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Gunplay on the Detroit side of Mack is worrisome to City of Grosse Pointe police.

Bullet triggers burglar alarm

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Gunplay near Trolleys bar on Mack in Detroit last week wounded one man and triggered warning bells at a City of Grosse Pointe party store and public safety headquarters.

A stray bullet, believed to be .40 caliber but too crumpled to know off-hand, pierced the Plexiglas front door of Alger Deli & Liquor, at the intersection of St.

Clair and Mack across from the bar.

The impact activated the store's burglar alarm 1:48 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, prompting patrolmen to investigate.

"Obviously, we're going to increase patrols in that area," said Lt. Detective John Alcorn. "It's way too close to our city. We can't have anything like that coming our way."

"It's a mess, the activity up there," added Lt. Al

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Sculpture to become symbol of development

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It is an area not without controversy, but city officials hope a new sculpture will be symbolic of a new beginning for the turnaround area at Kercheval and Wayburn that some saw as a barrier against Detroit and its residents.

Detroit artist Erik Nordin presented plans to city council Monday, Feb. 13, for a sculpture to grace the roundabout area that serves as an anchor to West Park Market and other city celebrations throughout the year. Nordin, with his brother, Israel, designed a sculpture symbolic of reaching across the border that separates Detroit and the Park.

"We designed the piece with two sails that together represent unify-



ing our two cities," Erik Nordin told council.

The symbolism of artists with roots firmly planted in Detroit being commissioned to design the piece was not lost on Nordin.

"We see this sculpture

as a celebration of Detroit artists," he told council. "We see it as another symbol of reaching out to Detroit."

The work of the Nordin brothers, through their studio, Detroit Design Center, can be seen

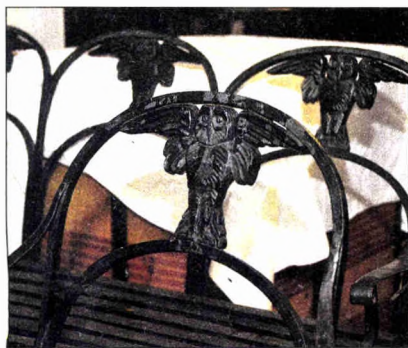
throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Several of their pieces are on display at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and their 25-foot glass and stainless steel "Detroit

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Ann Loshaw, vice president of visitor experience and education at Ford House, talks to participants about the furniture in storage and the well-used and popular bar cart.



Wrought iron chairs and benches were particularly popular with the Fords.



Maggie Lidz talks about wrought iron furniture and how some chairs were made with mixed materials, such as wood with iron adornments.

Patio chic

Cultural historian Maggie Lidz lectured at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Feb. 18, as part of its Collectors' Series. Lidz talked about garden furniture through the centuries, showing slides of how it changed. The Ford House has approximately 90 pieces of garden furniture, some of which is never used while others are placed around the pool in summer.

The Collectors Series continues March 23, with "Rug Collections: Get Swept Away." For details, visit fordhouse.org.

Banks gets one day, time served

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Former Michigan state representative Brian Banks was sentenced Feb. 17 to one day in jail, time served, after pleading guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to a single misdemeanor charge of making false statements of financial condition. He also resigned from the Michigan House of Representatives, where he represented the 1st District, which includes Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette charged Banks with three felony counts related to false statements Banks made in 2010 when applying for a \$3,000 loan from a local credit union. Schuette also charged Banks as a habitual

offender based on several other fraud charges dating back two decades. If convicted, Banks faced up to life in prison.

Instead, Judge Michael Hathaway allowed Banks to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge and sentenced him to one day in jail with time served.

Gov. Rick Snyder has called for a special election to fill Banks' seat. He set a primary date of Tuesday, Aug. 8, with the general election set for Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Harper Woods attorney Pamela Sossi said she plans on running for the seat. She finished second to Banks in the August 2016 Democratic primary, while his Republican opponent in the November 2016 election, Will Broman, said he has not decided if he will run again.

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Wild Birds Unlimited honored Guild dinner, kickoff party set

Wild Birds Unlimited Grosse Pointe Woods has been awarded the 2017 Conservation Business of the Year Award by Detroit Audubon. The award was presented at the Detroit Audubon awards dinner Sunday, Feb. 12.

Detroit Audubon recognized Wild Birds Unlimited Grosse Pointe Woods for its efforts to connect people and nature in metro Detroit. The Grosse Pointe Woods store has been owned by longtime retailer Rosann Kovalcik since 1992.

During the program, Detroit Audubon President James Bull and Program Coordinator Terra Weiland recognized Kovalcik for her activism, leadership and personal mission to make the world a more bird-friendly place. In presenting the award,



COURTESY PHOTO

Rosann Kovalcik is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, recently honored by Detroit Audubon.

Weiland said Kovalcik has a passion for birds and nature and always finds creative ways to engage staff and the public, bringing them closer to the natural world.

Kovalcik is a member of the Detroit Audubon Board of Directors and uses her store as a plat-

form to get people involved with local birding organizations. Contributions include donating seed to Lake St. Clair Metropark's nature center and new feeders and hardware to Belle Isle State Park; donating bird-friendly, shade-grown Birds & Beans coffee to events like the Detroit Audubon awards dinner; helping with campaigns like Binocular Buddies; leading community bird walks and educational presentations; and engaging children in the natural world through coloring con-

tests featuring a new bird each month.

In accepting the award on behalf of Kovalcik, employee Andrea Rose Meldrum said, "It's an honor to work for an organization which so clearly represents the mission of bringing people and nature together. And it's an honor to work for Rosann, who lives by that mission."

Other awards presented by Detroit Audubon were:

◆ Conservation Organization of the Year Award, given to The Greening of Detroit;

◆ Fred Charbonneau Bird Conservation Award, presented to Randy Kling and Erin Rowan for their work on Black Tern Conservation;

◆ President's Award, presented to Rashida Tlaib for her work fighting environmental and social injustices throughout Detroit and

◆ Conservationist of the Year Award, given dually to Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha and Dr. Marc Edwards for their fight to expose and mitigate problems caused during the Flint Water Crisis.

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Patrons of the 57th annual St. John Guild Dinner will see a few changes this year.

From less-congested hallways to a livelier form of entertainment, the event promises to be an unforgettable evening for supporters of St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

The event begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. and a show at 9 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third Street, Detroit.

"We've moved it from a Wednesday/Thursday event to a Friday night event," said Dinner Chairman Greg DeMars, a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores. "We're trying to get younger people, not only to the dinner, but into the guild."

"We're going from a classic comedic background the guild has always had to dueling pianos this year," added Vice Chairman Sean Lane, who lives in Grosse Pointe Farms. "They'll perform a one-hour set after dinner."

Longtime Detroit Red Wings announcer Ken Kal emcees the event, which includes the recognition of four outstanding supporters of St. John.

This year's honorees are Karlest Ford, Sister Verence McQuade Distinguished Service Award; Edward Schervish M.D., Physician of the

Year Award; James Nicholson, Philanthropic Services Award; and Jacqueline Wetherholt C.S.J., Lifetime Achievement Award.

Like last year, the two-year lease of a vehicle, donated by Ray Laethem Motor Village, will be raffled; however, this year the vehicle will not be in the ballroom.

Other raffle prizes include a Rolex watch courtesy of Edmund T. AHEE jewelers and a Comerica Park suite courtesy of Kem-Tech. A Justin Winery package also will be raffled, as will three paintings by speed painter David Santia, who will work onsite during the event.

Proceeds will be used to renovate the coffee shop at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

"The guild sponsors the coffee shop and the hospital asked that the funds go not only to redo the coffee shop, but also the surrounding area. They call it the center hub," DeMars said. "We've been pushing for years to improve the aesthetics and the coffee shop. We're making it a destination point for employees, patients and staff."

Just less than 900 guests attended last year; organizers hope attendance pushes 1,100 this time.

Guests who'd like to extend their stays beyond dinner are welcome to take advantage of hotel packages. One dinner

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Liggett theater director awarded

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

As director of Liggett Players, University Liggett School's student-run theater group, Phillip Moss described himself as "basically the only adult theater person here." Students do everything, from building sets and sewing costumes to coordinating the publicity for each production. Students also work together to decide what plays to produce based on cast interests and abilities.

"Very early on it became clear we could either have parents involved or we could train students to do a lot of this work themselves," Moss said. "If you look at the movement of the school towards this idea of the Curriculum for Understanding — of students taking on an idea, a concept, doing the research, building the foundational skills and then doing the work — what we've been doing in the theater is just a natural outgrowth of that."

In his graduate work at the Hilberry Theatre through Wayne State University, where he earned three degrees, Moss oversaw the work of graduate student directors and performers. It became clear to him there any dearth in funds could be made up in creativity. The idea of staffing an organization with students grew out of his master's thesis in arts management.

Moss, a 23-year-resident of Grosse Pointe Park, began teaching at

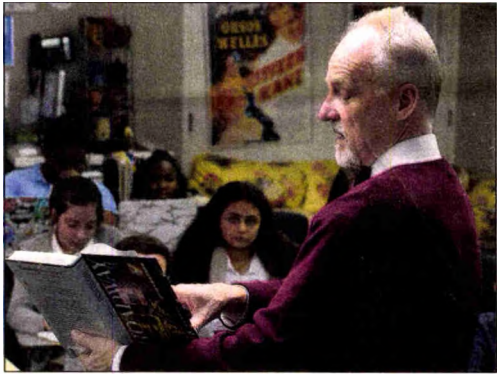


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Phillip Moss is Liggett's creative and performing arts department chair and director of Liggett Players.

Liggett in 1983. He took a break to teach in the Wayne Intermediate School District before returning to Liggett in 1989 as creative and performing arts department chair and director of Liggett Players.

"I've always said that the work of directing is getting all the people and all the schedules together, but the art of directing is in working with people," he said. "I help amass the resources and the materials and the equipment and I step aside and let kids do the work."

Each spring, students apply for leadership positions for the following year.

"Once we create that staff, we sit down and we do some brainstorming about what our goals are for the upcoming school year," Moss said. "From there, we begin to look at the season, what we want to do with the shows."

The selection of "Orphan Train" for the fall drama was due primarily to its strong

female roles, a focus that grew out of students' "really strong feelings about social justice and equity," Moss said. The winter musical, "Hello My Baby," also features strong female characters.

"Basically it's kind of an 'As You Like It' story ... but with music from the great American song book," Moss said, including hits from Berlin, Gershwin and Kern. The show opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2.

In the springtime, students direct their own play — this year's selection is the mystery drama "Proof" — while Ross works with the middle school on a production.

Every other year or so, a show is adjudicated, with outside people reviewing the students' work. Moss said students use this as a foundation for improving future productions.

"That becomes a really critical piece for the kids as they look at this reflection. The business model is how do we improve?"

How do we always get better? That becomes a big part of their goal setting for next year.

"When you look at that model of planning, implementing, reviewing, re-planning, re-implementing, reviewing ... it gets really exciting," he said.

Moss's commitment to theater education earned him Wayne State University's Arts Achievement Award, for which he will be honored in March. Moss called the award "a real surprise."

"It's kind of daunting, really, when you look at the quality and level of people that have come out of the Hilberry over the last 50 years," he said, adding it was particularly significant to be recognized as an art educator in a state that doesn't have theater education certification.

"To have that recognition is a really inspiring thing because it's important to have programs in school. Where would you get the next round of talent, the next round of audience members? Where would you get the support if you don't have the connection?"

Moss also noted challenges schools face in the arts, with music programs cut back and many high schools relying on canned music tracks or paid musicians for their musical productions.

"Here in the Pointes — North, South, Liggett — we all enjoy strong music programs," he said. "We enjoy a community that has an appreciation for and a love of music programs. There's a long tradition of really strong programs on the east side. So we don't face those same things a lot of our peer schools do. We have kids that play, which is pretty unique from a national level."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Wet-nosed jailbird

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Unseasonably warm, 60-degree weather last weekend proved great for walking dogs — too great for a male chocolate Lab with wanderlust but lacking registration tags. A citizen reported him running loose mid-morning Sunday, Feb. 19, in the area of Fisher and Ridge in Grosse Pointe Farms. A patrolman took him to headquarters. Dispatcher Ted Roney provided fresh water and diversion until the dog's owners from the City of Grosse Pointe retrieved it mid-afternoon. The dog is named Boomer. "He's a good boy," Roney said. The dog was well behaved and healthy. "He's got some pounds on him," Roney said.

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Gwyn. "Friday and Saturday nights are worst."

"One subject was shot in the stomach," Alcorn said. "The last we heard, he was in serious but stable condition."

No one from Grosse Pointe was involved, he said.

Three officers responded to the alarm. Preparing to capture a burglar, they surrounded the store and closed in.

"Officers observed a small hole with broken glass on the bottom left corner of the northwest entrance door, then observed a small caliber bullet on the floor inside the door," reported Patrolman Jacob Carpenter.

"It went through the glass, hit a metal bar and dropped," Gwyn said.

"During the investigation, officers learned there had been shots fired from the area of Trolleys (on) the north side of Mack," Carpenter said. "Detroit Police were on scene."

Gwyn figured the bullet came from a pistol and could travel a mile.

"They've done testing on .22s that kill at 400 yards," he said.

City officers on the overnight shift already patrol Mack heavily. They make themselves visible to late-night Trolleys patrons.

"When people leave it, they go north," Alcorn said. "Nobody even does a loop-around on Mack in our city. They go north, because we're up there."

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Vivid evidence in bank robbery case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A bank robbery suspect had little defense against evidence aired against him at a preliminary hearing in municipal court.

"As the bank's security video played on the big screen in the courtroom, he couldn't argue it wasn't him standing at the teller's window," said City of Grosse Pointe Lt. Al Gwyn.

City Judge Russell Ethridge ruled sufficient evidence to bind over defendant Detron Demetrius Edwards Jr., 22, of Detroit, to Wayne County Circuit Court for armed robbery of Chase Bank on St. Clair in the Village 14 months ago, Dec. 19, 2015.

