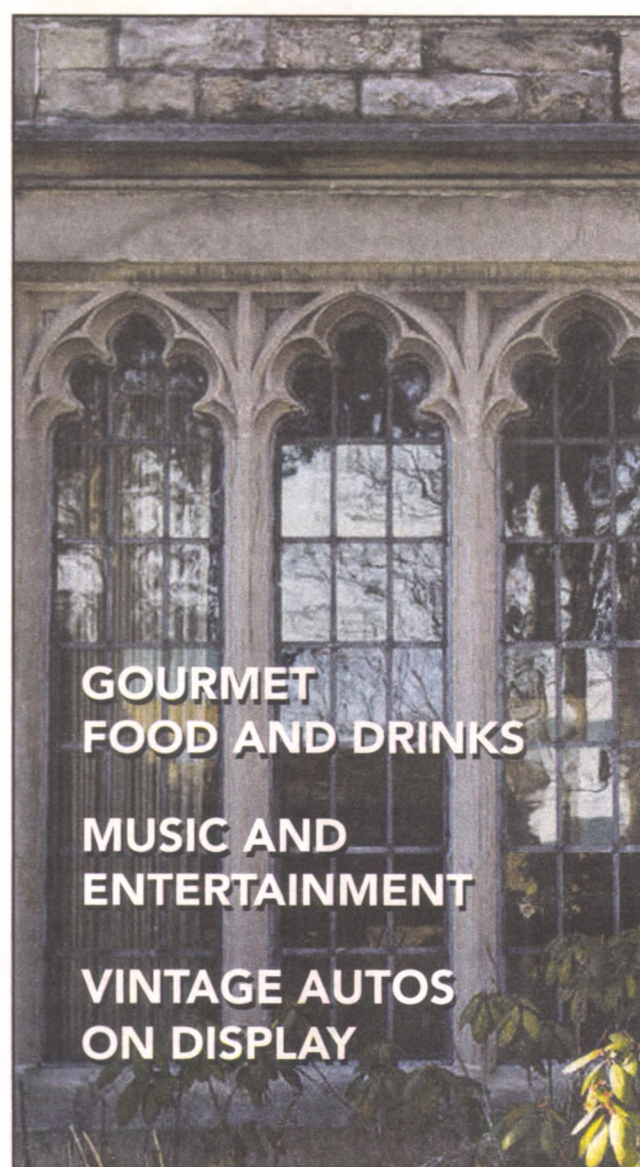
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Sailing

NORTH & SOUTH

North, South win

The Grosse Pointe North sailing team won the Traverse City Central regatta May 14 and 15. The Norsemen finished 14-1 as the skipper was Lindsey Ramsdell, John Huskin, Ellie Frame, Adam Weinkauf and Charlie Ramsdell. Crews were Teddy Prokop, Frame, Lindsey Ramsdell, Weinkauf, Cameron McLellan, John Godoshian and Sydney Semack. Rounding out the top three were Loyola Academy Ramblers at 12-3 and Spring Lake High School Red and Hamilton at 9-6. Last weekend, North's "A" and "B" teams finished second to Grosse Pointe South in the Leukemia Cup hosted by Detroit Country Day. South had a score of 39, followed by North at 55. South's White team was third with 72. For South's Blue team, Blake Stackpoole and Grace Paschke, led the way. The North duo was Charlie Ramsdell and Huskin. The sailors for the South White team were Christiana Schiebner and Caroline Breen.

