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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Prepared for emergencies

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

At a meeting of the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Feb. 14, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus told a story made all the more relevant in light of events earlier that day. A shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., left 17 dead and many injured. The events unfolding on the news had special significance to Niehaus; when he was superintendent of the McLean County Unit District No. 5 school district, there was an active shooter at a high school in the district. No one was shot, but the impact on the community was long lasting, Niehaus said.

According to Niehaus and a video account of the event, it was a normal Friday in 2012, 12 days into the school year at Normal Community High School in Illinois. Students in a first-hour health class taught by first-year teacher Derrick Schonauer were finishing an assignment on values. Five minutes before the bell rang, a freshman walked to the front of the classroom by the door, sat on the teacher’s stool, pulled a gun out of his book bag and started loading it. “Once I saw the bullet, I realized this is the real deal,” said Schonauer. “He told everybody to sit down, be quiet; he’s the teacher now, this is his classroom.”

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PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Deeplands demo underway

Demolition has begun on 55 S. Deeplands, Grosse Pointe Shores. Neighbors filed a lawsuit Dec. 15, against Deeplands Development Co., claiming the proposed development is in violation of subdivision restrictions put on the property by the home’s original owners. A status conference is slated Friday, March 16.

Federal judge to rule in Matouk Romain lawsuit

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

FLINT — Defendants in the wrongful death lawsuit filed by JoAnn Matouk Romain’s family will continue to wait for a ruling on whether they will face trial. U.S. District Judge Linda V. Parker presided over the anticipated summary disposition hearing Tuesday, Feb. 20, on motions for summary judgment submitted by



JoAnn Matouk Romain

Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods public safety departments and Tim Matouk as defendants in

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Crime rates up after record-low year

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City’s Public Safety Department was busy in 2017. According to the annual Public Safety Report presented to council Monday, Feb. 12, crime, arrests, calls for service and total fire calls all increased in 2017. Total crime in the City increased 27 percent from 2016 in 2017, to 278 total reported



crimes. However, the increase is slightly misleading. In 2016, Part I Index crimes, rated as the most serious by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were at an all-time low in the City and there has been an influx of identity theft and fraud in the Pointes, something out of the local police department’s control. The 2017 Part I crime numbers were consistent with previous years, besides 2016, at 105, said Stephen Poloni, director of public safety. “It (2016) was the lowest year on record at 88 (Part I index crimes),”

said Poloni. “So, having a little bit of an increase wasn’t a shock to us.” “Most of those (increases) came in two categories,” Poloni said. “We had six increases in larcenies and those were from vehicles and we had a few aggravated assaults this year, up five.” The City also saw one more forcible sexual offense, one more robbery and two more arson offenses than in 2016.

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CDBG projects set

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City will use its Community Development Block Grant as usual in 2018. “For the past 11 years, we’ve been using it to make handicap improvements to our ramps at the intersections,” City Manager

Peter Dame said. “That is what the proposal is, to continue that project in the 2018 federal fiscal year.” CDBG is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program providing funds to communities to address a wide range of community developments. It is a flexible program requiring less federal

oversight than other grants, as long as the projects meet broad national goals. Grosse Pointe receives its money through Wayne County. The City was allocated \$34,200 this year to improve a number of pedestrian ramps, mostly on Maumee, to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. “How many handicap ramps does \$34,200 get?” Councilman Andrew Turnbull asked. “Not very many,” Dame said. According to Dame, \$34,200 is enough to improve two and a half intersections. “But, we are almost done,” Dame said. “The ones that we haven’t touched yet are the ones on Jefferson and those are county roads. So they would be responsible for doing those next time they resurface or redo Jefferson. We are hoping to avoid doing those ourselves.” During the public hearing,

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Dirty Dog celebrates 10 years

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A decade ago, Farms resident and The Hill business luminary Gretchen Valade turned a flower shop into a high-style meeting place for Detroit’s finest jazz.

Last week, Valade held a private party for family and friends to celebrate Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe’s first 10 years on The Hill. Since the venue’s opening Feb. 13, 2008, its stage has presented the area’s most prodigious jazz artists to fans in metro Detroit and the greatest patron of Detroit jazz, Valade.

A player in the jazz recording industry since founding Mack Avenue Records in 1998, Valade set her vision of building a jazz stage on The Hill in motion by bringing in Andre Neimanis as executive chef and Willie Jones as general manager as early as August



Dirty Dog is located at 97 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

2007, for the venue’s planning and development.

Tom Robinson, Mack Avenue Records CEO, who also is a seasoned carpenter, managed the “hammer and nails” activity of converting the site from a former flower shop to a chic club, Jones explained. The decor presents Valade’s fond-

ness both for jazz and dogs, with images of jazz greats and dignified canine paintings adorning the club’s walls. The Dirty Dog “hall of fame” showcases the artists who have performed there.

Serving cocktails since the cafe’s launch, Carl Williams attracts the bar’s regulars and gre-

gariously welcomes performers in and out of the green room. Described as “extremely popular with the customers,” Robinson said Carl is “a staff member who gets double the applause.”

Valade, 93, attends most Dirty Dog performances, staying for the first set.

“She’s so personable,

so intelligent, so sharp, so caring,” Jones said. “She’s just down to earth.”

Also a sharp business woman, Valade sets a high bar for the caliber of artists invited onto the Dirty Dog stage. Those who impress her might land a spot on the Detroit Jazz Festival stage, for which Valade has been the primary sponsor since 2005. Valade also will refer stand-out talent to Mack Avenue Records Product Manager Darrell Garrett for a recording deal on her imprint, Detroit Music Factory.

“When I first started watching the bands at the Dirty Dog I became a little nostalgic for the stage myself,” said Valade, who performed long ago and is on the credits of several Mack Avenue Records tracks as songwriter. “Eventually, I appreciated the talent we offered there and realized I could never have gotten that good.”



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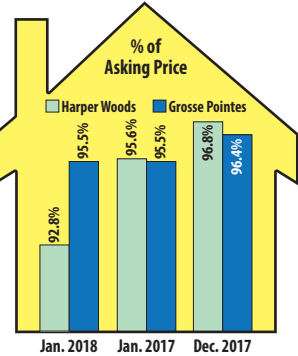
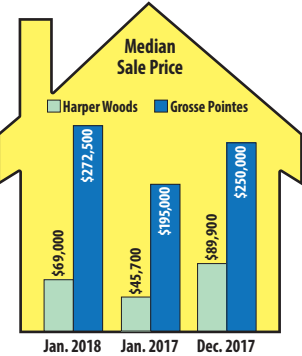
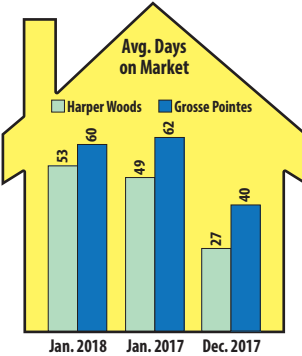
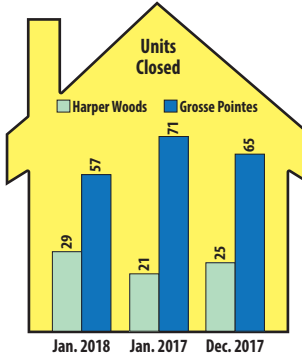
Kimmie Horn, above, and Gene Dunlap, below, recently performed at Dirty Dog’s 10th anniversary celebration.