"(Edwards) was shaking his head as he sat in front of the judge," Gwyn said. "He knew he was screwed."

Edwards attended the hearing Thursday, Feb. 2, from the Wayne County Jail.

"He's serving a year for heroin possession,"



A frame from security video allegedly shows Detron Demetrius Edwards, 22, of Detroit, leaving a teller station at Chase Bank in the Village carrying stolen cash in his left hand.

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Gwyn said. "He's like a drug dealer."

Bank video shows Edwards wearing a white dress shirt buttoned at the collar, black suit coat, black baseball cap and Band-Aids on his hands — not to cover fingerprints, but to hide tattoos.

Police and witnesses said he gave a teller a note reading in red ink, "Bomb is in backpack. Give me all the money. As soon as I see your hands disappear — I'm letting it off."

"The teller surrendered approximately \$6,622,"

according to an initial incident report.

Investigators said Edwards' accomplice, Brittany Lauren Floyd, 19, of Detroit, penned the demand.

"The FBI tested the note for DNA," Gwyn said. "DNA matched Floyd. Grosse Pointe Park detectives had dealt with Floyd and her boyfriend, Detron Edwards. They matched Edwards to the (video) pictures."

Floyd was arrested a year ago for her part in

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Menorah" is a part of the holiday display at Campus Martius every year.

The sculpture is expected to be in place by June and the cost of the project is being underwritten by city Councilwoman Barbara

Detwiler and her husband, Fred. Detwiler told council there is another component of this project.

"We are also doing a video about the process of designing and making the piece," she said. "It starts with showing the work as a sketch on paper and follows the process from the very beginning to setting the

piece in place." Detwiler said the video will be shown at the Park theaters.

Both projects tie in with Israel Nordin's concept of the project.

"Everyone is excited about this piece," he said, "and we see it as a way of celebrating the unity of our two cities. It will become a story people can tell."

Gas lines on the way

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Replacing underground gas lines this year in the Farms is expected to have minimal impact on motorists, except on four roads, three of which are main arteries.

"The gas main is down the gutters of Kerby Road and Kercheval, and is in Moross and Moran," said Terry Brennan, director of public services in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Work virtually everywhere else is on roadside easements, a few of which may be troublesome because they're narrow, as on Dean Lane and Old Brook Lane.

"Some roads are going to pose problems because we have utilities on either side, electric and water mains," Brennan said.

DTE Energy crews and contractors intend to replace old, cast-iron mains and household service leads with plastic ones throughout the city.

Installation is by directional boring, not digging trenches.

Construction is underway on Moross and upper Mack, mirroring processes last year in Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods.

"They're starting in the north end of the Farms and plan to sweep through town in a year," Brennan said. "By watching their progress in the Shores and Woods, they're not matching their schedule. It's going a little longer."

The utility upgraded nearly 200 miles of pipe in the metropolitan area during the last two years.

"The program is mandated by the Michigan Public Service Commission," Ty Turner, DTE construction manager, said in December. Work is in three phases:

◆ laying mains, usually between curbs and sidewalks,

◆ running new feeder lines from roadside mains to houses, during which meters inside dwellings are moved outside and replaced with remote sensing versions and

◆ repairing property damage, such as sod, sidewalks and sprinkler systems, usually within two weeks.

"We will restore any related damage inside or outside the home or business that may occur during the upgrade," according to a letter DTE sent to Farms residents Jan. 18. "Our restoration season runs April through October."

Residents are alerted by letters and door hangers 60 days before lines are linked to their respective houses.

"It's not something we have a lot of jurisdictional authority over," Brennan said. "We are doing spot inspections and coordinating with residents if they have complaints or issues."

He hopes the Farms benefits from installation going smoothly in the Shores.

"The only grief it's causing me is scheduling road resurfacing projects," he said.

Brennan doesn't want to repair a road before gas crews dig part of it up.

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School hosts its annual auction this Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event, “Evening of Espionage,” features a playful, undercover spy theme beginning at 6 p.m. and includes a strolling dinner, silent and live auctions, raffles and more.

Its clever online invitation reads, “You are among a select group chosen to carry out this special assignment. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to infiltrate a top-secret spy training mission known only as ‘Evening of Espionage.’”

“Be prepared for any eventuality; with the stakes so high, nerves of steel and a cool exterior will be essential; as will expertise in raffles and silent and live auction bidding. Reconnaissance coaches will be available to aid in the bid process. You may bring guests, but do not disclose the nature of your mission. All operatives to wear cocktail attire. As always, should you or any of your associates be discovered placing the highest bid, any knowledge of your identity or actions will be disavowed, but will be highly appreciated.”

This year’s honorary auction chairman and chairwoman are Tom and Patti Vaughn, former Star of the Sea students and parents and longtime parishioners.

We wish Our Lady Star of the Sea all the best in its upcoming auction — the school’s largest fundraiser. Proceeds directly benefit educational advancements for students.

For more information about the auction, visit olsos-auction.org or call (313) 884-1070.

Coming soon

Also coming up this spring, don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Grosse Pointe Academy’s 50th annual Action Auction, this year taking place Saturday, May 13. More details — including auction items, raffle prizes and a few twists — will be shared in upcoming editions of the Grosse Pointe News. Stay tuned.

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Pure
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Piper Eschenburg and Marc Hanna, juniors at Grosse Pointe South High School, enjoyed warm weather Sunday, Feb. 19, by lounging by the lake. Armed with snacks, a speaker and a charger, they spent the day hanging out. Both students were careful to pack up everything they brought so they didn’t leave litter behind.

LETTERS

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

The plus side

On Feb. 13, I attended the public meeting at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church where plans for the development of the Village parking lots were discussed. Typical of public meetings of this type, they invariably bring out the people most opposed to any change in the status quo and I was disappointed to see so many speak against a hotel/condo project on these sites. The concerns of most appeared to center on the disruption during the construction period and the loss of parking spaces used by their businesses, while dismissing any positive effects on the community as a whole. Like one of the speak-

ers, I too am pleased to see a resurgence in the Detroit economy and hotel construction downtown, but I don’t believe it negates the need for a boutique hotel in the Village. I live only a block from the Village and strongly support the proposed development of these parcels as presented by these three proposals. A project that will bring in more people can only have a positive effect for restaurants and retailers in the Village in the long run, far outweighing the loss of a few parking spaces. Grosse Pointe cannot and should not try to compete with far-flung suburban malls in regard to “free parking.” Our strength lies in the charm of walkable, bike-able neighborhoods, and

this kind of good infill development should not be held hostage to parochial parking issues. I suspect as well that the condo component of the project also would be a good thing for some Grosse Pointe seniors and “empty nesters” who find it necessary to downsize from their larger older homes, but still wish to remain in the community.

I applaud the planning department for the hard work that was put into developing these proposals and I hope they receive more positive public input than was on display at last week’s forum.

KURT SHUCK
City of Grosse Pointe

Keep pets safe

The death of a dog named Jacob after he was reportedly flown as cargo from Michigan to Oregon — his trip had an unexpected, extended layover — is a reminder of why we should never ship our animal companions with the luggage.

Every year, animals are lost, injured and killed on flights. Cats and dogs have escaped after their carriers were damaged in transit and

become lost inside airplanes and hangars. Others have bolted, never to be seen again, after airline employees let them out during layovers. Many others have been cooked alive or died of hypothermia inside planes’ cargo holds, which can quickly reach deadly temperature extremes because they are designed for luggage — not living beings. Being separated from their guardians and stuffed among the baggage in a noisy, dark, strange place with fluctuating air pressure also is extremely traumatic for animals.

If you must fly with your animals, always take them in the cabin with you. Pre-trip, ensure the carrier is large enough for the animal to comfortably stand up and turn around, and small enough to fit under the seat. For animals that are too large or unsuited for air travel, being driven by car or staying home with a trusted caretaker is far safer and less stressful.

For more tips on traveling with animals, visit PETA.org.
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GUEST OPINION By Kenneth E. Thorpe and Patricia J. Goldsmith

Beating cancer shouldn’t
force patients into bankruptcy

Liza Bernstein survived breast cancer three times. But it took all she had. She lost her home and savings to the costs of tests and treatments. She’s not technically bankrupt — but that’s only because she “couldn’t afford the fees” to file the claim.

Liza recently explained why her medical bills proved ruinous. Insurers “kept increasing my out-of-pocket costs and my deductible and they kept reducing how much they would reimburse the network so there was more chance I’d be out of network,” she said.

Sadly, Liza’s experience is common. Nearly eight in 10 Americans have had trouble or knew someone who had trouble using their health insurance in the past year. Major reforms are needed to ensure bankruptcy doesn’t become a routine side effect of cancer treatment.

Patients’ out-of-pocket costs have risen to unsustainable levels. Cancer patients can end up spending tens of thousands of dollars, even if they have health insurance. Hit with these costs, many patients significantly alter their spending habits to save money. More than 30 percent of patients cut back on groceries or borrowed money, according to a recent survey by CancerCare. About 20 percent skipped payments on rent, utilities or their mortgage to afford

their medical bills. Other patients turn to more dangerous techniques. Among cancer patients 25 to 54 years old, 30 to 40 percent missed doctor appointments or treatments, postponed filling prescriptions or cut back on oral medications to reduce their expenses. Skipping appointments and medication may compromise patients’ health — and often leads to even greater costs. One study found that prescription non-adherence alone adds an unnecessary \$100 billion in medical expenses each year.

Fortunately, there are solutions — but they require a change of mindset on the part of policymakers, health care providers and insurance companies.

First, providers and health insurance companies need to stop surprising patients with unexpected costs. Only half of cancer patients felt they understood what their insurance plans would cover. Requiring insurers to be transparent regarding out-of-pocket costs would empower patients and their doctors to build a treatment plan that meets their needs and budgets.

Next, out-of-pocket costs need to be reduced. Each month, cancer patients between ages 25 and 64 spend more than \$1,100 out of pocket for treatment. Insurance

companies, health care providers and drug developers should work together, so patients aren’t forced to choose between their health and putting food on the table.

Finally, insurance companies need to be held accountable for denying or limiting patients’ care. Many insurance companies require cancer patients to try less expensive, older drugs for several months before they’ll approve the use of newer, more effective treatments.

It’s a tactic called “fail-first” and nearly 40 percent of cancer patients in the 25 to 44 age group have been subjected to it. By interfering with recommended treatment plans, insurers jeopardize their customers’ lives to save a few dollars.

When patients receive word from their doctors they have cancer, they know they’re in for the fight of their lives. But they rarely expect that fight to be against their own insurance companies.

Improving transparency, lowering out-of-pocket costs and holding insurance companies accountable for limiting care could help to make cancer patients’ experience a bit more humane.

Thorpe is chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease. Goldsmith is chief executive officer of CancerCare.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

52 suspensions

Police caught a Detroit man, 57, at 1:48 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, violating 52 driving suspensions.

An officer pulled him over on Mack near Rivard for operating an unlicensed 2000 Dodge Caravan.

"He thought there was a paper license plate in the back window," said the officer. "I checked the rear of the vehicle and found a repeat offender license plate on the floor."

The man was wanted in the City and Highland Park on traffic warrants totaling \$1,300 bond.

Source on high

A familiar figure at city hall told police Monday, Feb. 13, that a \$350 to \$400 building directory sign at Kercheval Place in the Village was presumed stolen.

"I met with Mayor Dale Scrace, who stated that while he was entering the building at approximately 1 p.m., he noticed the sign outside that lists all the offices was missing," reported a public safety officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drug forfeiture

Police intend to seize a woman's 2004 Jeep Cherokee under drug forfeiture laws.

She can get it back by paying the equivalent of

Public Safety Reports

disclose personal or financial information.

Finds phone

Using a "Find My Phone" app to locate her gray iPhone 6 worth \$700, a 16-year-old girl attending Grosse Pointe South High School traced it Tuesday afternoon Feb. 14, to the corner of Jefferson and Cadieux.

She couldn't retrieve it because whoever possessed it turned it off, severing the link.

She'd lost it on campus during sixth-hour physics.

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bounty.

A patrolman found 61 grams of marijuana in the vehicle during a traffic stop on Mack near Fisher at 12:43 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

He pulled her over for having a tinted windshield and broken brake light, but focused on an odor of unburnt marijuana in the passenger compartment.

Any marijuana? he asked.

"There might be a little bit," she reportedly answered.

The alleged stash consisted of 39 grams of leafy marijuana and 22 grams in wax concentrate.

Police arrested her and a male passenger, 23, from Grosse Pointe Woods, for possession of the drug.

She faces an additional charge of possessing narcotics paraphernalia in

the form of a wood pipe with marijuana residue.

Two-timer

A 48-year-old man from Emmett registered a .211 percent blood alcohol level before his arrest for drunken driving at 12:46 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, on westbound Mack at Rivard, according to police.

"His speech was slurred and actions slow," said a patrolman.

The officer pulled him over for speeding 12 mph over the limit.

Records show a prior drunken driving arrest.

During booking at headquarters, the man initially refused to take another test to confirm his blood alcohol level, then relented and registered .25 percent, according to police.

The level is more than

three times the legal maximum to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan.

"(He) indicated he was too tired and laid down on the processing room bench and pretended to sleep," said an officer.

Fight

Police last week arrested a man living in the 200 block of Merriweather for domestic violence against his wife.

She said an all-day argument at home Wednesday, Feb. 15, escalated to him pushing her, she countering with a fireplace poker and him choking her until they called it off, according to police.

She reported it mid-morning the next day. The arrest happened a few hours later during a traffic stop a short dis-

tance from the residence.

Disconnect

A Farms man cut short an apparent attempt at computer fraud last week.

"When he turned (his computer) on, there was a screen saying his computer was infected with a virus and he needed to call Microsoft," said a public safety officer.