College signing

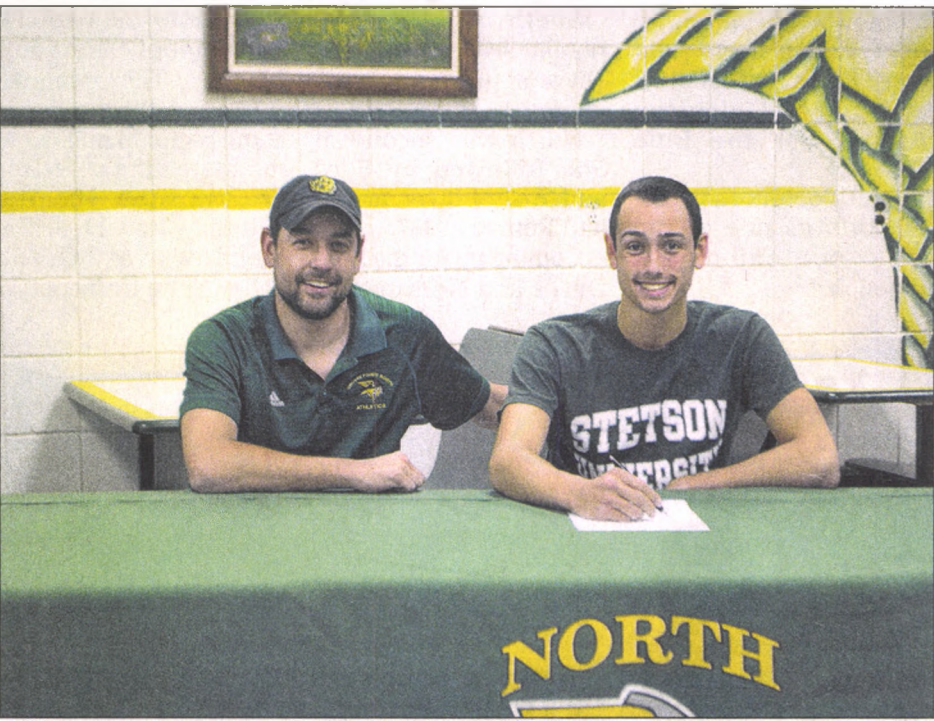


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Headed to Stetson

Grosse Pointe North senior Christian Preston, right, signed a letter-of-intent to row at Stetson University under the tutelage of head coach Mark Wilson. Joining Preston at his signing was his father, Josh Preston. Stetson is a private college located in DeLand, Fla. and competes in Division I of the NCAA. The Hatters play in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

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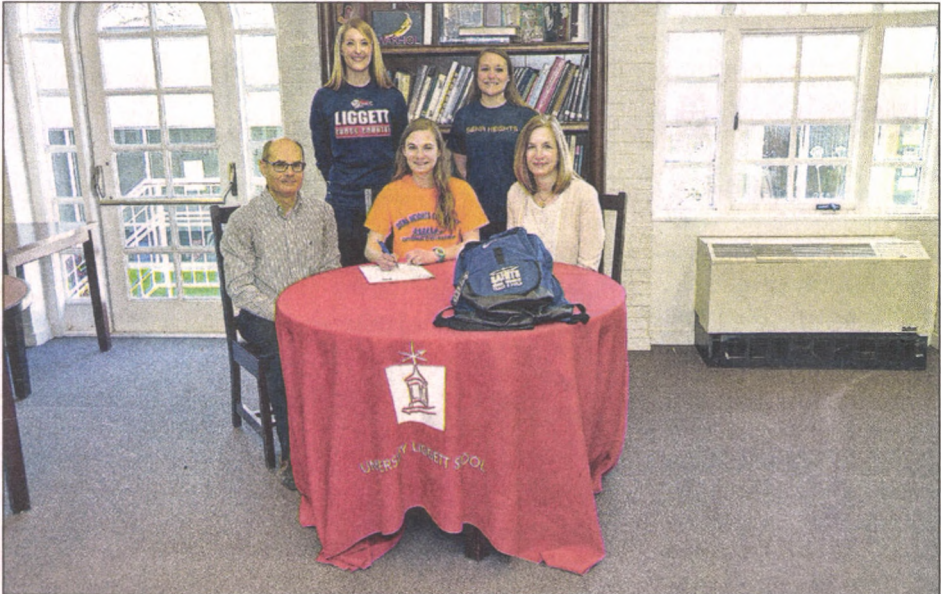


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Siena bound

University Liggett senior Julia Zehetmair, seated center, signed a letter-of-intent to run women's cross country at Siena Heights University. Joining her signing were parents, seated, Joe Zehetmair and Paula Zehetmair; and standing from left, Liggett cross country head coach Lindsey Bachman and Siena Heights assistant coach Emily Reader. Siena Heights competes in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.



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Ferris State

University Liggett senior Emily Kanakry, seated center, recently signed a letter-of-intent to play college softball for head coach Wally King and Ferris State University in Big Rapids. Joining Kanakry at her signing were more than a dozen former high school and travel softball coaches who played a part in her ability to earn a scholarship at the Division II GLIAC institution. At the table with Kanakry were her parents, seated from left, Cammie and John Kanakry; and family, standing from left, sister, Abby, grandmother, Cheri Maki, and grandfather, Robert Maki.