Housing market remains strong

January housing data recently released by the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS® indicates the housing market in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe continues to be strong as interest rates remain low and demand strong. While the number of units closed compared to a year ago

and December is down, “This reflects only low supply and market uncertainty brought about because of the recent tax plan which was being decided in December,” not market strength, said Lori Jaglois, president of the Grosse Pointe board. Fortunately, the National Association of



REALTORS® was able to preserve capital gains treatment for homes and get restrictions on the mortgage interest deduction and property tax

deduction relaxed. Had capital gains treatment been changed as originally proposed, deduction caps lowered or deductions for second homes lost, the impact could have been substantial. Additionally, home values were projected to drop 10 percent. Luckily, the area dodged that bullet, Jaglois said.

Changes in median sale price do not necessarily represent increases or decreases in value. The median is the point at which 50 percent of sales are higher and 50 percent are lower. This number is

impacted by the distribution of sales.

An additional market indicator not shown in the graphics above is absorption rate. This is the percentage of inventory sold each month. In the Grosse Pointes, this is above 35 percent and in Harper Woods, even higher — great news for home sellers.

For buyers, the low interest rate environment is good news. Keeping the cost to buy and monthly payment low makes buying affordable. Of additional importance to buyers is while some

homes are selling quickly, not all are as fortunate. Of all homes sold in Grosse Pointe, for example in January, those that sold in 60 days or less sold four times more quickly and for more of the asking price than those that took more than 60 days to sell.

The cautionary tale from this market information for buyers and sellers is the home-selling environment remains healthy and value is critical.

“Barring any unforeseen events, this trend should continue for some time,” Jaglois said.

It also demonstrates the importance of working with a Realtor who knows the neighborhood. As the information for January indicates, the nuances in both the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods markets must be understood to make an informed decision to buy or sell a home. Members of the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS are able to help.

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El-Sayed urges unity in his run for governor

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

A 3-year-old boy inspired Abdul El-Sayed M.D. onto the campaign trail for Michigan governor. Running as a Democrat, El-Sayed, 33, drove the message why he is running for governor to an audience at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Friday, Feb. 16. Before launching into how a 3-year-old led him into politics, El-Sayed asked the audience: “Who are you here for?”

Several audience members spoke up. A young man said he was there for students caught in Detroit’s failing public school system. A woman said she was there for the Great Lakes. Another said she was there for “the common good.” A man said he was concerned about fair interest rates across the state.

El-Sayed, the father of an infant daughter, asked the audience to imagine what all parents want for their children in the context of the challenges a little boy in Detroit faces.

While serving as director of Detroit’s health department, El-Sayed met 3-year-old Demarius, whom he described as booming with confidence and joy. “This was the fourth child of a 21-year-old mom,” he said. “He (Demarius) met his dad only four times in his life, because his dad is in jail.”

Added El-Sayed, “I want you to think about the circumstances of this boy’s life. Statistically, his probability of having died before the age of 1 is higher in Detroit than my father’s native Egypt. The probability of being hospitalized for asthma triple than in the rest of the state. His probability of being exposed to lead is quadruple the state average. If this boy graduates from his underfunded school system, his statistical probability of winding up in jail remains higher than a dozen of one going to college.”

El-Sayed is the only child of Egyptian immigrants — his father

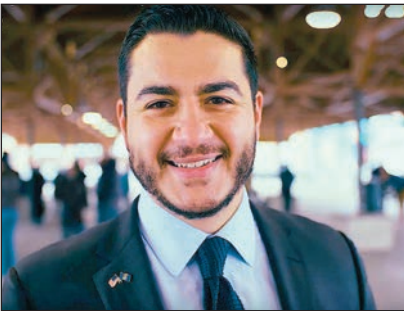


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Abdul El-Sayed M.D., is a Democratic candidate for Michigan governor.

an engineer and mother a doctor. His parents divorced while he was an infant and remarried American nationals.

El-Sayed’s influences growing up included his father, an imam; his step-grandmother, a nurse and Presbyterian deaconess; an uncle, an atheist and slavic languages instructor at the University of Michigan; and another uncle, a truck driver and hunter who prepares Halal venison for him.

As El-Sayed’s family is built on harmony in diversity, he said, so is his political agenda. Common concerns should unite all citizens, he urged, regardless of background.

“If you’re too busy focusing on the symptoms, you’re going to miss the disease,” he said. “A broken economy, failing public schools, an unwillingness to engage in issues related to the earth we live on, these are just symptoms. The disease is far greater. The disease is broken politics.”

Both Republicans and Democrats, he added, engage in “intentionally divisive” politics because they are bought by special interests.

“The way forward has to be about setting an agenda about issues that matter most for the lives of people like that little boy, Demarius. And that’s the reason we decided to run.”

El-Sayed said his grassroots campaign has raised \$2 million

“without touching a dime of corporate money.”

During the event’s question and answer portion, El-Sayed elaborated on his platform, including the issues of gerrymandering, immigration, gun control, marijuana legalization and education.

On the hot topic of gun control, he said, “You can’t continue to watch kids being slaughtered in their schools and believe we can’t do something about this.”

He said he believes assault weapons are for warfare, not civilian recreation, and the mental illness argument stigmatizes mental illness. He called for the emergence of local gun boards and a required waiting period to purchase weapons.

As citizens, he said, “We need to put pressure on our elected politicians” and “sustain the pressure.”

El-Sayed is for full legalization of marijuana use, though he has never consumed it, he said.

He is opposed to policies allowing for-profit schools to benefit from tax dollars that should go to public schools. He proposed a revised funding formula for equity across Michigan schools and the development of an “infrastructure bank” to purchase and repurpose unused school buildings.

He also advocated universal pre-kindergarten and promotion of skilled trades as desirable career paths for more students.

“You can’t grow an economy without investing in kids,” he said.

When asked about his message for Grosse Pointe residents, El-Sayed told the Grosse Pointe News, “It’s been really easy, I think, to divide the suburbs from Detroit. And nobody really appreciates that more than Grosse Pointe. If we want to embrace a future that is more just, more equitable, more sustainable, but also more prosperous and more verdant, then we have to start thinking about ourselves as a region again. I think the opportunity to do that sits with high quality state leadership, but also sits with us coming together around a set of policies, recognizing that when we empower children in Detroit, we are empowering children in Grosse Pointe.”

’Tis the season

“This is the time for potholes,” said Brett Smith, Shores director of public works.

With the extreme swing in temperatures this year, potholes are starting to appear.

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation website, “Potholes are created when snow and ice melt as part of Michigan’s seasonal freeze-thaw cycles. Moisture seeps into the pavement, freezes, expands and thaws, creating a gap in the pavement. As vehicles drive over the gap, the pavement weakens leading to a pothole.”

While it felt like spring Tuesday, with temperatures around 60 degrees, next week’s lows are expected to drop back down to freezing, only exacerbating the pothole problem.

Local public works departments encourage anybody who sees a pothole to report it.

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the lawsuit filed in 2014.

According to Matouk Romain’s daughter, Michelle Romain, a ruling was expected Feb. 20, but after more than three hours of hearing oral arguments by the defendants, Parker said she will issue a written opinion in “a few weeks.”

Matouk Romain went missing after attending a service at St. Paul’s Catholic Church on Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, the evening of Jan. 12, 2010. Her body was found March 22, 2010, in the Canadian waters of the lower Detroit River.

Farms and Woods investigating officers reported they did not suspect foul play, concluding Matouk Romain’s death was caused by intentional or accidental immersion into the chilly waters of Lake St. Clair after walking across Lakeshore following the church service.

In the complaint, Matouk Romain’s family alleges Farms and Woods officers failed to investigate their mother’s death as a murder, too quick to determine it a suicide. They also accuse Tim Matouk of being involved in said murder. Matouk is Matouk Romain’s cousin who was a Harper Woods officer at the time of her disappearance.

The Farms and Woods summary judgment motions present the investigative and evidence-gathering procedures conducted by officers following Matouk Romain’s disappearance.

Matouk’s summary judgment motion explains he was conducting surveillance of a narcotics suspect in Warren the evening of Jan 12, 2010.