The man complied, but broke contact and didn't

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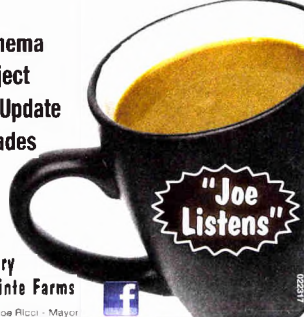


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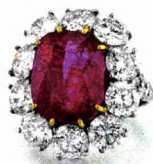


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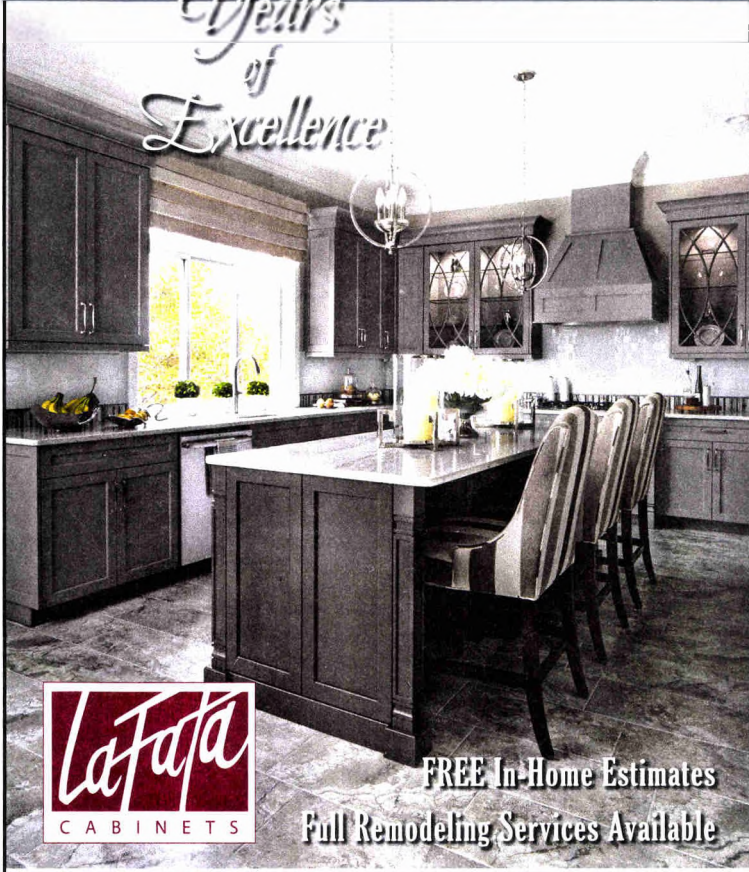
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Cold case

Police learned last week a female resident has been trying for 13 months to find out what happened to two rings worth a combined \$10,000 missing from her house in the 400 block of Cloverly.

She lost them while home improvement contractors from Roseville repaired windows and plumbing during early 2016.

She said the plumber walked off the job shortly before missing a \$7,000 gold ring with three rows of diamonds and a \$3,000 gold band with diamonds and amethyst arrayed like a flower.

The company owner refused to identify the plumber, she told police, hoping investigators get better results.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing new

No updates in the crime blotter.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Heartless

Sometime overnight Thursday, Feb. 16, two Valentine's Day themed flags and a 50-foot extension cord were taken from a porch in the 1300 block of Balfour. Police have ruled out Cupid as a suspect.

Arrest made

A 26-year-old Detroit

resident was arrested at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, after being stopped for speeding at Mack and Balfour. A routine LEIN check showed she was driving on a suspended license and had several warrants out for her arrest.

Fire

A kitchen fire was quickly extinguished by public safety officers at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at a residence in the 700 block of Harcourt.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

No reports from the Woods this week.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Park, DDOT agree to reroute bus traffic

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials appeared to reach an agreement with the city of Detroit bus system prohibiting Detroit Department of Transportation buses from using Hampton as a turning lane.

Concerns over bus traffic on the narrow side street between Maryland and Alter prompted Maryland resident Sarah Boyd to contact city officials last fall about the situation. She alerted city officials to the new routing, which began around Labor Day 2016. With the new route, buses would turn off Jefferson onto Alter, then turn on Hampton and proceed to Maryland, where they would turn and go back out to Jefferson. Boyd said a DDOT bus drove

down Hampton every 15 minutes as it made a turn around to head back to downtown Detroit. She said her concerns centered on Hampton being a residential street with homes, St. Ambrose Church and a school being on the new route.

City Manager Dale Krajniak took Boyd's concerns to DDOT officials and at the Feb. 4 city council meeting, Krajniak said DDOT agreed to prohibit drivers from using the Alter-Hampton-Maryland route as a turn around and now will make the turn on Jefferson. Krajniak said to accommodate the change in route, parking meters along Jefferson have been removed and "No Parking" signs will be installed. Krajniak said DDOT hoped to have all drivers informed of the

change by March 1.

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Clark praised the work of Krajniak and DDOT officials.

"We have been enjoying real cooperation from Detroit and they have been very receptive to our concerns," he said. "This issue was resolved quickly. I might even say it moved at a bureaucratic speed of light."

Park resident Lauri Read, who joined Boyd in asking the city to intercede on behalf of area residents and pressed city officials for action on the issue at several council meetings, praised the decision and also suggested the Park consider adding a bench at the bus stop on Jefferson as a thank-you gesture.

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the robbery.

She was released on \$25,000 bond but didn't attend a hearing last February in City court.

"She's on the run," Gwyn said. "She was going to testify for the prosecution and get a deal. She was released on a (global positioning) tether, but cut the tether and took off."

Ethridge raised her bond to \$250,000 cash.

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Breathing easy

Beaumont expands outpatient services with new medical building

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

With the opening of its newly constructed medical building, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is able to offer more outpatient services — including hyperbaric oxygen therapy — as well as offices for many of its physicians.

The two-story, 60,000-square-foot facility not only allows for more patient services, but also frees up hospital space for private rooms.

“Nine years ago, (Senior Vice President and Physician-in-Chief of Medical Services) Donna Hoban and I talked about needing a building and needing to provide additional outpatient services,” said Rick Swaine, hospital president. “With the completion and the movement of outpatient services, 50 percent of our rooms will be private.

“For many patients, having a private room is a priority,” he continued. “We are proud to provide this to them.”

Space for the new rooms was freed up by

the relocation of several hospital services, including wound care, laboratory and ostomy services, cardiovascular services, clinical neurophysiology services and testing, pain management, X-ray and ultrasound services and pulmonary function testing.

New to the area is the addition of two hyperbaric oxygen therapy chambers.

The therapy is proven to heal disease and wounds that have been resistant or nearly impossible to treat, according to Jay Winters, technical and safety director of Hyperbaric Services.

“Diabetes is on the rise,” he said. “Patients are now able to be treated in hyperbaric oxygen. Healing and treatment rounds reduce the need for amputation. Hyperbolic oxygen helps with crush injuries, bone infections, compromised grafts, radiation damage. (It) nourishes the affected tissue, improves the ability of the white blood cells to kill bacteria, stimulates the growth of new blood vessels and

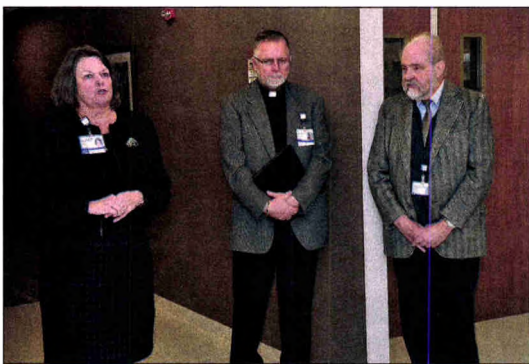
boosts the body’s own natural healing process. “We are excited to be able to bring the benefits of this service to the Grosse Pointe community,” he continued.

Prior to its arrival in Grosse Pointe, hyperbaric treatment options were few and far between.

George Costea D.O., a Beaumont physician, knows the hardship firsthand.

“I was happy to hear we would be getting a hyperbaric clinic here in Grosse Pointe,” he said. “I’ve not only been a staff physician here at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe for 37 years, but also I’ve experienced hyperbaric treatment myself and I know the benefits.”

In 2013, a pressure sore on his toe led to infection and, despite the best efforts of a vascular surgeon to improve circulation, eventually the toe was amputated. In addition to IV antibiotics and visits to the wound care clinic, hyperbaric treatment also was recommended, “but it was not available on the east-side.”



Above, George Costea D.O., not only is a Beaumont physician, but he also was a hyperbaric patient at the Royal Oak hospital. Left, from left, Beaumont Senior Vice President and Physician-in-Chief Donna Hoban M.D., the Rev. Rich Bartoszek and Costea.

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Costea said the care he received five days a week at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak was excellent, but the distance for the then-practicing physician, in addition to three days a week at the wound care clinic, was taxing. “Access to a hyperbaric facility like the one we now have right here would have been an

enormous benefit, as I was living in New Baltimore and my practice was also on the east-side,” Costea said. “I don’t think I would have been mobile and independent and able to continue working otherwise. Hyperbaric treatment allowed me to postpone lower leg amputation for 18 months, during which

time I was able to recover my health and strength and become better positioned for surgery.”

The Grosse Pointe facility offers two individual chambers.

“They are the biggest ones you can get,” Winters said. “It’s very nice for patients; they

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Diversity subject of community forum

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe community is invited to “Raising Global Leaders,” a forum to spark discussion about existing and proposed cultural responsiveness and anti-bullying training for staff and students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The forum — sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe and the school district — takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

The joint effort, as We GP Education Task Force Chairwoman Jennifer Munson explained it, was created through mutual concerns for the future of district children.

“We have a very active group of people,” she said. “Some have been active all their lives. Others are fired up and ready to go.”

We GP

The day after the November general election, a small group of women got together to discuss their “shock and concerns” over election results — and the hate speech and bullying that arose. In a few short days, the group’s numbers grew to 900.

We GP currently has more than 1,400 involved members.



“The group encompasses far more than Hillary supporters,” said Munson, the mother of twin 6-year-olds, one of whom has Down syndrome. “We have a strong steering committee and we’re applying for 501(c)4 status.”

A website — we-gp.com — is in the works as well.

“We were all very concerned about how we were going to take care of our kids,” Munson said. “How can we mold them into strong, open-minded, capable young leaders who might understand how to take care of somebody else? We started talking to parents who wanted to help. It’s nothing short of great synchronicity, because the district simultaneously was developing a diversity plan.”

LWV

The League of Women

Voters’ involvement seemed a perfect fit as well.

“The (We GP) mission and purpose is so much aligned with the league,” LWV President Tom Wells said. “It’s exciting to see this group that apparently was politically aware but not politically active that now wants to be active.”

The league is careful about being nonpartisan, Wells said. However, that doesn’t mean members are stifled.

“Too many of our members think being nonpartisan means we’re not politically active,” he said. “We don’t take sides in an election; we inform voters. But after an election, if there’s an elected official going in the wrong direction, we need to be very vocal. We’re not politically quiet.”

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BNI

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Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Libraries

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

◆ 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Tween Craft Break, for ages 10 to 13.

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

◆ 6 p.m. Monday, Feb.

27, the movie "Pete's Dragon."

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

◆ Wednesday, March 1, and Thursday, March 2, "Stargazing at the Library at Dusk."

◆ Thursday, March 2, Dr. Seuss Day, including crafts, games and more.

◆ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Mother-Daughter Yoga for ages 11 and older. Registration is required.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers the following activities:

◆ A morning "coffee concert" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, followed by lunch at the community center, takes place Friday, March 24. The concert features conductor Andrey Boreyko and a saxophone concerto by Branford Marsalis. Cost is \$55 for Woods resi-

dents, \$60 for non-residents. Deadline to register is Feb. 24.

◆ Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. March 8 is rock painting. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10.

For information on any of these events, call (313) 343-2408.

Barnes & Noble

Barnes & Noble, 19221 Mack, Detroit, hosts the following programs:

◆ 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! The event includes coloring, activities, stories and more.

◆ 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, a celebration of the LEGO Batman movie, including themed activities, make and play moments with LEGOs, trading cards and more.

◆ noon Sunday, Feb. 26, "Costume Character Storytime with Corduroy Bear."

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Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, The Neighborhood Club, 171500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, Henry Ford Medical Center Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To schedule an appointment, visit red crossblood.org.

Audubon Society

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Heather Good, executive director of Michigan Audubon, will discuss Michigan Audubon's active programs in conservation, education and research throughout the state, highlighting specific projects and sites of interest to birders and conservationists. The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Shinola President Jacques Panis speaks. For information, call (313) 550-9661.

Belle Isle

The Daffodil Luncheon, raising funds for the purchase and planting of daffodil bulbs on Belle Isle, takes place Wednesday, April 19. The event features Jenny Rose Carey of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's Meadowbrook Farms, The Peacock Room of botanically inspired accessories and clothing, a reissue of Daffodil Day tiles in a new color and more. Tickets purchased before March 1 are \$38; tickets after March 1 are \$45. Visit

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The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Unit member and Northern Michigan winery owner Emily Goodell will speak about the making and healthful benefits of wines.

Family Center

The Family Center presents "Necessary Conversations: Preparing for Difficult Discussions with our Youth," 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event includes two presentations: "Sexuality and Safety: How to be the Go-to Person for Critical Conversations with your Children" and "When is the Right Time to Speak to your Child About the Dangers of Drugs, Alcohol and Cigarettes? NOW." Register for this free program online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

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GPPSS

The league and We GP met with GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus, as well as curriculum coordinators Maureen Bur and Keith Howell, to formulate a plan.

"We are so blessed having Gary Niehaus as our superintendent," Wells said. "Gary, on his own, started putting forth a diversity program," which came out of the district's strategic plan.

"After the Parents For Unity and Diversity meeting, a lot of people were surprised and supportive

and happy that central administration is taking a role and making this happen," Munson said. "We're looking to create a culture shift through curriculum changes. We feel there's a need to do something right now. That's the reason we're having this forum."

The forum

Munson and Wells said they want the forum to spark a dialogue. Though their take on diversity differs, they agree it needs to be talked about and addressed.