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College lacrosse

University Liggett had two student-athletes recently sign a letter-of-intent to play college lacrosse. Above, Harrison Wujek, right, with boys' lacrosse head coach Mike Costanzo, is headed to Wittenberg University in Ohio, while Robert Whitaker, below seated center, is headed to Young Harris College in Georgia. Joining Whitaker were his parents, seated, Harriett Whitaker and Brad Whitaker; and standing from left, brother Henry Whitaker and Costanzo. Wittenberg's head coach is Jay Owen and the Tigers compete in the North Coast Athletic Conference. The Young Harris Mountain Lions are coached by Kirk Rogers and the school competes in the Peach Belt Conference.



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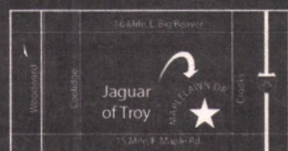
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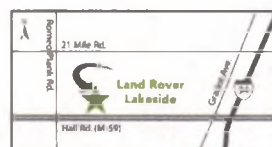
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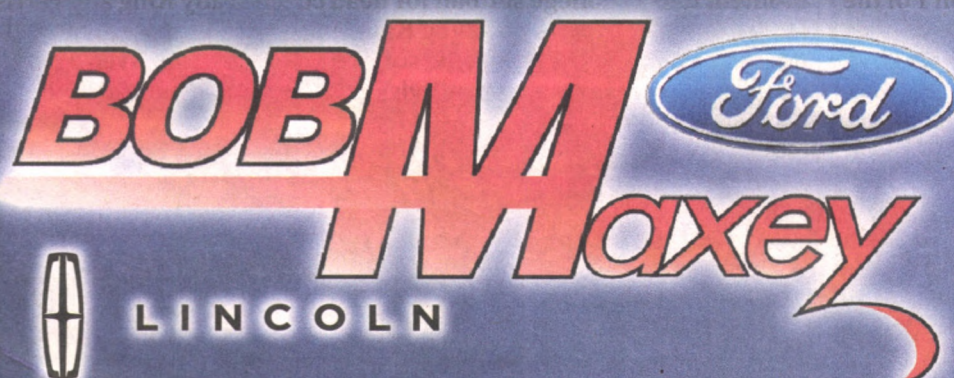
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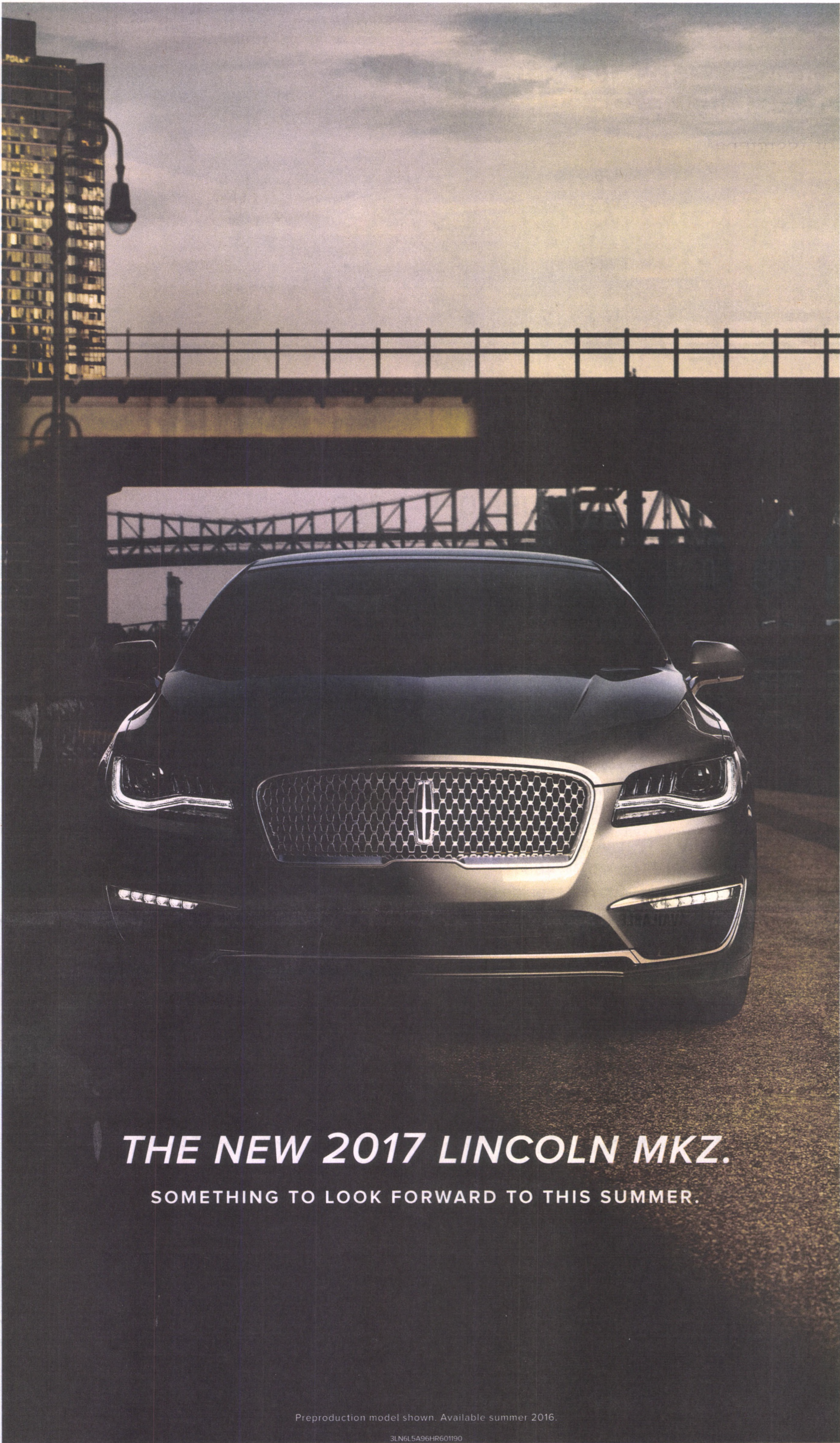
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A banner year for North