Parker’s ruling will conclude the lawsuit’s discovery phase.

Grosse Pointe Farms City Attorney William Burgess referred to the motion filed by the attorneys on record representing the Farms defendants.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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A girl sitting next to the door started crying. The freshman told the class to give her a hug. Some of the students seized the opportunity to run out the door.

According to a student’s account, “Once he saw everybody running, the gunman got really mad. He pointed the gun at the crowd. Everybody started running. There was screaming. I just stood there, paralyzed in fear. He started firing up at the ceiling three or four times. It was way louder than in the movies.”

Said Schonauer, “He shut the door and said, ‘Everybody, up against the wall.’ I was thinking: This is it.”

He knew he had to act before the situation escalated. The moment the student set the gun down, Schonauer seized the opportunity to grab the gun and tackle him. Several students helped restrain the 14-year-old.

“They held him there till the police arrived,” Niehaus said. “The police were there within 4 minutes. They had him out of there within 6. There were probably 85 officers who responded to the incident.”

The next priority, Niehaus said, was to put the school in lockdown and evacuate all 1,800 students to a nearby church. The state police wouldn’t let them bring in buses, so students had to

walk across an open field. This was followed by the lengthy process of accounting for the presence of all students and reuniting them with their families.

When Niehaus arrived in Grosse Pointe, he had a clear mission — to make sure nothing like this happened again on his watch. That meant making enhanced safety and security part of the strategic plan, establishing an ongoing relationship with local public safety officers and working with a security company on safety procedures and crisis training.

Implemented Niehaus’s first year in the district and each subsequent fall were whole-school evacuations in addition to regular lockdown, tornado and fire drills required by the state.

As part of a systemized communications plan, the district collected cell phone numbers to reunite students with their families. Drills provide an opportunity to test these procedures.

“By testing these processes in the evacuation drills, we know when there’s an emergency, it’s second nature,” said Rebecca Fannon, community relations specialist. “I can log in. I have access to all (the students’) cell phones. The students know they’re going to get a text. The teachers know they’re going to get an email and a text. The parents know where on the website to look.

“It helps take that panic out of what could be a horrible moment because we’ve already practiced it,” she continued. “We learn from every single evacuation drill and we think about what we could do (better) next time.”

A two-day training session in the fall brought administrators, psychologists, social workers, counselors and key office and plant staff together to review emergency planning together, each looking at it from a different perspective, Fannon said. The first

day focused on the plan and physical safety and the second on communication and psychological ramifications, such as what to do after an event to minimize trauma.

While the goal is to communicate, plan and prepare, the hope is never to have to put it to the test in a real emergency.

“It’s something I hope I never have to go through again as a superintendent and I work day to day to make sure that doesn’t happen,” said Niehaus. “That day was a long day.”

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Henry Ford doctor educates Myanmar residents

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When most people vacation, they want to escape — enjoy a relaxing, fun-filled time away from the every day.

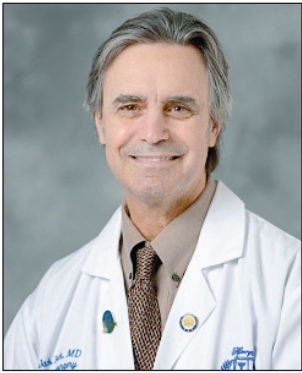
When Jack Rock M.D., takes a vacation, he works.

Rock, a neurosurgeon with Henry Ford Health System since 1989, has made international education a normal extracurricular event.

He began working with the system's international program in 2002, via the Foundation for International Education in Neurosurgery. FIENS is a volunteer network of neurosurgeons covering Asia, Africa, the Philippines and, "anyplace that has an inkling of some sort of resident program," Rock said. "There are 25 programs around the world FIENS tries to support."

Through FIENS, Rock visited Thailand, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Ghana, Cambodia and Nepal before narrowing his scope to one location.

"I was thinking of going somewhere with a relatively new resident pro-



Dr. Jack Rock

gram," he said. "In 2012, Myanmar opened its doors after 50 years of complete military rule."

After his second visit, he decided to stay with Myanmar, "Not that I need to leave work to do more work," he said, "but you can't get a relationship unless you spend a fair amount of time there and get familiar."

Rock said there wasn't a neurosurgery residency program in Myanmar until 2005. The residents in the program are all general surgeons who have turned to neurosurgery. Rock has dedicated two years there, bringing staff along to help, including teaching a neurosurgery boot camp.

"In the U.S., first- and second-year residents are

required to attend a two- or three-day session to learn the fundamentals of neurosurgery procedures you'll do all the time," Rock said. "I put one on in Myanmar. Forty-five residents came from all over Southeast Asia — Cambodia, Singapore, Nepal, Vietnam."

The two-day course included a day of lectures followed by a day of skill stations, where residents learned to install catheters, measure intracranial pressure and other skills. The camp was free to residents, thanks to sponsorship by Medtronic.

Sponsorships and donations are integral to the trips, Rock said.

"Whenever we do these trips and there's something particular they want to learn but don't have the equipment, we get it donated," Rock said.

In fact, apart from major medical companies donating equipment, private donors have made sure the trips come to fruition.

"When it all started out with Myanmar, it was my mother, Edith Rock, who gave us the money," Rock said. "It's pricey when you bring three or four people. She donated so we could take everyone."

Another donor, Sandra Collins, gifted enough money for a five-year grant, Rock added, "so we can afford to do this as often as we do."

The international program works the other way around, too, with residents coming to Henry Ford for two-month rotations, to observe only. Myanmar residents have visited



PHOTOS BY TYLER PRENTISS

Rock poses with students and staff of a boot camp he hosted in Myanmar.

twice, with two more expected this year.

Rock works via Skype every two weeks with Myanmar residents, presenting cases and talking them through slides.

"The reason I'm willing to do it is because they're enthusiastic," he said.

Rock also uses Skype to work on his Burmese, so he may better communicate while in Myanmar. "I thought it might be nice to learn how to speak it a little bit," he said. "It's a challenging language."

No doubt Rock will use his Burmese during upcoming trips to Myanmar, when he plans to assess five major cities to see if they're capable of providing neurological care.

"There are only three cities in Myanmar that provide high-level care," Rock said. "If you have to go hours for care for a severe head injury, you're not going to make it. We'll figure out if it makes sense to have residents within a year after their training to staff those hospitals."

It takes nearly 24 hours to get from Myanmar to

Detroit.

"I like international travel and getting on the inside of a culture," Rock said, "not just with a tour book walking down the street."

Long plane rides aside, trips overseas have become more like vacations for Rock, despite the work.

"Work when you don't have to do paperwork is a different kind of work," he said. "It's fun. Plus there's a clear value to the people you're doing it for. It's much more satisfying to interact with folks two or three weeks at a time and teach them stuff they don't know. Plus we become such good friends with everyone there."

Rock — who earned his undergraduate degree from Tulane University, attended medical school at the University of Miami, did his residency at Cornell Medical Center and a neurotrauma fellowship at the University of Maryland — moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1987. He and his wife, Mary, have two children — one a jazz guitarist in San Francisco, the other

a second-year medical resident at the University of Illinois.

"My father was a doctor," Rock said. "I'm pretty sure I could never say I came up with the idea independently. I just liked it. It seemed like a logical thing to do. I knew I wanted to be a doctor since I was a little kid."

When he's not working — or going on vacation to work — Rock enjoys playing jazz piano. His band, Jazz Cycle, has performed at Cliff Bell's, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe and other local venues.

"I've been playing piano since I was a kid," he said. "I love playing gigs, but it's hard to imagine I could seriously do music. ... I'm happy we play once every couple of months. Any more than that is too much."