"Grosse Pointe, from a socioeconomic and ethnic standpoint is not a diverse community," Wells said. "But it's getting more

diverse every year," Munson said. "Our kids are looking to us for guidance and direction."

"I was reluctant to move here because of the history of the community," she continued. "The reason I love Grosse Pointe now is we are very diverse. I have friends of almost every background, multiple neighbors, my kids' classmates — some have two moms, some have two dads, some are Muslim. It's beautiful to see human differences represented in the schools. We want to protect our young people. If they're victimized for their differences, we're doing something wrong." The goal of the forum is

to identify where GPPSS lands in the total spectrum, said Wells, who will moderate the forum.

Bur and Howell plan to present the district's proposed diversity plan. Then a panel will discuss action at the state and county levels, as well as how other districts address "the post-election increase in hate speech and bullying incidents," according to an invitation to the forum.

Panelists include Dr. Agustin Arbulu and Anthony Lewis of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Greg Bowers of the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods NAACP chapter, Ginni Winters of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and attorney Mark McInerney.

"We hope people will come and disagree and question the necessity of this program," Munson said. "We hope it will become apparent that it will negatively impact an entire generation of students if we don't get in front of it. Children are our common ground."

"It's not necessarily going to be a comfortable dialogue, but it's somewhere safe," Wells said.

Panelists will address prepared questions, as well as take questions from the audience. However, no one in the audience will directly speak to the panel. Questions will be written on cards and collected, then sorted and asked by Wells.

"It'll be done like a candidate forum," he said. "We don't want redundant or inappropriate questions. No snarkiness; civility is the name of the game."

Every GPPSS principal will attend the forum, though will not be subject to public questioning. Each will be available for private meetings after the forum.

"We are 'One GP' and I'm committed to making sure it is a good place to raise children with norms in place to make them better people," Munson said.

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Yoga event to raise awareness

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The statistics are staggering.

At least 30 million people of all ages and genders suffer from an eating disorder in the United States.

Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of all mental illnesses.

Every 62 minutes, at least one person dies as a direct result from an eating disorder.

March 1, 2016, one of those people was Elizabeth Watson, who passed away at age 21, after a 10-year battle with anorexia nervosa.

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Feb. 27 to March 4, corresponds with the anniversary of Elizabeth's passing. To help raise awareness, the Yoga Shelter hosts an eating disorders awareness yoga class at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4, with instructor Victoria Birk Hill.

"Eating disorders are grossly misunderstood," said Martha Watson, Elizabeth's mother. "They are not choices, but biologically-based mental illnesses with very high mortality rates. I've had people ask, 'Why didn't she just eat?' It isn't that simple."

"Even though she was diagnosed early and had very good clinicians that treated her, she had a really bad eating disorder," Watson continued. "More than one doctor said she had one of the worst eating disorders they'd ever seen. She was considered treatment resistant. My friends understood because I have, over time, educated them. But so many other people don't understand."

Watson and her daughter took classes at the Yoga Shelter as part of Elizabeth's treatment, which included cognitive behavioral therapy, as well as dialectical behavioral therapy, which involves being mindful and in the moment, concentrating on what she's doing.

"Elizabeth was treated at several specialized inpatient treatment centers across the country," Watson said. "All of them used mindfulness training and incorporated yoga. Elizabeth enjoyed attending Victoria's classes at Yoga Shelter and used them as a way to clear her mind and escape her illness, so I

think this is an appropriate way to raise awareness and honor Elizabeth's memory and I am grateful to Victoria for offering to teach the class."

Birk Hill said she hopes the class brings greater awareness that eating disorders are an illness and one of the best ways to help is to treat it with early detection.

"We have a tendency with mental illness of not discussing it up front," she said, adding the class will include poses "to help open our hearts and throats so we're not afraid to speak up about someone who might be struggling with an eating disorder."

The gentle practice yoga session will include specially selected music from the Watson family, as well as flameless candles, so participants may share in a quiet moment. Watson plans to discuss her journey and resources will be available as well.

"One of the techniques used to treat eating disorders is the practice of being more mindful," Birk Hill said. "When you practice mindfulness, you live in the moment. It helps you understand that emotions come and go — they don't define you Mindfulness helps you process your feelings in a more healthy way."

During a three-month stay at a treatment center in Denver six years ago, the doctor drew a pie chart indicating that in people with eating disorders, 90 to 95 percent of their brain function is

eating disorder related — body image, food, self esteem, etc. — while the other 5 to 10 percent is used for what they accomplish the rest of the day.

"It amazes me how much Elizabeth accomplished during her short life given the level her brain was preoccupied with eating disorder thoughts," Watson said.

"When you look at the statistics, 30 million people in the U.S. — 20 million females and 10 million males — will have some sort of clinically significant eating disorder during their lifetime. That's way more than breast cancer which gets a lot of attention and fundraising. No one talks about eating disorders."

"My focus on this class is to try to raise awareness. If we can raise money for research as well, great," she continued. "This class is going to benefit the Feeding Hope Fund, which contributes to worthy research projects on eating disorders. Hopefully this research will make some difference for others down the road. In the future, I hope to find a way to make an even bigger impact in some way."

Watson said she's happy to be a resource for anyone who is struggling or has a family member who is struggling with an eating disorder.

"I am regularly in touch with four young ladies Elizabeth met and became close friends with while in treatment,"

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Unsung heroes: Harrison's vision stalled by early defeat

By Ray Reynolds Graves
Guest Writer

Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president of the United States, is generally remembered for two things: He was the grandson of President William Henry Harrison who died of pneumonia 31 days after his inauguration and he served one term in office between the two non-consecutive terms of President Grover Cleveland. Knowing these obscure facts will give a Jeopardy contestant an edge, but it would help all Americans to reflect on the noble efforts made by this "forgotten" president to secure voting rights for blacks in the post-Reconstruction era in the latter half of the 19th century.

Three amendments to the Constitution — 13th, 14th and 15th — were designed, in the main, to give full citizenship to former slaves. Tragically, the enforcement of black voting rights became a subject of vigorous debate, political compromises and neglect. Violence was used as a tool to deny blacks the right to vote, especially after Reconstruction ended in the late 1870s. The Ku Klux Klan is glorified in D.W. Griffith's film "Birth of a Nation" as they chase black voters from the polls at gunpoint.

In his first annual message to Congress in 1889, President Benjamin Harrison put the issue before the country: "When and under what conditions is the black man to have a free ballot? When is he in fact to have those full civil rights which have so long been his in law? When is that equality of influence which our form of government was intended to secure to the electors to be restored? This generation should courageously face these grave questions and not leave them as a heritage of woe to the next."

The Republican party of the 1880s had a president and leader willing to work with Congress to pass legislation to establish and protect black voting rights.

Harrison teamed with U.S. Rep. (later U.S. Sen.) Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts to introduce a bill that would give federal courts of appeal judges the final authority to certify elec-

tions in areas where black voters protested unfair treatment. The judge would appoint a supervisor who would observe all phases of the process — registration, voting and counting of ballots — and file a return of ballots in addition to the one filed by state officials. A judicially appointed board of canvassers would hear objections to the supervisor's report, with the judge making the final decision on the fairness of the election. Democrats and some Republicans called the proposal a "force bill," raising the prospect of military control of the South being reinstated. No military control had been included in the bill, but the suggestion was enough to spark a filibuster and, eventually, the defeat of the proposed legislation.

Voting rights legislation died during Harrison's presidency, despite his full support. The issue was not resolved until President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Shelby County v. Holder* that the federal preclearance section of the Voting Rights Act was an unfair burden on certain states, civil rights activists wondered if the justices in the majority had ever heard of the Harrison and Lodge proposals, which included a review process similar in effect to the now-outlawed provision. Federal oversight of racial discrimination in elections is not an alien idea. Had the voting rights law passed in the 1880s, much struggle, strife, injury and death might have been avoided. For his effort, vision and commitment, President Benjamin Harrison is a hero in Black History Month.

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Ray Reynolds Graves was a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, 1974 to 1994. He served as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, 1982 to 2002.

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Added Costea, "I'm thankful there are facilities on the eastside now. Hopefully our patients will benefit from that for years to come."

Other Beaumont physicians are benefiting from the new medical center — which houses physician offices on its first and second floors — because of its proximity to the hospital.

Georges Ghafari M.D., chief of cardiovascular services at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, still has a main office in St. Clair Shores, but also has one in the Grosse Pointe medical building.

"I really wanted to be closer to the hospital," he said. "This is very convenient — for patients in the Grosse Pointe area, too. If we need to go for an emergency, we're close by. We have advanced cardiology services at Grosse Pointe Beaumont. It's a convenience to be close to the office and the hospital."

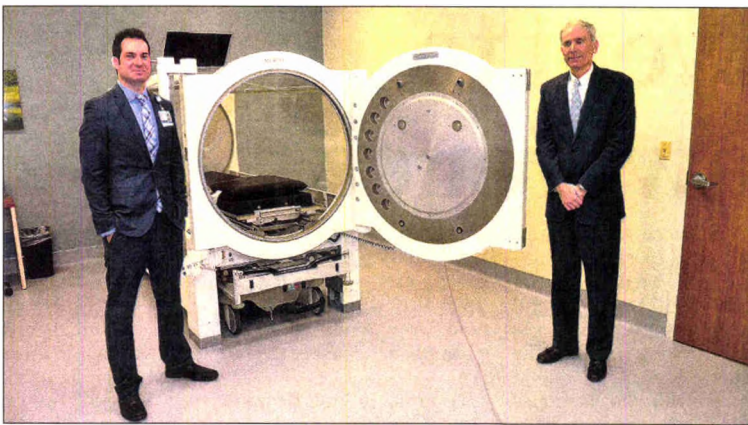


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Jay Winters, left, technical and safety director of Hyperbaric Services, stands with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe President Rick Swain in front of one of the hospital's new hyperbaric chambers.

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she said. "All of them are doing very well and are motivated in their recovery by Elizabeth and for that we are very grateful."

A suggested donation of \$15 is collected for the class, though any donations are welcome.

"We would love to get as many people here as possible," Birk Hill said.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Edward Dunn

Repairers of the breach

The words in the title of this article are found in Isaiah 58:12. The people of Israel lament what they perceive to be God's silence at the plight of a nation in exile and unwillingness to notice their rituals. But God will not be silent and God does not ignore their religious practices. God instructs the prophet to "Shout out and not to hold back!" God sees and has sympathy for their plight. God also sees that their religious observance is incomplete; the people engage in the practice of fasting, hoping God will notice their piety. God desired much more of God's people.

What God desired of them was more than ritual observance; God desired care for widows and orphans; concern that the hungry are fed; homeless are given shelter; the maintenance of relationships with one another. God says to them, "if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." The people will be called "repairers of the breach."

The way of life God desires of us all

is found on two axes — a vertical axis in which we direct our trust and devotion to God and a horizontal axis in which we demonstrate God's love for us by our love for one another.

In a few days we begin the Lenten season. Lent is traditionally a season of penitence — a time of reflection and examination of our life in relationship with God. In some households the spiritual practice of giving up something is observed as a means of drawing closer to God. One of the observances I encourage is to take on something, that is, to adopt a behavior reflective of faith and devotion to God. An act that connects the person not only to God but to others in the community. In this way, Lent can become a time in which we work as repairers of the breach.

Whatever your Lenten practice might be, may you find a deeper connection with God through service to others, especially those who are forgotten or ignored in our society. May you be a repairer of the breach.

Dunn is the pastor at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

The myth of hitting bottom

Q: My daughter is an alcoholic and she refuses to get help. People tell me there's nothing I can do until she hits bottom, but she has two small children and I just can't bear to watch this go on much longer. Is hitting bottom the only way?

A: Why not raise the bottom to right now? You don't have to wait for a drunken driving or medical problem or an accident with the children. You don't have to wait for something terrible to happen. You can take action right now, without waiting for her to hit bottom (whatever that means).

The idea of hitting bot-

tom is difficult to define, when you examine it closely. What does it take for an alcoholic to realize they're sick and accept help? For some people it might be the loss of a job or a marriage, but many people will keep drinking anyway. For other people, it might be a medical or legal problem that opens their eyes, but many people will keep drinking anyway.

So, what is hitting bottom? What will cause a person to hit bottom and realize they're an alcoholic? How can we define "bottom?"

Simply put, an alcoholic's bottom is a moment

of clarity and a moment of action. At the bottom, an alcoholic will admit they can't go on drinking and they don't know how to stop (and stay stopped).

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Living Hope

The Living Hope Evangelical Church grief group meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. All are welcome.

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St. Paul Ev. Lutheran ushers in Lent with jazz service

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, is preparing for the Lenten season with a New Orleans-style jazz service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. All are welcome.

"We pattern our unique jazz service after a New Orleans, Mardi Gras-type experience prior to the start of Lent," said Director of Music Eric Miller. "We apply a jazz arrangement to old-time hymns like 'In the Sweet By and By' and 'O When the Saints Go Marching In.'"

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and friends could break through the wall of alcoholic denial and help the alcoholic accept help. Using a love-first approach, we have learned how to raise the bottom to right now and

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Jeff Jay and Debra Jay have been helping fami-

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Making New Disciples - Building Stronger Ones

Historic Mariners' Church
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Traditional Anglican Worship Since 1842
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Sunday Services of Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. - The Holy Communion with Sermon and Organ Music
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Theology on Tap @ Traffic Jam & Snug! - Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Thursday Service of Holy Communion
12:10 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.