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School enjoyed a few firsts at this year's Student State Conference in Traverse City. Held April 16 and 17, the conference is the largest student leadership recognition event the Michigan Association of Student Councils/Michigan Association of Honors Societies offers.

Senior Nicole Stein received the Unsung Hero award for her dedication to leadership, said Student Association adviser Jonathan Byrne. While Stein is not an officer, she "does a tremendous amount of work for the Student Association," Byrne said. "She was the head of our teacher appreciation committee and organized students once a month to show the staff at North the students appreciate the work that they did. We did way more things this year than we have done in the past and the teachers noticed that and really appreciated it."

Senior C.J. Ramsdell was awarded MASC/MAHS student of the year.

Selected by his peers,



North seniors C.J. Ramsdell and Nicole Stein were recognized at the MASC/MAHS student leadership conference.

Ramsdell applied at the state level. The application process included letters of recommendation from students and staff. Ramsdell also wrote a personal essay, Byrne said. Student delegates reviewed applications from across the state and selected Ramsdell from a dozen or so finalists.

"North has never had a student of the year before, so we are very proud of him," Byrne said. "He's accomplished a tremendous amount at North."

In addition to his work on student government, Ramsdell is vice president of the National Honor Society, editor of the school literary journal, Harbinger, a member of DECA and a varsity hockey and lacrosse player. He will attend the University of Michigan and was accepted to the Ross School of Business.

In another first, Pat Gast was honored at the conference as the first

adviser in North's history to win the Adviser of the Year for the state of Michigan. Moreover, the Student Association received an award of excellence, an honor earned by approximately a dozen schools in the state, according to Byrne.

"It was a banner evening for Grosse Pointe North High School and we are all extremely proud of all the award winners and their work," said Byrne.

Proposal 'causes angst', is withdrawn

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

An action item added Thursday, May 19, to the Monday, May 23, agenda for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education regular meeting was withdrawn at the outset of the meeting.

The proposal, "Affirmation of District Direction on 2014-15 Audit Results Relative to Labor Contracts," was added by Trustee Ahmed Ismail to prompt a decision on the original formula contract executed in 2010 and "overwhelmingly accepted between the various contract groups and Grosse Pointe Public School System," according to Ismail.

The proposal included the resolution: "Be it resolved that the administration complete the necessary protocol such that the pay adjustments to which the GPPSS has a right to under the terms of the modified formula contract which was agreed to in writing by both GPPSS and its bargaining groups are received so as to fulfill

our fiduciary responsibility to our taxpayers. The administration is directed that pay adjustments made under the terms of the relevant contracts be implemented so as not to reduce the pay rates of the staff members in effect as of May 23, 2016."