Because of his efforts in Myanmar, this spring Rock will be recognized with a Humanitarian Award from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Donations to the Myanmar program are accepted on the Henry Ford Health System website — henryford.com.

CDBG:

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required for review of CDBG allocation, City resident Richard DeLisle questioned if the tactile mat required by ADA on pedestrian ramps was compliant.

According to Dame, the City has been installing cast-iron mats.

"We use the cast-iron ones because we found the rubber ones deteriorate," Dame said. "So, our standard has been, for at least 10 of the last 11 years, to use the cast-iron ones."

"While the cast iron is perhaps desirable from many perspectives," DeLisle said, "in light of weather such as what we've been experiencing at the current time, they actually tend to be somewhat hazardous by virtue of ice building up on them. ... Has anyone spe-

cifically validated that cast iron under wet conditions truly complies with ADA?"

Dame assured all ramps are ADA compliant the year they are installed and cast iron is the best approach.

The City is looking to complete the ramp project

in 2019, when it resurfaces Maumee.

"The vast majority of the remaining sidewalks and intersections are on Maumee," Dame said. "If we stick with the planned road improvement schedule, which is to redo Maumee in 2019, we'd hit those at the same time."

POTHOLES:

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Road Commission has a 24-hour hotline at (888) 762-3273, to report any pothole in Wayne County, even if it is not on a county road. They will take the report and forward it to the appropriate agency.

Or, if you notice a pothole on a local road, cut out the middleman and call the department of public works directly at the following numbers:

- ◆ City: (313) 417-1188
- ◆ Farms: (313) 885-6600
- ◆ Park: (313) 822-6200
- ◆ Shores: (313) 886-0020
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More ID theft

◆ A resident reported receiving a bill from AT&T Saturday, Feb. 17, for \$372.71. When he called the cellphone carrier to report he did not have an account with AT&T, he was told an account was set up using his information for three cellphone lines and three iPhone Xs. The resident also was told the suspect had attempted to set up an account four times in one week.

The cellphones were shipped to another City residence, but returned to AT&T.

◆ A resident reported unemployment benefits fraudulently applied for under her name Wednesday, Feb. 14.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Over the limit

A 50-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, on Lakeshore at Vernier.

An officer stationed at Lakeshore and Webber spotted a vehicle traveling southbound on Lakeshore matching the description of a Be On the Lookout alert for erratic driving. A caller described the vehicle swerving and coming

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close to other vehicles on the road.

As the officer followed the vehicle, he observed the driver swerve into adjacent lanes multiple times and initiated a traffic stop.

According to the arresting officer, an “overpowering” odor of intoxicants came from the vehicle and the driver had bloodshot and watery eyes, dilated pupils and slurred his speech.

Field sobriety and preliminary breath tests were conducted. The driver failed both with his blood alcohol content reading .233 percent.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted larceny

An unknown person attempted to enter several vehicles in the 1300 block of Wayburn between 3 and 4 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14.

OWI

A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 1:25 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the 15000 block of Jefferson. Police

observed the suspect circling the area and investigated. He was subsequently found to be intoxicated.

Warrant arrests

◆ A 57-year-old Detroit man was arrested for warrants while scavenging in the 900 block of Nottingham 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15.

◆ A 21-year-old Detroit man was taken into custody 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, while reporting to his probation officer, for an aggravated assault warrant out of the Park.

Party hardy

An 18-year-old Park man was arrested for assault and battery, disorderly conduct and minor in possession 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, in the 15000 block of Kercheval. He was taken to Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe due to high blood-alcohol content.

Window kicked in

A resident in the 1000 block of Beaconsfield reported an unknown person kicked a hole in her basement window 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

— Anthony Viola

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Broken church window

Officers responded to the report of a broken door window at a church in the 20000 block of Sunningdale Park Wednesday, Feb. 14. A church representative estimated the break occurred between 3 and 4 a.m. No other damage or missing items were included in the report.

Drunken driving

Officers arrested one of two men involved in a collision on Mack, when they came into the public safety lobby to make an accident report 9:20 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

A 27-year-old man from St. Clair Shores reported he was driving along Mack when a Buick Regal pulled out in front of him. He was unable to stop, hitting the rear of the vehicle.

The 77-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man driving the Regal said while attempting to cross Mack after leaving a restaurant on Mack and Hampton, his vehicle was hit in the left rear.

The officer taking the Regal driver’s statement observed his eyes were glassy and bloodshot, he

smelled of alcohol and his speech was slurred. The man had difficulty keeping his balance and his pants were unzipped. The man’s car was parked in front of the station with the right-side tires on the curb.

The Regal driver agreed to sobriety tests, including a preliminary blood test, which resulted in .086 percent blood alcohol content.

The man was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Vehicles rifled

Officers reported early morning Sunday, Feb. 18, an unknown suspect on foot broke into seven vehicles on Huntington, Holiday and Dorthen. One of the victims provided police video surveillance of a subject in dark clothing in his driveway at 4:48 a.m.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Busted with pot

When patrolling officers stopped a driver for a non-functioning headlamp and making an illegal turn on Moross from Mack at 7:48 p.m., Wednesday Feb. 14, they

detected the odor of unburnt marijuana coming from the vehicle.

The 34-year-old Harper Woods man driving the vehicle admitted to having marijuana in the vehicle.

Officers confiscated a partially smoked marijuana cigarette and a clear bag holding 5.07 grams of marijuana before issuing the driver a citation for possession.

Spat turns physical

A 26-year-old Farms woman was arrested at her mother’s home in the 200 block of Merriweather at 7:54 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, for nonaggravated assault against her mother.

The 56-year-old victim said she and her daughter were engaged in an argument over the removal of a wine bottle when her daughter grabbed her arm and pushed her.

The victim’s 18-year-old son said he was alerted of the assault by the suspect’s young children who came to him crying and telling him their mother hit their grandmother.

A responding officer observed redness on the victim’s arm and scratches on her hand before arresting her daughter.

— Melissa Walsh

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

City, Maire look to create safe routes

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City will apply for a state of Michigan grant to improve the safety around Maire Elementary School.

Given the go-ahead from council Monday, Feb. 12, City Manager Peter Dame and city staff will apply for a state transportation grant, which would provide money to improve signage and crosswalks, relocate the sidewalk adjacent to the school on Cadieux further away from the road, install bike racks and help Maire administrators create an educational program to promote walking and biking.

According to Dame, the city has been working with Maire administrators and a committee of parents and teachers for about two years to prioritize projects to encourage children to walk and bike to school.

“It’s a long time coming,” Councilman Don Parthum said.

The total construction cost is estimated at \$100,000, with 100 percent covered by the grant. The City and school district would be responsible for paying the engineering costs, however, which are estimated around \$20,000 to \$30,000. Those costs would be split 50/50 between the school district and city.

“We have to pay any engineering fees, which would be an estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000 (for the City),” Dame said. “The school is committed to pay the other half.”

RATES:

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Part II Index crimes, categorized as less severe crimes, also increased from 2016, rising to 173 from 131.

“One of the biggest things that you see is an increase that we anticipate will increase even more this year, is identity theft and fraud,” Poloni said.

According to the report, there was a 50 percent increase in fraud reports in 2017, and since Jan. 1, 2018, the City almost has surpassed the 2017 total.

The reason for such a dramatic increase in fraud is unclear, but according to Poloni, the cause could be last year’s massive credit information hack.

“Some people are speculating it is due to the (Equifax) breach,”

Poloni said.

There also were slight increases in liquor violations and drunken driving arrests, according to the report. But, “nothing out of the ordinary,” Poloni said.

Last year also saw the most arrests the last five years. Overall arrests increased to 188, 33 percent higher than 2016’s 141 arrests and 42 percent higher than the five-year average of 132.

There were 341 fire calls in 2017, 75 more than 2016.