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(United Church of Christ)

Worship Sunday at 10:00 am
Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver
An Open & Affirming Church

240 Chalfonte G.P. Farms
313-884-3075
www.gpccong.org

FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
800 Vernier Road (Corner of Wedgwood)
(313) 884-5040

Sundays
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. **Worship**

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. **Worship**

Rev. Sean Motley, Senior Pastor
~ "Go Make Disciples" ~
www.feelc.org

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
15020 Hampton
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230-1302

Masses
Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m.
Sunday — 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

(313) 822-2814 • stambrose@comcast.net
• stambrosechurch.net • facebook.com/stambroseparish

Ash Wednesday, March 1
12:10 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

The Ordination to the Diaconate for Mr. Frank Bateman
Sunday, March 5 @ 11:00 a.m. with The Holy Communion
*No 8:30 a.m. Service Today

Thursdays in Lent
Recitals following the 12:10 Holy Communion Service
March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

Blessing of the Fleet Service Sunday, March 12
8:30 am - The Holy Communion
11:00 am - Blessing of the Fleet with Holy Communion

170 E. Jefferson at the Tunnel
Free Secured Parking in the Ford Underground Garage for Church Services
(313) 259-2206 • www.marinerschurchofdetroit.org

SAINT JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
170 McMillan Road
Grosse Pointe Farms
313.884.0511
www.stjamesgp.org

Sundays
Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m.

Ash Wednesday March 1
Holy Eucharist
12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The Rev. Denise M. Grant
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Grosse Pointe UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
An Official Welcoming Congregation
211 Moross Rd.
Grosse Pointe Farms
886-2363

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:30 am
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:45 am 4 yrs. - 5th Grade
11:00 am Adult Sunday School
Nursery & Toddler Care Provided

Rev. Dr. Ray McGee
Rev. Sari Brown

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OBITUARIES

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

Rheta L. Hodges

Former Grosse Pointe resident Rheta Louise Pleger Wittstock Hodges, 91, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at ShorePointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

Rheta was born Jan. 15, 1926, to Elmer and Louise Pleger in their home on Coplin Street in Detroit. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in January 1943. Rheta worked in retail sales throughout her life at B. Siegel, Jacobson's, Hudson's and the Country Club of Detroit.

She married Jason Hodges M.D. of Grosse Pointe Woods in 1976 and they spent their retirement years at their home in Harrisville.

Rheta was predeceased by her parents; brother, Thomas Pleger and husband, Jason Hodges.

She is survived by her sons, Peter (Nancy), Timothy (Sandra) and David Wittstock; stepchildren, Jere Hodges (Patti) and Pamela Smith (Les) and brother, Ernest Pleger.

She is lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, Karen Morrish, Jeffrey and Evan Wittstock and great-grandchildren, Ethanael, Jack and Lily Morrish and Fisher Wittstock.

A private ceremony will be held at Elmwood Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Alcona Historical Society (Harrisville, Michigan), the Alcona County Public Library (Harrisville Branch), or Hospice of Michigan.

Guy William Sewell Sr. M.D.

Guy William Sewell Sr. M.D., 95, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017.

He was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Detroit, to George and Leota Sewell, graduated from the University of Michigan and Hahneman Medical School with postgraduate training in urology at Harper Hospital. While in training at Harper, Dr. Sewell met Jeanne McLaughlin. They married and began their family while serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox.

After moving to Grosse Pointe, Dr. Sewell opened a urology practice in 1953. His primary hospital was Bon Secours where he served as a medical staff leader for 37 years.

Dr. Sewell's interests included wood carving, music, U of M football and spending time with his family. Dr. Sewell had a loving marriage of 50 years to his wife, Jeanne. He is survived by his daughters, Anne Mertz (Dr. Thomas) and Kathy Sells (Bud); grandchildren, Jamie Mertz, Peter Mertz and Dana DeGemmis; great-grandchildren, Ava, Will, Riley, Tom, Jane and Henry and sister, Erma Paterson.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanne and son, Guy Jr.

He enjoyed his independence and was a role model to his family.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 18, at The War Memorial. Donations may be made to the American Lung Association at lung.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Carolyn Gray Miriani

Lifelong Grosse Pointe Farms resident Carolyn "Carrie" Gray Miriani, nee Morse, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center surrounded by her family and friends. She was 48.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Maddie, Lilly and Phoebe; Dennis Miriani; her father, Anthony Jenckes Morse Sr., and his wife, Pamela; her brother, Anthony Jenckes Morse Jr.; and her longtime companion, Daniel O'Connor.

She was predeceased by her mother, Susan Gray Garlinghouse.

Carrie was a dedicated mother whose children were the light of her life. She cherished her role as their mother and was immensely proud of them. She enjoyed each moment they spent together and their presence gave her much strength.

Carrie had a zest for life evident to those with whom she came in contact. She was known for her joyful spirit and grace in dealing with adversity. She was a devoted friend and lit up any room she entered.

Aside from her Grosse Pointe community, she loved to spend time at her riverside cabin in Wolverine. It was often a gathering place with friends and family. The river gave her much joy.

Carrie was a longtime member of Tau Beta and the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, and enjoyed serving them both.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday,



Rheta L. Hodges



Guy W. Sewell Sr. M.D.



Carolyn Gray Miriani



Mary Louise Moser



Mary Lundell Brown



Robert Skipwith King Jr.

March 11, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Christ Church Friends of Music Fund at christchurchgp.org or the Tau Beta Association at taubeta.org.

Marie Louise Hurley Moser

Marie Louise Hurley Moser, a Grosse Pointe resident since 1925, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

She was a volunteer worker for Children's Hospital, which was her special interest in conjunction with the Merrill-Palmer Institute training course. During World War II, she worked four years in the War Nurseries in Baltimore, Md. She was an assistant buyer for the D. J. Healy shops and for 20 years was a sales representative in public relations for Welcome Wagon International.

Mrs. Moser, who attended the University of Portland, in Oregon, was a member of the Junior League of Detroit more than 40 years, volunteer of the Detroit Artist Market and member of the Fine Arts Society of Detroit, Theatre Arts Club, Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony and Grosse Pointe Symphony. She also was an alumna of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, member of the Children of Mary of the Sacred Heart and a life member of the St. Paul Altar Society.

Mrs. Moser was a member of the Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe and a member of the English Speaking Union, Renaissance Club of Detroit and Detroit Boat Club.

She was predeceased by her husband, Hilton Derr Moser and brothers, William L. Hurley and Robert P. Hurley.

She is survived by her stepson, H. Derr Moser Jr.; granddaughters, Laura Moser Lisjak and Jessica Moser Jagod; three great-grandchildren; sister, Suzanne Hurley Kane (Dr. Edward) and many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with rosary recitation at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or the Capuchin Mission Association, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.

Mary Lundell Brown

Lifelong Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Lundell Brown, 95, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017. She was surrounded by her children and grandchildren throughout her last days, just as she had been during her life.

Mary was born Feb. 11, 1921, in Detroit, to industrialist Otto Lundell and his wife, Annie, both of whom immigrated from Sweden. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1938 and earned a bachelor's degree in history from Smith College in Northampton, Mass., in 1942.

Mary was proud of her Swedish heritage and was a long-standing member and past president of the Detroit Chapter of the Jenny Lind Club. She spent many summers on her father's family farm in Sweden where she learned Swedish. She also visited Sweden on a number of occasions throughout her life.

She wed Charles D.K. Brown in 1946 and they were married 64 years until his passing in 2010. They spent their time in Grosse Pointe, Bal Harbour, Fla., and the family cottage on Burt Lake.

Mary was a member of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Bal Harbour Club and Columbus Beach Club. She also was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Detroit, active in the Esther circle and a member of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was an avid reader, enjoyed gardening and was a prolific needlepointer.

Mary was devoted to her family. She was gracious, kind and generous with her time and spirit. She was a second mother to many and will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Mary is survived by her children, Martha Barlow (John), Charles (Liz), Anne Detamore (Jim), John (Lisa) and Kathryn

Effinger (Brian); grandchildren, Marimatha Barlow Clark (Tim), Jeffrey Barlow (Meghan), Kathryn Barlow Ducharme (Dave), Robert Barlow, Charles Brown (Michelle), Alexandra Brown Hein (Flemming), Mallory Brown, Charles McLravy (Lindsey), Kendall Effinger, Sam Effinger, Annie Effinger, Taylor Brown Morris (Ryan) and Sorin Koszyk and great-grandchildren, Hadley, Quinn and Charlie Barlow, Ryan and Anna Clark and Charles Brown.

In addition to her husband, Mary was predeceased by her siblings, Kathryn Buehrig, Arvid Lundell, Earl Lundell and Jane Wood and a grandson, James McLravy.

A memorial will be 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Save the Children, 501 Kings Highway East, Suite 400, Fairfield, CT 06825 or First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Robert Skipwith King Jr.

Robert Skipwith King Jr., a U.S. Army veteran, passed away Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017.

He was the beloved husband of Shirley Moroni-King; dear father of Rob King (Diane), Nancy King (Charles Moretz) and Suzy Berschback (Chip); loving grandfather of Charlotte and Madeline Berschback; and stepbrother of the late Robert Carman and Richard Carman.

Born in Richmond, Va., Bob was a longtime Michigan resident. He lived in Grosse Pointe and Shelby Township, until moving to Surprise, Ariz., in 2003, with Shirley, his loving wife of 27 years. He graduated from Fishburne Military School and Michigan State University.

A celebration of life ceremony will be at noon Saturday, Feb. 25, at Surprise Funeral Care, 16063 W. Bell Road, Surprise, Ariz.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Michigan State University, Eli Broad College of Business, at givingto.msu.edu.

Share a memory at surprisefuneralcare.com.

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DINNER & DISCUSSION

YOU'RE INVITED TO SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Please join Jon O'Hara, Director of Advance Planning at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, for a thoughtful discussion about the many benefits of early funeral planning. Dinner will be served.

EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, March 8th at 6 pm

BLOSSOM HEATH INN

24800 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Please RSVP to 313-884-5500 as seating is limited



Grosse Pointe Woods
20705 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
313-884-5500

Warren
32000 Schoenherr
Warren, MI 48088
586-293-8030

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Adrianne Slaymaker

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Adrianne Lee Einfeldt Slaymaker, 71, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017. She was the daughter of Laurence and Grace Einfeldt, who predeceased her, and the beloved mother of sons, Sorell Slaymaker (Valerie) and Weselley Slaymaker (Diana); beloved sister of Mary Pollock (John) and beloved grandmother of Arlen and Rocky.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School, Adrianne earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and a Master of Business Administration degree with an accounting concentration from Indiana University, graduating with honors. She earned a doctorate degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky at a time when few females were attaining doctorates in accounting. She was first certified in Indiana and then in

Michigan as a CPA. During her career, Adrianne was a faculty member at Ferris State and Wayne State universities, as well as universities in Indiana, Kentucky and Minnesota. She retired from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn. in 2012. She was an inspiration as a role model and educator to many accounting students and mentored numerous students to success.

Adrianne was a loving mother and took pride in the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. She balanced her career with raising her sons and spent many days transporting them to middle school events while simultaneously working on her dissertation. She loved to show off pictures and visit her children. In later years, she was a "frequent sailor" on the Badger ferry across Lake Michigan to travel from her home to those of her children in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She especially enjoyed yearly summer reunions at YMCA Camp Nawakwa near Lac du Flambeau with her son's extended family.

Adrianne loved boating

and the water and built a home on Lake Michigan for her retirement. She was industrious and always had a home improvement project in process. An excellent cook, she was known among friends and family for her Christmas cookies and pies. She was an active volunteer. One longstanding commitment was the scholarship committee for the University of Michigan "Class of '31" engineering scholarship program founded by her father's graduating class. She was treasurer of Sable Point Sail and Power Squadron and active in her local Rotary chapter.

Services were held Feb. 18 at Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to The Class of 1931 E Scholarship Fund in memory of Adrianne Einfeldt Slaymaker, University of Michigan, College of Engineering, 1221 Beal Ave., Suite G264, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2102 or the YMCA Family Camp Nawakwa Endowment Fund in memory of Adrianne Slaymaker, 13400 Camp Nawakwa Lane, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

Terrell E. Thomas Sr.

Weeks after attending a celebration of a life well lived for his 85th birthday with a joyful gathering of close friends and family members, Terrell E. Thomas Sr., 85, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, under hospice care near his home in Mt. Dora, Fla., from a rare sinus malignancy.

Mr. Thomas was born Jan. 22, 1932, to Byron R. and Mildred E. Thomas of Grosse Pointe Farms and is survived by his sister, Mrs. Gene McOmber (Betsy). He also is survived by his sons; Terrell E. Thomas Jr. (Babbie), David A. Thomas (Michelle), John M. Thomas and Harry Robert Esling III. He also had 10 grandchildren.

A lifelong Michigan resident, residing primarily in Grosse Pointe, but also in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Mr. Thomas, best known as "Terry," began his education at Richard Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms, continuing on to Brownell Junior High School and then graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in January 1950.

He graduated from Michigan State College in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Following a two-year enlistment in the U.S. Army, during which he was stationed in Munich, Germany, and Monterey, Calif., Mr. Thomas returned home and joined his father's firm as

a manufacturer's representative to the automotive industry.

Mr. Thomas remained an automotive sales representative for 36 years under the name of Thomas and O'Connell Inc., during which time he also was a founder and director of Taylor Tube Products Inc., in Taylor. This third generation sales organization continues today, run by his son, Terrell Thomas Jr., and his partner, under the name of Thomas and Jones Group Inc. in Southfield.

Upon retirement in 1992, Mr. Thomas moved to Naples, Fla., where he was free to pursue his first love of boating, both on the west coast of Florida in the winter months and around the Great Lakes during the summer. While in Florida, he was an active and engaged cruiser from the southern "keys" north to Sanibel, Captiva, Boca Grande and Sarasota. He was a longtime member of the Useppa Island Club, the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club and a founding member of the Marco Island Yacht Club.

He moved to the relative serenity of Mount Dora, in central Florida, in 2006.

While in Michigan, aside from cruising the waters from Grosse Pointe to Harbor Springs in the summer, Mr. Thomas also enjoyed the fall seasonal changes in Northern Michigan, where he built and maintained a cottage for a number of years. He was an avid duck hunter and often could be found in



Adrianne Slaymaker



Terrell E. Thomas Sr.

one of several Canadian marshes in the fall. His love of travel extended to Europe, where he enjoyed frequent visits to Bavaria, Austria and Italy.