According to Ismail, the goal of the contract was for the school system and staff units to work together to keep fund equity at a certain level. The formula in place creates a responsibility sharing system between receipts of funds from the state of Michigan, including the per-pupil foundation allowance and the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, a statewide public employee-defined benefit plan.

Superintendent Gary Niehaus read a statement issued to the board regarding the modified formula consideration. The statement, available at gpschools.org, outlined a history of the collective bargaining agreements in the district, the concept behind

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◆ Grosse Pointe North and South high schools will combine forces Friday, June 3, to present the annual North/South Outdoor Concert in front of the North Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Students will perform works by Sousa, Tchaikovsky, LaPlante, King, J. Williams, Holst and more. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Admission is free and snacks and drinks will be sold. The concert will be held in the North gymnasium in inclement weather.

Liggett language learners excel in national exams

The Modern and Classical Language Department at University Liggett School announced the 2016 winners in the National French, Latin and Spanish tests. Students compete annually for honors in their respective languages.

Receiving gold awards in French were Tamara Ajjour, Andrew Backer, Alexandra Diggs, Michael Ellis and Olivia Ponte. Abby Hung and Madison Jerome won silver and Alexander Minanov, Maria Pas and Kat Tolin earned bronze.

In Latin I, Zachary Elliott, Ian Homsy and Emily Miserendino received Silver Maxima Cum Laude and Beatrice Bernard earned Magna Cum Laude. In Latin 2, Amelia Doetsch earned Gold Summa Cum Laude while Lucille Alpert, Annelies Ondersma and

Andrew Wu earned Silver Maxima Cum Laude. T.J. Dulac received Magna Cum Laude in Latin 3.

In Spanish, Lucille Alpert, Sam Brusilow, Amelia Doetsch, Antoni Dulac, Brooke Hudson, Sasha Jovanovski, Ondersma and Kaelan Patel earned gold medals; Jovana Djokovic, Michael Ellis, Sarah Galbenski, Darcy Huang, Zahra Kahn, Danny Katz, Colin McMann, Casey Scoggin, Victor Tawansy, Skye Vreeken and Eleanor Withers earned silver; and Samantha Allen, India Brooks, Sam Durno, Morgan Kelley, Emma Leonard, Matthew Moroun and Andrew Wu earned bronze.

National mythology exam award recipients were Alexis Jones, gold, and Zachary Elliott, bronze.

Dear First Lady:
Poupard students write thank-you letter

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

It started when members of Poupard Elementary School's "Green Team" participated in fall clean-up of the Full Circle garden. It was then students came up with the idea to install a raised garden bed at their school, according to Green Team faculty adviser Andi Cline. They wrote a grant proposal and were awarded a \$400 "Go Green" grant from Peace, Love & Planet, a local nonprofit.

In their research, students came across pictures of First Lady Michelle Obama's White House Kitchen Garden and information about the First Lady's signature "Let's Move" campaign. Fourth-grader Paris Jackson had the idea to write Obama and thank her for the inspiration. Jackson enlisted the help of classmates DeJa Hill, Markeya Jones and Asia Slappy.

"I wanted to talk about our school garden," Jackson said. "We saw the White House garden on the website. It was huge and we thought it was beautiful. So we wanted to have one of our own."

"She's the reason there's no unhealthy foods in vending machines," she added. "At first, I was mad about it, but then it helped me get more salads and stuff."

Her classmates agreed they are making health-



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Taking a break from putting the final touches to their letter to First Lady Michelle Obama are, from left, DeJa Hill, Markeya Jones, Asia Slappy and Paris Jackson, seated.

ier choices now, both at home and school.

"I choose fruits because my mom is always on a diet," said Slappy.

"I choose fruits and vegetables because my mom doesn't let me eat a lot of junk food," said Jones.

Cline helped the students craft their letter, including going online to research the appropriate salutation and proper way to address an envelope to the White House. The students spent three weeks drafting and revising the letter, she said.

"They didn't give up. They kept working on it. They had that stick-to-it-iveness," Cline said.

The groundbreaking for the raised garden bed

is Tuesday, May 31, surprise visit from the weather permitting. The First Lady, at least a students hope, if not for a response to their letter.