Poloni said, “58 of those were false alarms, actually only six dwelling fires and three commercial building fires in 2017.”

The total fire loss according to the report was \$779,480, a significant decrease from more than \$2.6 million

in 2016, when there were seven dwelling fires and one commercial fire.

Ambulance runs, 202 in 2017, make up the majority of fire operations. According to the report, average response time for ambulance calls was approximately 4 minutes.

In total, public safety received 6,264 calls for service, a 10 percent increase from 2016, and

the most the last five years by a large margin. On average, from 2013 to 2016, public safety received 5,262 calls per year.

“It looks like activity has been up a little bit,” Councilman Daniel Williams said. “I would encourage the public safety department ... if there is something you need, please bring it to our attention so we can address it quickly.”

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OPEN LETTER

To Detroit General Counsel Garcia

Dear Mr. Garcia:

We are trying to get our heads around what happened.

Here is a timeline of events:

- ◆ On March 10, the City of Grosse Pointe signs a purchase agreement with St. John to buy the property and building at 4849 Canyon.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe begins six months of due diligence and site plan design.
- ◆ On Sept. 15, the City of Grosse Pointe submits an application for site plan review to use the property as a warehouse for its Department of Public Works and “storage of service vehicles.”
- ◆ On Sept. 21, Detroit’s Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department approves said site plan.
- ◆ On Sept. 27, a Notice of Public Hearing on Oct. 11 is published in the Detroit Legal News and mailed to 38 homes within 300 feet of the property. Two letters are returned and no objections are received.
- ◆ At the Oct. 11 Public Hearing, no one attends to express opposition to the planned use.
- ◆ On Oct. 19, BSEED gives conditional approval with an effective date of Nov. 15 pending no appeals.
- ◆ On Nov. 13, new City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher calls for more due diligence on viability of the Canyon site for the DPW.
- ◆ On Nov. 15, the Conditional Site Plan approval becomes permanent.
- ◆ On Dec. 18, the Grosse Pointe City Council unanimously votes to complete purchase of 4849 Canyon for \$2 million and begins preparation to move DPW operations there.
- ◆ On Jan. 18, Grosse Pointe Times (C&G Newspapers) publishes a story and a photo of residents holding cartoon figures of rats and cheese on sticks, purporting rat problems at the existing DPW site in Grosse Pointe. (The City of Grosse Pointe maintains no rat problem exists.)
- ◆ On Jan. 21, a Detroit resident posts the C&G photo/article on her Facebook page. Another resident shares a post from the East English Village page: “Attention EEVA — please note: I just got off the phone with Alexis Wiley — Chief of Staff — The Mayor’s Office is continuing to work on the proposed GP DPW issue in Cornerstone — please read up on it — the GP City Council approved it — NOT OURS — Much debate and information is being reviewed by our Mayor and legal teams — plus there is more info being reviewed — more updates to come from me.”
- ◆ On Jan. 25, Metro Times publishes a sensational story on Grosse Pointe’s DPW plans.
- ◆ On Jan. 25 in memorandum to BSEED Director David Bell, Detroit General Counsel Lawrence Garcia writes that overnight storage of garbage trucks is not permissible under the General Business zoning and, further, that “at least” 20 of 40 property owners within 300 feet were not given “required notice” according to Department records. Mr. Garcia orders “conditional approval” be rescinded.
- ◆ On Jan. 26, BSEED Director Bell sends a certified letter to Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame rescinding previous site plan approval and apologizes for any inconvenience.



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Grosse Pointe past

Cunningham’s Drugs was a fixture on the north side of Notre Dame and Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, in 1964. The site currently is Kroger In The Village. This photo was gifted to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society by William E. Keane Jr. in 1987.

◆ On Jan. 26, Mr. Dame issues the following statement: “The City of Grosse Pointe followed all of the proper public processes, complied with Detroit zoning officials’ counsel and fully informed Detroit officials during the plan-review and use-approval process.”

What we can’t understand is how, during eight months of discussions, BSEED officials failed to notice storage of sanitation vehicles was impermissible under the General Business warehouse zoning, but you, after perhaps a week of investigation, discovered the zoning limitation?

Also, you rescinded the “conditional” site plan approval, but the conditional approval became permanent Nov. 15, when no appeals were received. So what you rescinded no longer existed. Does your ruling still apply?

One person told us your decision was merely “political,” responding to residents’ complaints. Is that so?

Had no one complained, would the site plan use been allowed to go forward?

Lastly, had it gone forward and Grosse Pointe had closed on the \$2 million purchase and begun using site for storage of garbage trucks and had you or someone else noticed the improper use under the zoning, could the plug on said use be pulled at anytime in the future?

Thank you for your feedback, if you like. We find this quite embarrassing for Grosse Pointe ... not to mention the bad press we received only to find out what we were doing was, in your word, “illegal.” I am sure no one here meant to do something illegal or “dump our garbage” on Detroit.

JOHN MINNIS, PUBLISHER
Grosse Pointe News

Editor’s note: If Mr. Garcia responds, we will share his comments next week.

LETTERS

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

Water meter charges in Woods

To the Editor:

The chart is a follow-up of articles that appeared in the Grosse Pointe News Oct. 12 and Nov. 30, 2017.

The charted figures reflect the equitable distribution of fixed cost and capital improvements the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council should implement instead of utilizing a “potential water usage” and other discriminatory methods.

The figures were received from Grosse Pointe Woods during the past year. The dollar amounts were effective July 1, 2017. The next phase of the increase is due July 1.

This equitable allocation will result in the following:

- ◆ 5,636 residents will pay (\$501-\$274-\$131) \$96 more per year;
- ◆ 959 residents will pay (\$602+\$235-\$501) \$336 less per year;
- ◆ 221 residents will

pay (\$1,096+\$379-\$501) \$974 less per year.

If the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council methodology continues, charges to 5/8- and 3/4-inch water meter owners rise \$1, the 1-inch

water meter will rise to \$2.50 and 1 1/2-inch water meter will increase \$5.

Remember, all residents are still paying for water/sewage charges based upon water usage.

As fiduciaries it is incumbent upon the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council to revisit this issue in fairness to the residents who have been discriminated against and potentially into the future. The residents with 1-inch water meters are paying hundreds of dollars more per year and the 1 1/2-inch water meter users

have paid thousands of dollars more than the 5/8- and 3/4-inch water meter owners over the prior four years based primarily on “potential water usage.”

At the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting in November, Mayor Robert E. Novitke stated the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council will revisit this issue at an April 2018 city council meeting. This long delay is because, Mr. Novitke stated, that is when water issues are discussed.

PAULA A. SAIGH
Grosse Pointe Woods

POTENTIAL WATER USAGE			
Meter Size	Number of Homes	FIXED COST	
		Yearly Charge	Total
%	4,278	\$ 274	\$1,172,172
¾	1,358	\$ 274	\$ 372,092
1	959	\$ 602	\$ 577,318
1 1/2	<u>221</u>	\$1,096	\$ 242,216
	<u>6,816</u>		<u>\$2,363,798</u>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			
%	4,278	\$ 131	\$ 560,418
¾	1,358	\$ 131	\$ 177,898
1	959	\$ 235	\$ 225,365
1½	<u>221</u>	\$ 379	\$ 83,759
	<u>6,816</u>		<u>\$1,047,440</u>
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I SAY By John Minnis

These ‘snowbirds’ are flying away!