Mr. Thomas was a past member of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, Otsego Club, Detroit Athletic Club and was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Club, where he served on the board of governors for six years. At the time of his death, he was a member of Bayview Yacht Club.

In accordance with his wishes, Mr. Thomas will be cremated, with no formal commemoration of his passing either in Michigan or Florida.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Stephanie Popso

Setting mini-goals for a realistic outcome

Q At the beginning of the new year I find myself very excited to take on my resolutions and goals. As January passes, I allow myself a pass and go back to my comforts, feeling defeated. Any tips for lasting success and motivation?

A You are not alone feeling this way. Many, if not all, of us have struggles with keeping up healthy habits and making the healthiest choices. First look at your goals. Are they three-month, one-year, five-year goals? Second, break each goal into bite-sized, manageable chunks, or mini-goals. The one thing we all share is that we all have 24 hours in a day. Many people have lofty goals with no plan of attack to reach those goals. The result is barely making progress because the expectation is so unreal. This is why many people end up raising the white flag and quietly retreat back to old habits. This makes gyms and diet services a lot of money.

So how do we methodically move toward our goals and start making moves toward the healthiest, happiest us? We start by making realistic goals. For example, if starting a workout routine, eating healthier, stressing less or sleeping more are things that interest you, know these things—even sleep—do not happen overnight. Starting out with a task you know is possible for you—walking 5 minutes a day, three times a week—is important. This builds momentum, motivation and an "I can do it!" attitude. One could see how planning to go to the gym an hour a day, seven days a week could end poorly, especially if

you've never gone consistently in the past.

Relevant, sustainable change does not happen overnight. Start with a solid base, even if it seems small, and build from there. Our brains pick up on these new habits, take notes and start working with us rather than against us. From there, we are in a safe place to build and add on. Some sort of support system is very helpful, whether it's a workout or cooking buddy, a wellness app or an actual coach. Accountability is paramount.

Stephanie Popso is a transformative life and wellness coach who has helped hundreds of clients create healthy routines and habits to promote better nutrition/body function, weight-loss, better sleep, less stress, positive outlook and overall well-being. Visit her blog at iamnaturallyempowered.com for more about inflammation and taking steps toward a healthier, happier life. Popso may be reached at steph@iamnaturallyempowered.com. This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. She is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by com-

Save the date

"High Vibration Living! Living a Healthier, Happier, More Empowered Life"

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Register for this free program online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

munity donations. All gifts are tax-deductible. To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832, email info@familycenterweb.org or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

JLD grants available for community organizations

The Junior League of Detroit has extended its deadline to apply for a community grant award to Wednesday, March 1.

For more than 20 years the JLD has administered a grant program to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations in Detroit and Wayne County. Each year, it grants up to \$25,000 for compelling community projects and programs that broaden the educational, cultural, recreational and health

opportunities for children and citizens.

Submitting organizations must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ have an office in Wayne County and provide 75 percent of their clients or services within Wayne County;
- ◆ are exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or have an umbrella status with an agency that has received such a determination;
- ◆ provide a detailed

explanation for the specific program for which funds are being requested and an itemized budget breakdown for the line items for which JLD funds are being requested and

◆ provide a CPA-prepared financial statement for the prior fiscal year or, if one is not available, an organization-prepared financial statement for the prior fiscal year.

Grant applications and more information may be found at jldetroit.org.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan
2017 March Board of Review

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2017 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting

March 14, 2017 9:00 AM

Appeal Hearings

March 14, 2017 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

March 28, 2017 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Tuesday, March 28, 2017 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 822-6200.

GPN: 02/23/17, 03/02/17, 03/09/17

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
2017 March Board of Review

The 2017 March Board of Review will convene in the City Hall at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

March 20, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

APPEAL HEARINGS

March 20, 2017 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM

March 21, 2017 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Tuesday, March 21, 2017 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 885-5800.

GPN: February 23, March 2, March 9, 2017

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Friends hosts murder-mystery discussion

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library presents a panel discussion on William J. Mann's book, "Tinseltown: Murder, Morphine and Madness at the Dawn of Hollywood," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

The panel includes Professor Kyle Edwards of Oakland University's Department of English

and Cinema Studies, Professor Karen McDevitt of Wayne State University's Department of Communications/New Media Arts and Film Studies and Elliot Wilhelm of the Detroit Film Theater, the long-time host of WTVS's "Film Classics" program.

"Tinseltown" examines the sensational 1922 slaying of noted film director William Desmond Taylor, who was shot to death in

his Los Angeles bungalow.

Some 95 years after the crime occurred, the case remains unsolved, although several authors — including Mann — have offered their solutions to the mystery and submitted their candidates for the role of the killer.

The list of possible suspects included two famous actresses, the mother of one of those

actresses, the victim's former valet and several alleged narcotics traffickers and blackmailers.

While the details of the crime are interesting and its unsolved nature adds to the allure, it is a combination of several factors — including the backgrounds of the victim and various suspects, the latter's motives and the famous figures involved — that make the story riveting.

In 1999, almost 90 years after the event, the story of the crime was revived when it was reported that in 1964, a third actress had made a deathbed confession she had killed Taylor.

At least two other books were written about the case and it has been featured in several television investigative programs, including a segment on the NBC television program, "News-magazine,"

July 8, 1986.

The event includes information about the Hollywood of the silent screen era and why the activities of today's movie stars and executives may pale in comparison to those of some of their predecessors.

This event is free, but seating is limited. Reserve a seat online at gplibraryfriends.org or call (313) 343-2074, Ext. 204.



WEDDINGS

DeLaura-Riley

Anthony DeLaura and Kendal Riley were married Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, at a private ranch in Big Sur, Calif., under an oak tree hundreds of feet up on the bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Bente Riley of Sparks, Nev. The groom is the son of Don and Cheryl DeLaura of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The groom's brother, Frankie DeLaura, served as best man. The bride's sister, Chelsie Riley, was the maid of honor. The four groomsmen Mike Formasano, Matt Michels, Tom Sawicki and John Crillo, were originally from Grosse Pointe Farms.

The outdoor reception was decorated with dazzling lights. The color palette of copper, gold,

rose gold and burgundy was rich and earthy, accentuating Big Sur's natural beauty. Wood was an underlying material throughout their wedding; their invitations, ceremony cards, menus as well as table assignments were printed on wood.

Copper also was an important aesthetic; copper signage, table numbers, flower holders, geometric candle holders and copper flatware. Their signature drink was a Moscow mule served in personalized copper mugs that guests were encouraged to take home.

In November, the couple honeymooned for one month in Italy.

The couple currently reside in Laguna Beach, Calif. and are full-time wedding photographers, operating as a husband and wife photography brand, The DeLauras.

Olson-Anderson

Daniel Christopher Olson and Leah Camille Anderson were married Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, in St. Joseph.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Vivian Anderson of Grosse Pointe Park. The groom is the son of Deborah Jensen of Auburn, Wash.

Friend of the bride and groom, Alex Grennan, of New Haven, Conn., officiated the ceremony at the Veranda at the Whitcomb, which was followed by a reception at the same location.

The bride wore an ivory, strapless, floor-length, A-line gown overlaid with lace and beading with a two-tiered fingertip-length veil and carried a bouquet of terracotta and orange roses, eggplant and mango calla lilies and green hypericum berry and craspedia.

Sister of the bride, Janece Ansevin, of Rocky River, Ohio, served as matron of honor. She wore an aubergine, floor-length, chiffon gown. Krystal Jeffers, a friend of the bride, of Royal Oak, was a bridesmaid. Both carried a smaller version



Kendal and Anthony DeLaura



Daniel and Leah Olson

of the bridal bouquet.

The groom's friend, John Sviokla, of Chicago, served as best man. The brother of the groom, Nick Hammond of Auburn, Wash., was a groomsman. Friends of the bride and groom, Brett Mann and Todd Obuchowski, served as ushers.

Ringer bearers were the bride's nephews, Ethan and Charlie Ansevin of Rocky River, Ohio. Flower girls were Josselyn and Genevieve Lewis of Bonney Lake, Wash.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length burnt orange satin gown. The

mother of the groom wore a charcoal grey, knee-length dress with silver beading.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Loyola University Chicago, a Master of Science degree from Case Western University in Cleveland and a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies from Pace University in New York City. She is a physician assistant in Hospital Medicine at the University of Chicago.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane, Wash., and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University Chicago and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Case Western University in Cleveland. He is a clinical consultant for Con signMed Incorporated.

The couple honeymooned in Thailand, Indonesia and Cambodia, postponing their honeymoon until after they watched the Chicago Cubs win the World Series. They reside in Chicago.

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Bielecki of Kentwood. Miss Krueger graduated in 2012 from the University of Michigan, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English writing and rhetoric and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish language and literature.

She currently attends San Juan College where she is studying toward an Associate of Applied Science degree in veterinary technology.

Mr. Bielecki graduated 2013 from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in chemical engineering. He is a production engineer.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils win showdowns

Downey's drive beats rival

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sophomore Ryan Downey's driving layup and free throw with 13 seconds left paved the way for Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team's 56-53 win over city rival Grosse Pointe North last week.

It was the quarterfinals of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament.

"It was a typical rivalry game with emotions running high," South head coach Troy Glasser said. "It was an exciting, close game and great for the fans. It was nice to get a win, even though we didn't play that great. It's a win and that is what counts."

With the score tied at 50, the Norsemen had six free throw opportunities, but made only three to ease ahead 53-50.

Senior Brennen Buszka converted a three-point play after driving the length of the floor, taking it to the basket and making his shot while getting fouled. He



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Josh Adams, No. 34, plays tight defense against North's Sam Cross during the Blue Devils' win over Grosse Pointe North.

swished the free throw to tie at 53 with one minute left.

North head coach Ron Kochan called a time-out and set up a play. The Norsemen held the ball for a final shot, but a turnover in the paint led to Downey's driving layup and eventual winning three-point play.

The Norsemen had one final possession, but couldn't get off a potential tying three-point shot. One final shot was missed and the horn sounded to end the game with another Blue Devil win in this highly contested rivalry.

The Blue Devils dominated the second quarter

to take a 33-22 lead, but the Norsemen outscored the host team 16-11 in the third quarter to close within six points, 44-38.

They used a full-court press to get back in the game and eventually took the lead with a couple of minutes left.

For the Blue Devils, senior Zane Draper led the way with 16 points, followed by Buszka with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Downey and senior Josh Adams chipped in with seven points apiece.

For the Norsemen, senior Dillon Webb had 18 points and 10

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Defense smothers DCDS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team reclaimed first place in the Michigan Metro Hockey League last weekend with a dominating 6-1 win over Detroit Country Day.

Country Day entered the game with a one point lead over South, but when the final horn sounded it was the Blue Devils emerging with 18 points to 17 for the Yellowjackets.

"I kind of thought we would get off to a slow start after we had some kids miss practice with illness and we just haven't played a lot of games recently," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "Once we got rolling, we played well and won a big game."

The Yellowjackets scored first, but the host Blue Devils tied it when senior Adam Cervone scored, with seniors Jack Liagre and Adam Pitters assisting.

The home team put two goals on the board in



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Adam Cervone makes a pass during the Blue Devils' win over Country Day.

the second period. Senior Jack Flynn, from Pitters and Cervone, and senior Liam Kavanaugh, from junior Alex Strehlke and senior Jake Fillmore, lit the lamp.

It was all South in the third period as they scored three goals in a five-minute span.

Sophomore Conor McKenna scored at the 15:36 mark, with Pitters and Flynn assisting, and Flynn tallied at the 12:03 mark, with McKenna and Liagre drawing assists. Kavanaugh completed the scoring with a goal at the 10:47 mark and Fillmore had the lone assist.

Senior Devin Naidow earned the victory in net, stopping 12 of 13 shots.

Grosse Pointe South is 9-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 18-2-1-1 overall.






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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Gaining momentum

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A strong third period propelled Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team to a 5-3 win last week over visiting Macomb Dakota.

Trailing 3-2 heading into the final period, the Norsemen scored two quick goals at the 15:12 and 14:28 mark to take the lead. They scored an insurance goal while skating 4-on-4 with 5:32 left.

Senior Marko Tomovski scored the first goal in the third period and junior Thomas Supal had what turned out to be the game-winning goal 44 seconds later.

Supal scored again to put the finishing touches on the come-from-behind victory in front of the home crowd.

"It was a nice win for us and it was nice to see the players really domi-

nate the final period," head coach Mike Maltese said. "We didn't play too well in the first period and we started to pick up the pace midway through the second. We definitely had a great third period."

Sophomore goaltender Julia McLellan continued her string of solid starts. The Cougars scored their third goal two minutes into the second period, but that would be it as McLellan slammed the door, making several nice saves to keep the Norsemen in the game.

Junior Austin Albrecht scored in the first period for the Norsemen and senior Joe Lucchese had a power-play goal late in the second period to give the home team momentum heading into the second intermission.

Senior Paul Lucchese chipped in with three assists.

The Norsemen were out-shot 32-20.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Austin Albrecht had a goal in the Norsemen's win over Dakota.

Two days later, North lost 3-2 to host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, falling to 6-16-0-1 overall.

Supal had both goals and McLellan made 17

saves. Prep won the game by scoring a goal in the final minute of the third period.

The Norsemen out-shot Prep 34-20.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Clutch victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With the pressure on to win games, the Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team delivered last week, beating visiting Regina 6-1.

The two points moved the Norsemen closer to making the eight-team Division 1 playoffs of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"The girls played a good game and they knew we needed this win to move up in the standings," head coach Joe Lucchese said.

The home team scored in every period. They had a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by senior Lia DeCoste and junior Kylee Banaszewski.

DeCoste scored her unassisted goal 30 seconds into the game and Banaszewski, assisted from freshman Darby Pickford and sophomore Maddie McIntyre, tallied just a couple of minutes later.

The Norsemen scored three goals in the second period to build a 5-0 lead.

Banaszewski scored at the 14:02 mark, while sophomore Clare Murphy scored at the 10:31 mark and sophomore Bella Welke tallied 33 seconds later to break open the contest.