Dear First Lady Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama,

We are so very thankful for your outstanding service to our country. You taught our country about serving children healthy food. Our school, Charles A. Poupard Elementary, learned a lot about raising healthy, edible food from you. You inspired us to write a grant to build a raised garden bed on our school property. We received the grant and our dream is coming true at our May 31st ground breaking.

We are members of our school's Green Team and we wrote this letter to you because we went on your website, "Let's Move" and found a lot of useful data about gardening and healthy food. We really enjoyed looking at all the pictures of gardens on the White House lawn.

The White House lawn looks very beautiful and amazing because of you! Thank you for guiding us in the right, healthy direction. You have been the greatest First Lady!

Sincerely,

Paris Jackson, DeJa Hill,
Asia Slappy & Markeya Jones

Brownell students dedicate tree

A group of 15 students from Brownell Middle School will host a community dedication 1 p.m. Friday, June 3, for the new "Tree of Strength" at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The students, part of a group called Every Step Counts, created the "Tree of Strength" to raise awareness, give hope and remember those in the community touched by cancer.

As part of the dedication event, cancer patients and community members are invited to tie a colored ribbon to represent their cancer type on a special tree at

Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage. The ribbons symbolize their cancer journey or that of a loved one, as well as cancer survival.

The "Tree of Strength" is one of several community-based projects developed by Every Step Counts, which works to do good deeds to support the community.

Speakers at the event include Alyse Applegate, a member of Every Step Counts; Mike Dibb, Brownell principal; Paul Szilagyi, vice president of Henry Ford Primary Care & Medical Centers; and Tom Nantais, chief operating officer of the

Henry Ford Medical Group. Nantais created the Belinda Sue Fund for Ovarian Cancer Awareness & Research in honor of his wife.

The tree will be open to patients and the community to tie a ribbon throughout the summer.

Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage is located at 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free parking is available in the structure at the corner of Kercheval and Muir and surface lot at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage.

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A day at the office with Pat Gast

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Pat Gast, student activities director at Grosse Pointe North High School, is retiring after 22 years.

"My last day will be sad, hard and filled with mixed emotions. It was a very hard decision to retire," Gast said.

Gast does the work of more than one person. On her belt hangs a key ring filled with many keys, allowing her access to almost anywhere in the school. She walks miles through the halls each week, but a lot of her job is done on the computer. She makes signs, registers students for conferences, writes and proofs the script for homecoming, organizes pep assemblies and coordinates professional development days, among other events, with Principal Kate Murray.

Gast also communicates with parents and organizes eighth-grade day, when Parcels eighth-graders tour North to prepare for freshman year. Gast works with the parents' club fashion show; attends field trips; and manages the student union, baking cookies, replenishing supplies and placing orders.

"I think I have baked over one million cookies in the years I have been here," Gast said. "I bake

about 400 cookies each day." The cookies are sold at lunch time in the student union and the sales help fund student activities.

Gast also came up with the idea of a mascot for North. She looked through a catalog, spotted a Viking and Thor was born.

Gast arranges assemblies, works with student activities and class advisers, helps with the community open house, designs and implements showcases, helps proof records and programs, helps set up for college signings and is part of the selection committee for the keynote speaker and musicians at graduation. And this is only a partial list of what Gast accomplishes in a day at the office.

"I love these kids and I don't demand it, but the respect and love I get back is wonderful. It's almost overwhelming," Gast said.

Gast was the first adviser in North's history to be named Adviser of the Year for Michigan at the Michigan Association of Student Councils/Michigan Association of Honors Societies Student State Conference April 16 and 17.

Having come from a volunteer background, Gast plans to take advantage of retirement to return to volunteerism. "It'll give me the connection I love with kids," she said.



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Clockwise from top left, in honor of her retirement, Pat Gast will lead the class of 2016 wearing a green robe in lieu of the traditional black gown staff wears. Principal Kate Murray helps her try on her cap; Gast bakes 24 sheets of cookies — chocolate chip, sugar and oatmeal — daily; Gast performs one of her myriad duties on her computer. On her desk are a plaque and ring awarded when she won MASC/MAHS Adviser of the Year; it was Gast's idea to bring Thor, North's mascot, to the Norsemen; Gast high fives seniors Stephen Markus, Christian Preston, Bobbi Moorner and Mallika Kanneganti for showing up for school on Senior Skip Day.



ANGST:

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them, the timing and frequency of meetings and actions taken.