This time of year, my thoughts turn to Detroit Tigers baseball. Already, the pitchers and catchers and full squad have reported to Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla. We will be heading south next week to spend a week in Orlando and catch a couple of Detroit Tigers Spring Training games in Lakeland. I can picture the berm, the palm trees and the ads on the outfield fence. I feel the warm sun already! Big changes in Lakeland. The spring home of the Detroit Tigers has undergone major renovation and expansion. Publix, the major grocer in Florida, is the corporate naming

sponsor, though they did keep “Joker Marchant” in recognition of the former longtime head of parks and recreation for the city of Lakeland. The ballpark now features a 360-degree walkway, new seating in right field and left, a Margaritaville bar and many more amenities. We remember when Joker Marchant Stadium was a sleepy, A-ball, Minor League venue with bleachers and hot dogs served out of food trucks. Not so today. We’re talking the majors! It’s kind of sad for us Spring Training fans who have been going to games at Joker Marchant Stadium for decades. The Detroit Tigers have called Lakeland its Spring Training home 82 years and with a signed 20-year agreement, the Lakeland-Detroit Tigers marriage will celebrate its centennial 2036. When we first began going to Spring Training

in the 1970s and ’80s, it was a lot more laid back than now. We used to be able to park and watch practice for FREE! Now they charge for parking and an admission for practices. Ticket prices, of course, have gone way up over the decades, and it’s not unusual to find scalpers offering to “buy tickets.” Tickets are sometimes hard to come by. In more recent times, we remember waiting online for Spring Training tickets to go on sale and quickly grabbing some for the big games. Back in the day, it was a lot easier to get autographs. In fact, we used to wait outside the clubhouse door for the players to come out after showering. Most cheerfully signed autographs and joked around with the fans. Not so much today. Heck, we even parked in the same parking lot and got to meet players’ wives and kids. We even stayed in the

same hotel as many of the Tigers — Holiday Inn Central. One time, Mark “The Bird” Fidrych and Dave Rozema shared the kitchenette room above ours. We used to throw balls up to them to sign. One time, “Rosey” was out dancing and fell and broke a cologne bottle in his back pocket. Can’t remember if he needed stitches. On another occasion, an alligator decided to use the Holiday Inn pool. One of the Tiger’s wives discovered it. John Wockenfuss used to go bass fishing on Lake Parker and elsewhere. He was successful, too, as often we found awful fish remains in a bucket outside his door. John Hiller used to go shore fishing with those long poles and big reels. We remember once he was only gone a short time before he returned. “Broke my pole!” he said, before retrieving another and heading out again.

In those days, it was nothing to run into Tigers General Manager Jim Campbell and Vice President Rick Ferrell. Campbell was a fan of singer Ann Murray. When you heard, “Snowbird,” you knew you were at Spring Training at Joker Marchant Stadium. Ironically, my best memories of Spring Training are more recent. Several years ago, our niece Lindsay was studying journalism at Oakland University. She wanted to be a sports writer. So I managed to get press passes for the two of us to go on the field at Joker Marchant Stadium. We would arrive early, the sun just coming up, dew still on the lush, green grass, in order to catch the players before they went in the clubhouse. (As the “reporter,” Lindsay had a “Clubhouse” pass. As the “photographer,” I didn’t. I was kind of

bummed.) Lindsay interviewed one of the “new” players: Prince Fielder. She was nervous, but did a good job. I took photos of her with Prince and we published her story and my photos in Grosse Pointe Magazine. At the time, Lindsay was a semi-finalist for MLB Fan Cave and the Tigers were well aware of that fact. They cautioned us she could not use her access to the field and clubhouse to promote her MLB Fan Cave ambition. We complied, of course. While Lindsay decided not to go into journalism but became a teacher instead, spending time with her on the field at Joker Marchant Stadium will be among my most cherished Spring Training memories. We plan to take a lot of photos while in Lakeland and promise to share them with our readers. Can’t wait. See you when we get back!

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

HOODLUMISM WAVE SWEEPS POINTE AREA: To add to the worries and confusion which the wartime period imposes on the residents of the Pointes, a plague of malicious mischief seems to have broken out among the youngsters of the region. Miscreants broke all of the windows in the rear of the Punch and Judy building on Kercheval the same night 20 windows were broken on the high school, a vacant house on Balfour had a lot of its windows broken and windows were broken on businesses on Mack and Kercheval. **HIGH SCHOOL RE-**

CEIVES RECOGNITION FOR WAR PROGRAM: Grosse Pointe High School received recognition for changes it made to meet the war situation at a recent meeting of principals of Michigan Secondary Schools. Changes in curriculum, graduation requirements and physical education programs were cited.

1968

50 years ago this week

BITING DOG SEARCH HAS HAPPY END: The two Ferry School students bitten by a playful dog have been spared rabies treatment. The animal has been found and it is still playful and healthy. **COTTAGE HOSPITAL GRANTED VARIANCE:**

Cottage Hospital, at odds with its neighbors and city officials because of proposed additions and alterations, was granted temporary variance of a section of the Zoning Ordinance requiring a certain number of off-street parking spaces for the total allowable beds in the institution.

1993

25 years ago this week

PARK COUNCIL REJECTS NURSERY: A proposed plant nursery for the vacant Lakepointe Olds building on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park was chopped down before it could take root when the city council denied a rezoning request for the nursery.

FARMS ASSESSMENTS IN THE MAIL: Grosse Pointe Farms homeowners will find out if their property assessments are to increase or decrease. Due to the reappraisal of properties undertaken last summer by the city and Wayne County, about 25 percent of the properties will decrease in state

equalized valuation this year.

2008

10 years ago this week

MILLIONS TO BE INVESTED: Henry Ford Cottage Hospital will invest more than \$10 mil-

lion into its Grosse Pointe Farms facility this year. Plans involve renovated private patient rooms, new technologies and expansion of services including 24-hour emergency care, a long-term acute care unit and inpatient mental health unit and day programs.

— Karen Fontanive

Strobl speaks at CPAC 2018

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Grant Strobl spoke this week at the 2018 Conservative Political Action Conference at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. Sponsored by the American Conservative Union, CPAC is the most recognized annual conference for conservative political activists. Other speakers at the 2018 conference included President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, commentator Ben Shapiro, media personality Sean Hannity and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. Strobl is national chairman of Young Americans for Freedom and a frequent spokesman for free speech on campuses across the country. “CPAC is a tremendous platform for me to bring attention to the continuing issue of attacks on conservative speakers and programs on campuses across the country,” Strobl said. Strobl attends the University of Michigan where he majors in international studies and polit-

ical science, with a minor in German. He is expected to graduate with the class of 2018, then enter law school at the University of Notre Dame. Strobl is on Red Alert Politics’ “30 Under 30” list

and Newsmax’s “30 under 30” list of influential young Republicans. He also is a twice-elected member of the 14th District Republican Congressional Executive Committee.

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Principals return to school district they call home

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

This is the final article in a three-part series on Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers and administrators who are alumni of the district.

Three principals in the Grosse Pointe Public School System were products of the school district they now help lead.

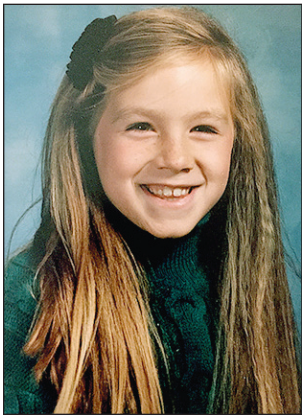
Lisa Rheume, principal of Defer Elementary School, is the newest of the alumni administrators. A resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, she attended Poupard Elementary, Parcels Middle and Grosse Pointe North High schools.

“I chose to return to Grosse Pointe Public Schools because I wanted to give back by serving in the community that gave me so much growing up, first as a teacher and then as a principal,” Rheume said. “I vividly remember projects we created in fourth grade as we learned about the United States and the dissections or experiments in science classes in high school. Many of my experiences shaped my instruction as a classroom teacher because I wanted to give students the opportunity to enjoy learning as much as I did. The teachers in the district encouraged and supported me in many ways, helping me become the person I am today. As a principal now, I want to collaborate with teachers and families to help students be leaders and learners every day.”