Junior Lindsey Ramsdell and McIntyre drew assists on the first and third goals.

Regina scored at the 9:06 mark to end junior goaltender McKenzie Obermok's shutout bid and in the third period junior Natalie Barstys scored, assisted by Welke.

Two days later, North traveled to Bloomfield Hills for another must-win game and came away with a huge 4-3 victory in overtime.

"We were down 2-0, but came back and tied the game with under four minutes to go," Lucchese said. "It's a big game and now we have one game left to play."

Banaszewski was the hero, scoring halfway through overtime, with sophomore Hannah Martin drawing the lone assist. Banaszewski also scored the Norsemen's first goal, unassisted.

Welke had the next two goals, including the tying tally late in the third period. Pickford and Barstys had an assist on Welke's first goal and the second came unassisted.

With the wins, Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-7 in the MMGSHL with a game against Grosse Pointe South looming Thursday, March 2, at Eastside Hockey Arena.

LIGGETT

Guys lose at horn

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team lost a heart-breaker last weekend, falling 2-1 to host Allen Park.

The Jaguars scored with only one second remaining in the game. In fact, each of the three goals were scored in the final four minutes of the third period.

The first two periods were scoreless as both defenses dominated the game. The Knights finished with only 14 shots on net and the Jaguars had only 16.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett freshman Zane Demsey and his teammates have their eye on the Division 3 state playoffs, which begins with a pre-regional game at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, against city rival Grosse Pointe North.

The home team scored at the 13:11 mark and the Knights tied it when freshman Zane Demsey scored at the 15:44 mark. Sophomore Caden

Lewandowski and junior Spencer Warezak had the assists.

With overtime looming, the Jaguars found a way to score the winning goal with that precious second left on the clock.

With the loss, Liggett dropped to 4-7 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 9-14-1 overall.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Thompson makes finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Tyler Thompson advanced to the Division 1 individual wrestling state championships after taking fourth in last weekend's regional tournament at Hartland.

Thompson, competing in the 130-pound class, clinched his spot in the finals by earning a 14-9 decision over Zach Wells.

He lost his first match

by pin to Warren Stanfield III, but won his next two.

He won a 10-2 major decision over Brandon Kwiatkowski and then had the victory over Wells to make the third-place match.

He lost a 9-3 decision to Hayden Culver to see his record move to 46-10.

Grosse Pointe North had two wrestlers compete in the regionals, Wilson Moin and Dirk Drieborg.

Moin, competing in the 160-pound class, lost by pin to Joey Livingston in his first match, but came back to win a 12-3 major decision over Colton Stancavage.

He ended his season by losing a 6-4 decision to Michael Jacobs. His final record was 36-13.

Drieborg was in the 152-pound class and lost his first match by pin to River Shettler.

He was eliminated after losing a 7-2 decision to Mario Palazzola to finish the season 30-15.

Next for Thompson is the individual state championship tournament Thursday, March 2, through Saturday, March 4, at The Palace.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
1 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017
9 a.m. until business is completed

for reviewing the 2017 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2017, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-9956. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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Boys basketball

HOOPS:

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rebounds, while senior Steve Levick had 16 points and seven rebounds. Junior Sheldon Cage and sophomore Ryan Webb added eight and six points, respectively.

Turnovers played a big part in the momentum shifts. The Blue Devils controlled the second quarter thanks to a flurry of Norsemen turnovers and the trend was reversed in the second half when North made its comeback.

North finished with 20 turnovers and South had 15.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 10-7 overall, while Grosse Pointe North dropped to 10-6.

North info

The Grosse Pointe North athletic department will be having a travel size toiletries drive during the upcoming boys' North/South basketball game.

This game is at Grosse

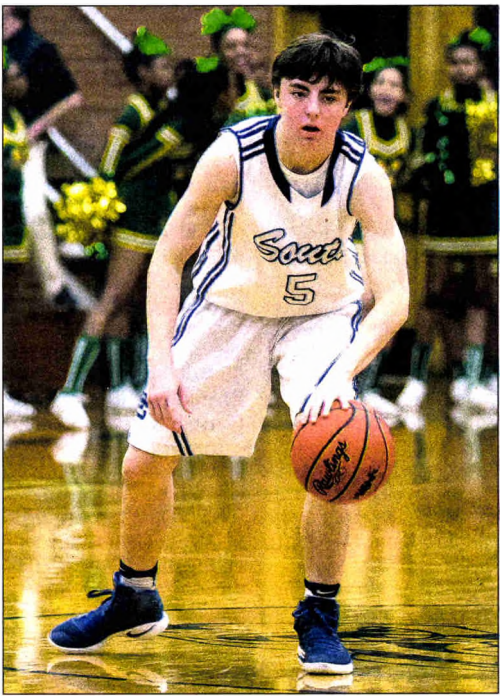


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South sophomore Ryan Downey scored the game-winning basket with 13 seconds left.

Pointe North at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 28.

Anyone coming to the game with unused, unopened travel size or trial size items will receive one raffle ticket for each item donated and a chance to win one of several gift cards.

All of the donations will be taken to the VA Hospital on John R in Detroit.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen finish 6th

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, but in the end host Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team put a win on the board in the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament last week.

North beat Utica 42-32 as its 10-point halftime lead held, despite the Chieftains making a comeback in the third quarter.

Senior Katie Snow showed her leadership and was the main reason the Norsemen won the game.

She scored 20 points on a night when both teams struggled to make baskets and committed

far too many turnovers. North had 22, while Utica had a whopping 28.

Sophomore Julia Ayrault scored 35 points against the Chieftains the first time they played, but the second time around she was held to only six points.

However, Ayrault blocked six shots and grabbed eight rebounds to help the Norsemen win and move into the fifth-, sixth-place game against Dakota.

Sophomore Evelyn Zacharias made two three-point shots to finish with six points and freshman Michelle Bodnariuk added five.

Last weekend, North played Dakota for a third

time this season. They made it three straight losses to the Cougars, falling on the road 50-45. They trailed 18-12 after the first quarter and 31-27 at the half.

The game was tied at 38 after three quarters, but they lost the final stanza 12-7 to make it a clean sweep for the Cougars.

Snow led the team with 18 points, while Ayrault had a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Grosse Pointe North is 10-9 overall with one regular season game left at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at home against the top-ranked team in the state, Detroit Country Day.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils on a roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team heads into the state playoffs with a lot of momentum.

Head coach Kevin Richards watched his Blue Devils extend their winning streak to three games after beating Sterling Heights 42-37 and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 57-30.

The host Blue Devils got off to a fast start

against the Shorians and finished with an almost season-high 57 points.

The defensive pressure was solid and they got back to using traps and presses to create turnovers and transition baskets.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils won a big road game as they outscored the Stallions 38-24 during the final three quarters to pull out the victory.

South finished the regular season 5-15 and gets

a week to prepare for its Class A district first-round game at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, against Detroit East English Village Prep at Detroit Western International High School.

If the Blue Devils win, they face Detroit International Academy at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 1.

The district final is set for 4 p.m. Friday, March 3.

Detroit Martin Luther King is the favorite.

LIGGETT

Knights rally to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team is picking up steam as it heads into the state playoffs.

Last week, the Knights beat host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 51-49 in overtime to win its fifth game in the last seven and improve to 6-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The first time these teams played, sophomore Casey Scoggin hit a free throw in the final

seconds to send the Knights to a 42-41 win.

"I'm sure they want to pay us back since we got them on our home floor," head coach Chris Housey said. "We missed our last five free throws in regulation, but made them in overtime."

It was another close, hard fought game and

once again the Knights stepped away the victor and inched closer to the .500 mark at 8-9 overall.

Senior Jackson Walkowiak had 18 points and junior Anthony George added 12 for Liggett.

Sophomore Logan King chipped in with 10 points.

G.P. SOUTH

Sign up for clinic

The Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team hosts its annual clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in the high school gymnasium. The school is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The focus of instruction is basic throwing, fielding and hitting techniques. Advanced players will be placed in one group and taught advanced skills. If you want your daughter in this group, check it off on the registration form.

Instructors are South softball coaches and players and the cost for the clinic is \$60. Cash is accepted or if you write a check, make it out to Grosse Pointe South Softball. For further questions, contact South varsity softball coach Bill Fleming at sanflem1@sbcglobal.net.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor's office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 27, 2017 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Titan power

Grosse Pointe North senior Megan Louwers, center, signs a National Letter of Intent to play college soccer for Division 1 University of Detroit Mercy under head coach Mike Lupenec. Joining Louwers at her signing were, from left, sister Katie Louwers, mother Maureen Louwers, father David Louwers and grandfather Jim Taube. Louwers will be one of the top players for the Norsemen this spring and in the Macomb Area Conference. She will join a Titan soccer team which finished 10-7-2 overall and 6-1-2 in the Horizon League in the fall.

Boys hockey

PLAYOFFS



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Playoffs

Grosse Pointe South senior Adam Pitters, left, and his teammates start their Division 2 playoff run with a game at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, March 2, against Utica.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Ladies get fourth

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team finished fourth in last weekend's Great Lakes Gymnastics League championship meet. Troy/Avondale won the meet with 141.400 points, followed by Port Huron with 139.600, Birmingham with 136.500, Grosse Pointe with 136.200, Fraser with 134.775 and Dearborn with 108.025. GPU was led by senior Isabelle Nguyen, who won the Division 1 all-around title with 37.975 points. Port Huron's duo of Brianne Smith and Hallie Roman were a close second and third, finishing with 36.525 and 36.050 points.

Troy/Avondale also had a third-place finisher, Lana Meaders, who also earned a score of 36.050. In Division 2, GPU sophomore Elizabeth Byarski was second in the all-round, earning 35.000 points, while Birmingham's Georgina Gordon won at 35.500. Nguyen won each of the four events. She scored 9.425 on vault, a 9.625 on the balance beam, a 9.400 on the uneven bars and a 9.525 on the floor exercise. Byarski won two events in D2, taking the bars with a score of 8.550 and the floor exercise with a 9.300. She was third on the balance beam with an 8.700 and seventh on the vault with an 8.450.

Other GPU gymnasts who made the all-around cut were junior Maggie Bowers, 10th with 31.050; freshman Amanda Nguyen, 17th at 22.625; freshman Emma Burney, 19th at 17.300; freshman Lexi Poulos, 20th at 16.525; freshman Bella Cameron, 29th at 8.375; freshman Claire Yee, 32nd at 7.950; junior Sydney Dugan, 37th at 7.300; and sophomore Emma Andreoli, 39th at 7.125. Bowers competed in all four events, scoring highest on vault with an 8.550. The other girls competed in three, two or one event. For head coach Kristin Remillet, her gymnasts now prepare for a regional meet Saturday, March 4.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

One more victory

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team finished the regular season with a 100-79 win over host Utica Ford last week. The squad ended the season 6-2 for first-year head coach Dan Hafner. The Norsemen now

prepare for the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship meet Thursday, Feb. 23, through Saturday, Feb. 25, at Grosse Pointe South. Hafner's squad is battling for second place as the host team heads into

the meet as the favorite. Macomb Dakota and North should duke it out for the runner-up spot, with Chippewa Valley finishing fourth and Romeo fifth.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Hockey

RED WINGS ALUMNI



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
Notice of Public Hearing

On Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore Road, for the following site plan approval:

- 360 Moselle Place (AKA-The Tennis House)
- 285 Vincennes Place

Plans are available at City Hall for review. Written comments will be accepted till noon, on Friday, March 10, 2017, or you may appear at the above scheduled date and time.

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Derrick Kozicki
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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2017 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

- TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
From 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- and
- TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH.

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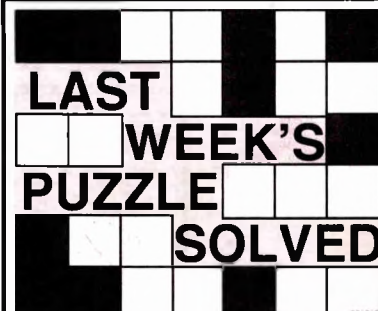
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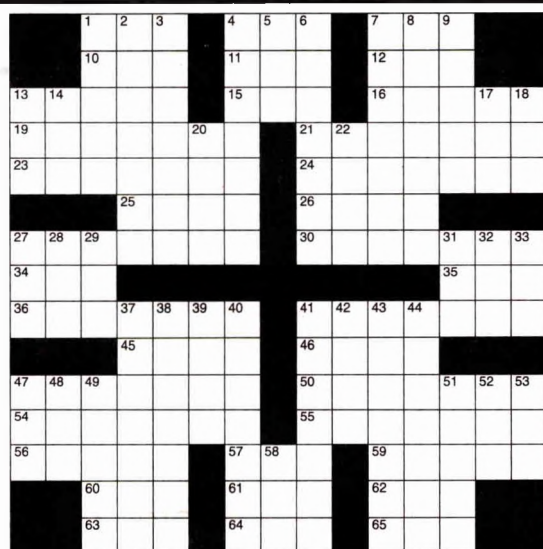
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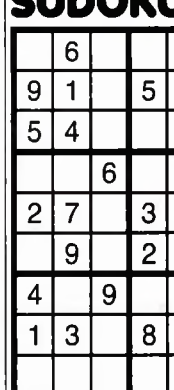
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2D TEACHER OF THE WEEK | 3D WEEK AHEAD

South benefits from local philanthropy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For years, students at Grosse Pointe South High School have dreamed of a space they could use for problem-solving and letting “all the creativity happen,” according to James Adams, advanced placement and honors biology teacher.

That dream became a reality with the completion of South’s maker space — now known as the Cotton Innovation Center — thanks to a donation of \$55,000 from David and Shery Cotton. The Cottons were recognized at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, Feb. 13, along with the Cracchiolo family, who donated \$5,000 to South’s commercial foods program through the Cracchiolo Foundation.