According to the statement, a final audit submitted by Plante Moran in November 2015 identified the district had failed to meet the modified formula fund equity targets. In addition, the district's MPSERS rate for 2014-15 had increased relative to the MPSERS rate from 2013-14. Following conversations with Treasurer Brian Summerfield and President Judy Gafa, administration began conversations with labor groups regarding not seeking compensation reductions as a result of the modified formula due to two factors: fund equity was continuing to increase and the failure

to reach the Modified Formula Fund equity target was chiefly caused by the additional ACT 18 funds from 2013-14.

The statement went on to say, "the modified formula would only recoup dollars lost due to a MPSERS change and/or foundation allowance reduction. The modified formula would not recoup dollars below the fund equity target caused by something other than a MPSERS change or foundation allowance reduction (i.e., the modified formula would not recoup a shortfall in funds due to a decline in pupil enrollment or increases in staffing). The fund equity target was not met because of the \$1.3 million issue, not because of the MPSERS change. In fact, the fund equity targets would have been

different had the \$1.3 million dollar issue not occurred."

"We have been talking about the modified formula which is in all five union contracts since last August 2015," said Niehaus in a phone interview. "As we move through the school year, we have continued to bring up to the board the modified contract. In essence, our board since August has continually said to us, we do not want to do this. There's this chain of emails and blogs that say we have to enact the modified formula if the state foundation level is lowered or MPSERS, which is our retirement system, increases. Neither one of those has happened. Our fund balance doesn't have anything to do with our modified formula. We will continue to get to 10 percent.

"We've talked about it eight or 10 times this school year and at no time has any of our board members asked us to invoke or put the modified formula in place," he continued. "We have to set the story straight as to what's happened during the school year."

Administration will ask for formal letters of understanding from all five labor groups regarding the understanding not to implement the modified formula during 2015-16.

"What we're going to do is get the five letters of understanding signed by the five labor unions and those will be brought back to the board at the June 13 meeting," Niehaus said.

While the item was withdrawn from the agenda, many residents attended the meeting to protest the resolution.

Residents also spoke about two other resolutions placed late on the agenda by Ismail, "Approval of Infant Program Rate Adjustment per Budget Parameters" and "Approval of Toddler Program Rate Adjustment per Budget Parameters." These two items were moved into the information and discussion portion of the agenda and no action was taken.

"I feel like an unnecessary amount of angst was created by my concern that I did not want to go into the year with loose ends and paperwork that wasn't done with regard to our employee contracts," said Ismail. "I'm glad that Dr. Niehaus is going to sit down and get these letters of understanding done. I wish they were done sooner. I like to see things in order

and I apologize to the extent that my desire to see things in order and see things followed — and frankly it was one of the reasons I put in the resolution that I wanted to make sure, whatever we did, (it) did not cause a pay cut and that's why it was spelled out that way."

"I read (the proposal) four times," said Gafa. "And I read it as, let's invoke the formula Furthermore, you referenced (an) ex-board member in your resolution and I don't understand that. Brian Summerfield is our treasurer. If you have a question about the audit, please call Brian Summerfield."

"I am not going to invoke the formula at any time either and so with that, we're adjourned," said Gafa, striking her gavel.

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Spring Planting/Ground Cover

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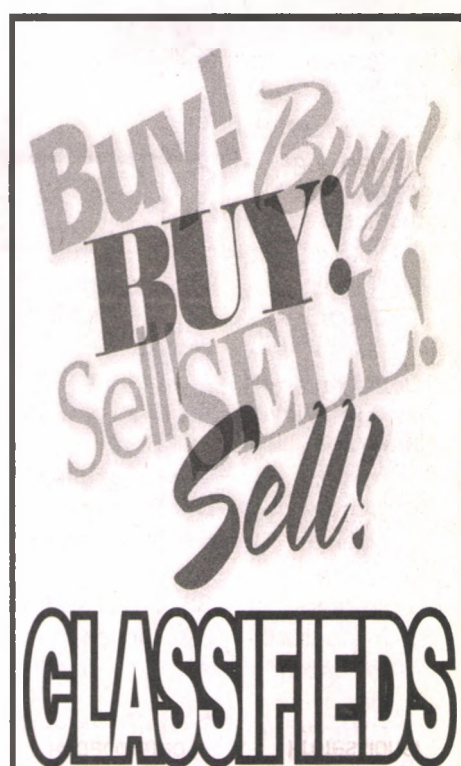
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