Shelleyann Keelean, who attended Trombly Elementary, Pierce Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools, decided she wanted to return to Grosse Pointe



Lisa Rheume as a senior at Grosse Pointe North. Today she is principal of Defer Elementary School.



Shelleyann Keelean as a second grader in Steve Buckman's class at Trombly Elementary School. Today she is principal of Monteith Elementary School.



after the birth of her first son, George.

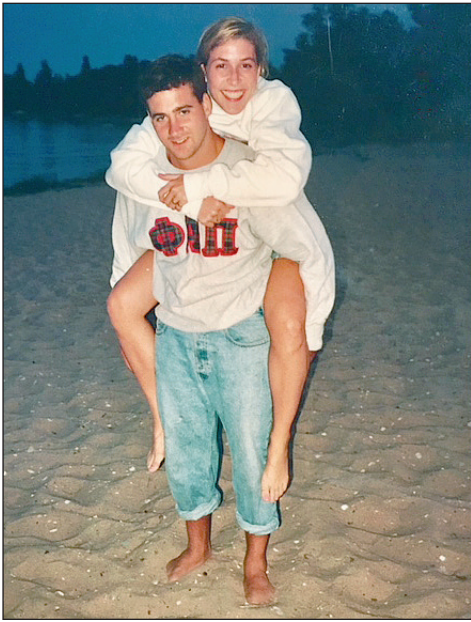
“I had incredible teachers in Grosse Pointe Schools,” Keelean said. “They were the people in my life that inspired me to go into teaching. When I had my son George I knew that I wanted him to be able to go to Grosse Pointe schools and have a wonderful educational experience.”

Now principal of Monteith Elementary School, Keelean said when she reflects on her own years as a student, she can relate to students who struggle academically.

“Just like many of the incredible students I have worked with over the years, I had areas that I struggled with and times I just didn't know how to

be successful,” she said. “My teachers became my role models because they were these amazing men and women who worked so hard to make school an exciting and happy place for all students.”

Favorite memories from her school days include Eric Frakes at Trombly ending every Friday with a Beatles song; Susan Dempsey and Tammy Duffield creating the Wizards project and Mini Society; Jan Brengman teaching the students sign language at Pierce, making helping verbs exciting and signing to students in the hall to brighten their days; and Sandy Shellnut and Carol Rio creating an “amazing culture in their hallway where social



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, Rodger and Michelle Hunwick met in college. After graduating in 1992, they both headed back to Grosse Pointe. Above right, Roger and Michelle Hunwick today. He is principal of Brownell Middle School and she teaches first grade at Maire Elementary School.

studies and language arts came alive,” from the wax museum to creating their own country to a Greek mythology mural.

“These teachers made me believe in myself and made me want to become that person for other students,” Keelean said. “I am so lucky to have gone through Grosse Pointe schools and worked with these amazing teachers.”

Looking ahead to when George and her younger son, Edward, both currently at Barnes Early Childhood Center, begin their elementary school years, Keelean said she wants to make sure they “get the experience that I did as a child finding teachers who truly love what they do. I know we have already experienced that through the Barnes Pre-K program and I know it will continue as they grow.”

Rodger Hunwick, principal at Brownell Middle School, graduated in 1988 from South. His wife, Michelle Hunwick, graduated from North the same year. The two didn't meet until they were both students at Olivet College, a small, rural liberal arts college in Michigan specializing in education.

“We met because we were the only two students from Grosse Pointe,” Hunwick said. “Our journey back to Grosse Pointe to be hired as teachers in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools in 1992 led us on our journey together. In 1995 we married, in 1996 we purchased our first home in Grosse Pointe and in 1998 we started our family. Working as educators in Grosse Pointe was a dream come true from the start and it continues

to be to this day.”

Michelle Hunwick is currently a first-grade teacher at Maire Elementary School. Hunwick taught history 20 years at Parcels before joining Brownell as assistant principal and, later, principal. Their oldest daughter graduated from South in 2017 and attends the University of Michigan. Their youngest daughter is a seventh-grader at Brownell.

“We both aspired to return to the Grosse Pointe community because it not only values educational excellence, it also provides a commitment to family by its school district leadership,” Roger Hunwick said. “We consider ourselves most fortunate to work with the students, families, and staff in the Grosse Pointe community.”

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Gordon Aiello, of Grosse Pointe Woods, graduated fall 2017 from the University of Iowa with a Ph.D. in applied mathematical and computational sciences.

Alex Batts, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and **Corinne Chadwell**, of Grosse Pointe Park, were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Cedarville University.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Madeline Schebil**

and Grosse Pointe Park resident **Griffin Wray** were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Poetry slam breaks hearts

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Slam Poetry’s unofficial motto is, “The points are not the point; the point is poetry.”

This was the case during Grosse Pointe South High School’s Poetry Slam — the competitive art of performance poetry — at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch Feb. 13. While points were awarded for each poet’s performance, the object was for audience members to join the fun, interacting with the poets by expressing approval of their performance with applause and snapping fingers or disapproval of judges’ scores with jeers and even — at host Phelan Johnson’s instruction — farm animal noises. This audience participation is integral to a poetry slam, according to Slam Inc. Audience members are encouraged to react to all aspects of the show, including the poet’s performance, the judges’ scores and the host’s banter.

Hosted by the English department and attended by poets, poetry aficionados and a few students seeking extra credit in their English classes, this third slam of the year featured a broken hearts theme on the eve of Valentine’s Day. According to official slam rules, five judges were selected from the audience and numerical scores awarded on a scale of zero to 10 based on the poets’ content and performance. Each poem must be the work of the performer and under 3 minutes long. Of the scores the poet received,



Above, LaShun O’Rear won first place for his performance of “My Perennial Five Seconds” and “M.K.” Right, judges Eion Meldum and Kaiya Sutton weigh in with their scores.

the high and low scores were dropped and the middle three added together, with a maximum possible score of 30.

“Judges, do not let yourselves be influenced by these peons in the audience,” said English teacher and organizer Harry Campion. “Audience, influence those judges.”

The event began with an open mic, followed by two rounds of slam poetry. Selections varied from love poetry in keeping with the broken hearts theme, social commentary, comedy and personal confessional pieces.

After the first round, scores were tabulated and poets recited their second poems in descending order, from most to least points received. Scores from both rounds were added together and seven winners were announced and prizes given, with senior LaShun O’Rear awarded first place for his performance of “My Perennial Five Seconds” and “M.K.,” about unrequited love.



PHOTOS BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Other top scores were earned by Kerrigan Dunham, Gwyneth Rennell, Martha Dawson, Taiya Wilson, Grace Cupolo and Jordan Connally.

“I like poetry with a deeper meaning, like something that’ll affect you farther than just the surface meaning of what someone can write,” said senior Kaiya Sutton, one of the judges.

“I definitely loved LaShun,” said judge Eion Meldrum, also a senior. “He won first place and I thought both his performances were great.”

Both judges said they factored audience reactions and relatable material into their scores.

Poetry slam was founded in 1984 by Marc Smith, a construction worker and poet looking for a way to breathe life into the open mic format at a poetry reading at a Chicago jazz club.

The next slam will be held at the Ewald branch Tuesday, April 17, during National Poetry Month.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Kate Kingsley

School: Grosse Pointe Academy

Years at GPA: 13

Grade/Subject: Early School Montessori director, morning multi-age and afternoon kindergarten

Nominated by: Jennifer Kendall, assistant head of school for early and lower school education

Assistant head’s quote:

“Kate truly nurtures, challenges and inspires the children in her Early School classroom. She helps each child develop their interests in all areas of the Montessori classroom. Her kindergarten students enjoy their afternoons with ‘Miss Kate’ as they continue their work on reading and math along with geography, science, art, music and more. She encourages the children and helps them develop resilience and grit as they are challenged in preparation for their journey to first grade.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The biggest gift you can give a child as a teacher is

a love of learning. My hope is that the children in my classroom find joy in what they do each day.