“It’s truly an honor to be able to acknowledge the generous contributions of the Cotton family,” said Daniel Garan, CEO of the Cotton Innovation Center. “What began as the vision of a few students to provide the school with a special space dedicated to the STEAM fields, gathered support as it moved along. This is thanks to the teachers, especially our adviser, Mr. Adams, Principal (Moussa)



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The Cotton and Cracchiolo families were recognized at the Board meeting for their philanthropy. Pictured, from left, are Sal Cracchiolo, David Cracchiolo, South Principal Moussa Hamka, Shery Cotton and David Cotton.

Hamka, the administration and the school board.”

Garan, a junior at South, said the Cotton Innovation Center is fully functional and the innovative studies program — a three-part series known as iTech, iDesign and iCreate — uses the space as its home.

“We greatly look forward to expanding the capabilities of this space and seeing the positive effect it will have on the student body itself,” Garan said.

Ponette Rubio, also a junior, spoke as co-captain of the school’s solar car team, a student in the iTech class and CFO of the Cotton Innovation Center.

“There was a need in our school and that need was for a room that had the capabilities that could allow teams like solar car to flourish,” Rubio said. “And the expanded possibilities for our curriculum are also now becoming a reality, something that we can actually hold on to,

that we can grasp. That was a considerable donation ... and it means so much to me because it will benefit all students in the future. It’s an investment that will benefit the entire community.”

Patti O’Hare, commercial foods teacher, thanked the Cracchiolo Foundation for its generous donation to the commercial foods program, saying she already started purchasing equipment for the classroom. The latest restaurant



Commercial foods teacher Patti O’Hare said South student Sal Cracchiolo, pictured above with his father, David Cracchiolo, “took a special interest in exploring the possibility of updating equipment in Grosse Pointe South’s commercial kitchen. He did an extraordinary job identifying and pricing out the current equipment needs.” O’Hare added she was impressed by his passion for the project and humbled by his offer of an avenue to fund it.

equipment such as mixers, food processors, stock pots, industrial blenders and pasta makers not only enhance the program, but help students obtain skill sets attractive to employers, O’Hare said.

Hamka praised both families for investing in areas outside the core curriculum of math, science, English and social studies, ensuring “our students can fulfill their passions and explore areas and opportunities

that otherwise wouldn’t be afforded to them.”

As a token of appreciation, he presented family members with a slate tile salvaged when South’s roof was replaced, on which art students superimposed an image of the iconic tower with the words “Grosse Pointe South Established in 1927.”

“We gave you a piece of our history and welcome you to the next chapter of our wonderful history,” Hamka said.

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Learning in the forecast for first-graders

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

First-graders at Mason Elementary School study weather yearlong. According to their teachers, Anna Collins and Kari Krausmann, they graph temperatures in their daily weather journals during their morning calendar routine. They also study clouds along with weather instruments, including a thermometer, barometer, anemometer and rain gauge.

"We focus on the four seasons and describe how those seasons affect the activities we participate in and the way we dress," Collins wrote in an email.

So they were prepared for a visit by Brandon Roux, WDIV-TV meteorologist, Feb. 15. Roux entertained the students with stories on what it's like to get up at 2:30 a.m. each day for work, what a broadcast meteorologist does when he's not on the air and what it takes for a cloud to form.

"My main job is to help you get ready," Roux said during his presentation in the gym. "Is it a big jacket kind of day, a boots kind of day, a short-sleeve shirt kind of day? Is it the kind of day when you guys can go out at recess or is the wind chill going to be too cold?"

"My goal is not to scare anybody," he continued. "Weather can be a little scary, but I think it's one of the reasons I became a meteorologist because it scares me."

Students learned the three essential ingredi-



Clockwise from upper left, Channel 4's Brandon Roux talks to Mason first-graders about the role of a broadcast meteorologist; students watch a tornado form in a bottle; Roux creates a tempest in a jar to demonstrate the effect of wind shear; a hair dryer and pingpong ball are all it takes to show how hail forms.

ents for a cloud to form — water to evaporate, dust and smoke particles and pressure. Roux demonstrated by creating a cloud in a bottle. He dropped a lit match in a clear pop bottle filled with water, squeezing its sides to create pressure.

He also discussed how tornadoes form, using vinegar, water and dish soap in a bottle to demonstrate the effect of wind shear. A demonstration on how hail is formed

required only a hair dryer and pingpong ball. Roux recommended students Google kids' weather experiments for other fun projects to do at school or home.

"The swirl in your bathtub, steam in your shower, spin on the ice skater Think of those things when you're thinking of the weather," he said.

Roux left time for questions. Students asked if he uses weather bal-

loons, what his favorite weather tool is and what he enjoys most about his job.

"This is the smartest first-grade class I have ever been in," he said.

He replied the sling psychrometer — an instrument that measures relative humidity — is his favorite weather tool, then confessed, "It's not really my favorite. I just wanted to sound smart."

As for his job, Roux said, "I love that people rely on me for information that will impact their day. That keeps me very humble. I know I have to be honest and dependable. People are relying on me. Schedules rely on me."

"I did get the weather wrong one time," he continued, adding, "I'm joking. We get it wrong a lot."

Week Ahead

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

◆ University Liggett School hosts a pre-K preview for preschoolers and their families at 9 a.m. The event is open to students interested in attending Liggett this fall for pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. To register, contact Stephanie Sikora at (313) 884-4444 or admissions@uls.org.

THURS.-FRI., MAR. 2-3

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School presents student-directed one-act plays in South's auditorium. For more information, contact Meaghan Dunham at meaghan.dunham@gpschools.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School's radio astronomy team hosts Starnival, an educational festival 5 to 7 p.m. with a stars and galaxies theme appropriate for children ages 6 to 11. Admission is \$5 per child and registration opens at 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/Starnival>.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

◆ University Liggett School hosts a special screening of the documentary film "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age" at 7 p.m. "Screenagers" reveals how tech time impacts students' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to navigate the digital world and find balance. It is the only screening in southeast Michigan. The event is free, but reservations are required. Visit uls.org/screenagers to RSVP.



COURTESY PHOTO

Scott Cooper dressed as a sumo wrestler to fulfill a fundraising challenge. Another class challenged him to grow a beard.

Parcells students exceed goal, challenge teacher

Scott Cooper's social studies classes at Parcells Middle School practiced empathy this past month. Each student researched an organization that helps those in need and presented their idea to the class. Students then voted on an organization to support in a class fundraiser.

The students selected Doctors Without Borders because it best matched topics they had been discussing in class, Cooper said — from Syrian refugees and the war in Aleppo to malaria and other diseases in Africa

and the importance of providing aid to people caught in natural disasters.

The goal was to raise \$1,000. Students held a bake sale, returned pop bottles and did extra chores at home and in the neighborhood to raise money. At the end of the month, when Cooper asked students who did something at home to help raise the funds, almost every hand went up.

As an extra incentive, Cooper told the class if they reached their goal of \$1,000, he would

allow the class that raised the most money to select a challenge for him.

Students raised a total of \$3,900, far exceeding their goal. Since first- and sixth-hour classes earned well above the amount anticipated, Cooper allowed students from both classes to select a challenge. His sixth-hour class, which raised the most, elected to make Cooper teach for a day wearing a blow-up sumo wrestler suit. The first-hour class chose to make Cooper grow a beard.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL REIMAGINED

Liggett Focuses on Leadership, Self-reflection

By Michelle Franzen Martin

With just a few weeks until Liggett's Middle School conferences, there is a lot to do: Evaluations. Reflections. Presentations and plans for improvement.

Only it's not the teachers doing most of this work – it's the students.

Liggett's Middle School conferences are completely student-led, and they require intense preparation, thought and self-reflection.

Students take an in-depth look at themselves – how they're doing academically, socially and emotionally – and they share those thoughts during a 20-minute presentation in the spring for their parents and their advisor.

"We're not just looking at their academics, but we're also looking at student life because we want our students to lead well-balanced, healthy lives in every respect," explains Middle School English instructor Stevie Stevens, who is working with the girls in her Advisory on their student-led conferences.

"Self-reflection is an important part of creating their conference and promoting themselves, an essential life-skill," she says.

At Liggett, all Middle School students meet daily for Advisory. The Advisories, which provide peer support, are small groups of students from the same gender who talk with their advisors about anything from academics and social issues to whatever is on their mind.

This month, the Advisories are focusing on getting ready for the student-led conferences.

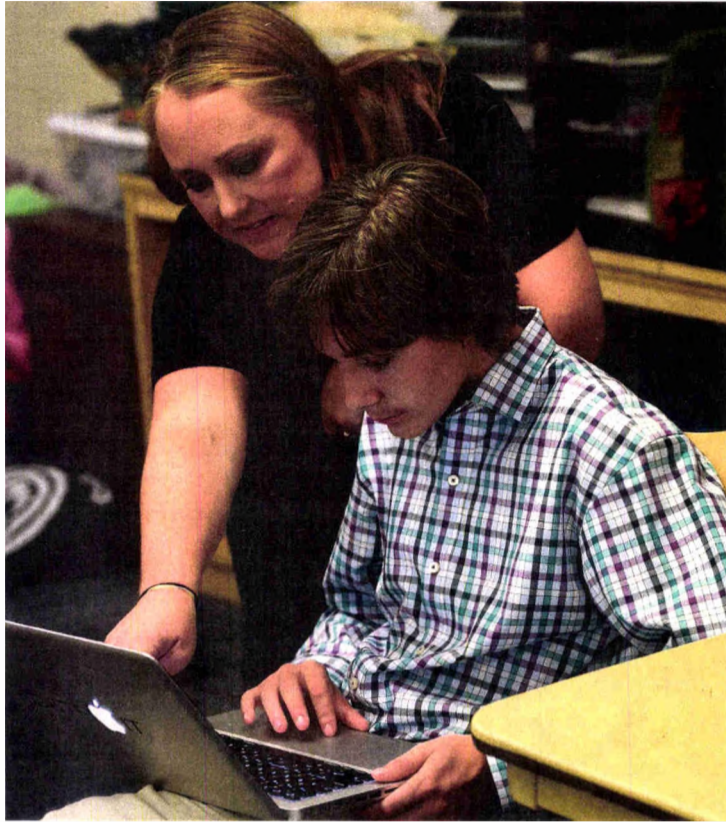
Through real-life digital tools such as Google Presentation, student-led presentations cover all aspects of the Middle School experience. The students reflect on their progress in Liggett's Reader-Writer Workshop, talking about books they read and sharing samples of poetry and short stories they wrote.

They also talk about goals, their student-life experiences and the ways they balance school and friendships.

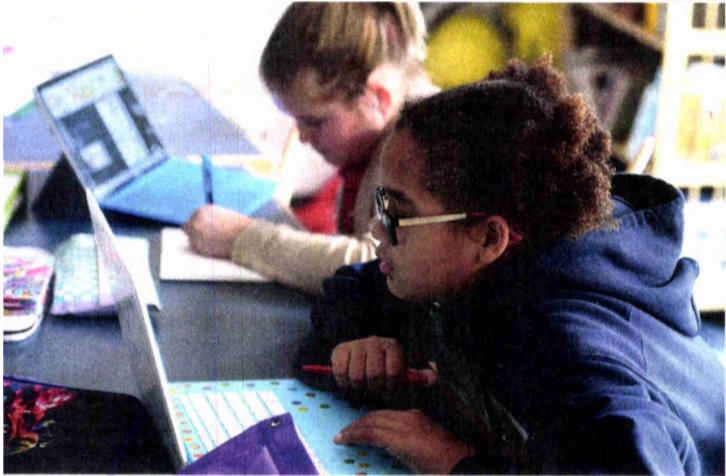
Based on self-reflections guided by their teachers, the students analyze their academic strengths and challenges.

"The students review their work and progress in every class including music, the arts, and PE," she says. "The students go through these and find the commonalities, which is an important skill. They find common themes, note their strengths and challenges and make plans for improvement."

The conferences also focus on Liggett's Middle School core compe-



Middle school students preparing for their student-led conferences.



tencies and ask the students to reflect on them. This teaches student accountability and requires students to take ownership over their learning.

"They look at where they are strongest and where they are still developing," Stevens says. "They create goals for the core competencies, such as how they want to show leadership and where they are intellectually curious."

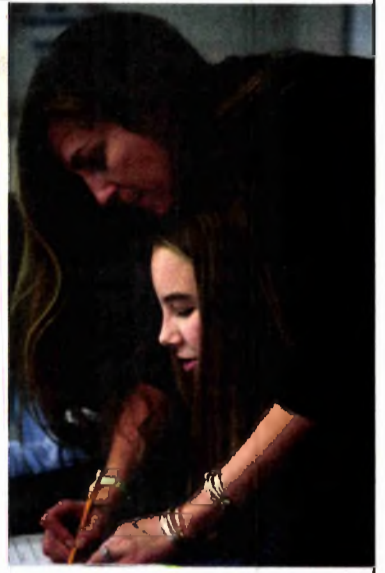
Leadership is an important aspect of Liggett's Middle School experience.

"Our common motto is to let students lead," Middle School Head

Jim Brewer says. "The student-led conferences are very honest and very transparent, and they celebrate the great work that our students are doing in Middle School."

The preparation for the student-led conferences is a lot of work, but the experience is unforgettable.

"It's a unique, special experience," Stevens says. "The fact that they are leading their own meeting while promoting themselves and voicing plans for self-improvement is quite an accomplishment and they always conclude the conference with a strong sense of pride."



What makes Liggett's Middle School different?

Liggett's small class sizes and collaborative environment give students a love of learning, a sense of community and a curiosity that extends beyond the classroom.

And Liggett's signature programs create unique leadership experiences for students to learn and grow, developing the skills they need to thrive in high school and beyond:

In addition to student-led conferences, students gain valuable leadership skills in these programs and experiences.

- **Advisory program:** Students meet for 25 minutes each day in small, same-gender groups with their advisor where they can share what is on their minds — whether it is coursework and assignments, or the unique social and emotional aspects of middle school.

- **Morning meeting:** Every day begins with Morning Meeting, a student-led gathering that includes announcements, performances, videos and student achievements are celebrated. Each advisory takes turns leading the meeting.

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