I feel honored every day to teach in a building, and on a campus, with such deep history and beauty. I am grateful to have worked and learned from past and present teachers that have taught me many things over the years and believe so strongly in the Montessori philosophy. The Montessori Method is unique in that it follows the individual child; the independence we instill is the building blocks our students will use for the rest of their schooling. The parents at GPA are incredible; we have children in our classroom for three years which creates a bond with not just the child, but also their entire family. I have a very special place in my heart for the Grosse Pointe Academy and feel very blessed to be a part of it each day.

Describe a teaching accomplishment



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you’re proud of or a “teachable moment” you experienced.

When a child sounds out their first word; the excitement that lights up their face is by far my favorite teaching moment.

Please share something that has inspired you or your teaching.

The lesson I have learned most in my 13 years of teaching is that there is nothing more important than kindness, which is the foundation of what we teach every day at the Grosse Pointe Academy Early School.

Favorite quote:

“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.”

— Maria Montessori

PRIDE:

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Mary-Margaret Miller, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Wilson Moin, of Grosse Pointe Woods, were named to the fall 2017 President’s List at The University of Alabama for achieving a 4.0 grade point average.

Meghan Mitchell, of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Carrie Rakowicz, of Grosse Pointe Shores, were named to the fall 2017 Dean’s List at The University of Alabama for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

The following area

students were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2017 semester at Northern Michigan University: Sarah Knust and Brooke Quinn, both of Grosse Pointe Farms; Grosse Pointe Park resident Mary Quinn and Eva Feldman and Benjamin Vasquez, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.



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Home at last

GP finds his ‘forever’ home with Jackson veteran

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Jackson resident Marty Baird has a new best friend — but to Baird’s family, he’s a lifesaver. GP — the locally sponsored, specially-trained Guardian Angels Medical Service Dog — was paired Nov. 30 with Baird, a veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Last week, GP was introduced to the Grosse Pointe community after which he was named.

Baird served with the U.S. Navy during the Persian Gulf War aboard the USS Kalamazoo, then, after being honorably discharged, joined the Michigan Army National Guard. He served diligently for a time, then stepped down.

Two months later, terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York.

“That day I told my wife it was time to go back in,” Baird said. “In September of 2004, I left for Iraq. I was there 14 months. I came home Thanksgiving Day 2005. Three months later, I was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. It was terrible. I’ve been living with PTSD since I was diagnosed in 2006.”

Baird, who’s been married to Jennifer nearly 25 years, said living with PTSD caused a lot of changes in his life. Rather than ask for help, he



From left, Mary Lamparter, Jennifer Baird, Marty Baird, Hannah Baird and Jolanthe Bassett.

adapted the best he could.

“I don’t know what normal is anymore,” he said. “I know what my normal has been.”

A veteran friend, Randy Riddle, also a recipient of a Guardian Angels Medical Service Dog, suggested Baird apply for a dog.

“He said it would work for me,” Baird said. “I was hesitant. It’s hard to say, ‘I need help,’ especially when you’ve lived with it for so long. My wife and daughter talked me into it.”

The father of three — Caleb, 23; Zach, 21; and Hannah, 19 — eventually called Guardian Angels and formally applied for

a dog.

The rest is a whirlwind. “Within the first week, they contacted me,” Baird said. “I said, ‘Already? There’s a two-year waiting list.’ They said, ‘We have a dog capable of everything you need.’”

“I flew to Tampa Nov. 29,” he continued. “We were paired Nov. 30 at 10:30 a.m. At 10:45, they said, ‘Go to the hotel and stay there for 24 hours.’ I was still overwhelmed with the travel, emotionally drained. And he’s a new dog, so I didn’t know what signs he was showing me. We laid in bed and watched TV. All he wanted to do was get his belly rubbed.”

The pairing was off to an amicable start, but GP proved his worth right out of the gate. Their first night together, the dog woke Baird from three separate nightmares.

“He’s trained to sense my anxiety level changes,” Baird said. “He’ll whine, bark, sit in front of me, jump on me so I pay attention to him until my anxiety is back to normal. He wakes me up from nightmares. And one of the best things he does is shielding. If I’m shopping and I’m at the store alone, (before) it would take forever because I was constantly watching my back. Now, he’ll stand in a position

where he leans against my body. If he leans on my right side, someone is coming up on that side. If he leans on my left side, someone is coming up on my left. I don’t have to worry about it anymore.”

While still in Florida, Baird was told to take GP out to dinner — the same night the town’s Christmas parade was in full force.

“I was the only recipient to go; usually there’s seven or eight who get paired at the same time, but I was paired alone. So we went to dinner,” he said. “The town’s Christmas parade was blocking the roads; we were stuck. I decided we’d go for a walk. In the parade, the ROTC was marching. There were sirens. GP started to react. He was whining and he tried to take off.”

“I realized it wasn’t him with the problem; it was me,” he continued. “He sensed it. He recognized (my reaction to) the ROTC, the cadence, the marching — he caught it before I did. His mission was to get me away from it. So we walked away — and I felt myself calm down. I realized he did it for me.”

While Baird noticed a few changes after pairing with GP, his family noticed many. For one, Baird is able to be in crowds again.

“I noticed it when I was sitting in the mall,” he said. “I never would have done that pre-GP. I never would have even gone to the mall, let alone sit down. I was a gunner; I’m used to having to be vigilant. But I realized, because of GP, I wasn’t. He was doing that for me.”

Baird is using his new partner as an educational tool as well. He and GP volunteer with his church’s children’s ministry.

“It’s a great opportunity to explain why I have GP and to educate kids about PTSD,” Baird said. “I explain to them that I look normal, but I’m not.”

To solidify their bond, only Baird is allowed to give GP belly rubs or play fetch — one of the rules of having a service dog like GP. But belly rubs and fetch are two of GP’s favorite things, so he’s always looking for the opportunity, especially with Baird’s wife and daughter.

“He’s a clown,” Baird said. “He likes to push the boundaries of the rules with the family.”

Many thanks

GP was largely sponsored through donations from the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, The War Memorial and several private donors. To thank them for their efforts, Mary Lamparter, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and volunteer for Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, hosted an open house at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Feb. 15, so donors could meet Baird, his family and his new best friend.

“I’ve never experienced something like this,” Lamparter said. “To see the results of what we’ve done, to contribute money somewhere and see what it does, this doesn’t happen with a lot of organizations. That’s the beauty of what we’ve done here. We see the difference this dog is making in their lives.”

It’s a big difference, according to Jennifer Baird.

“It’s different being able to go out as a family and do things (without having to leave after five

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FILE PHOTO

GP was introduced to the community June 2016, when he was sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and The War Memorial at four weeks old.



It may look like GP is resting against Marty Baird’s legs, but he’s actually staying in physical contact to alert Baird of heightened anxiety.

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minutes),” she said, addressing donors. “A lot of it is just the smile that’s come back. It’s a genuine smile. PTSD doesn’t just affect the person; it affects the whole family. I’m thankful for everything you have done to help us get GP.”

Baird expressed his thanks as well.

“I couldn’t drive without having panic attacks,” he explained. “I couldn’t sleep. I would hide; I’d take what I had and turn it into my normal. With GP, I have a new normal. I want to thank you guys for that.”

Jolanthe Bassett, Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs regional coordinator for Michigan, said such a pairing not only changes the recipient, but the recipient’s family and community as well.

“It’s not just Marty who healed; his whole family is healing,” Bassett said. “Your giving touches more than the recipient; it touches the family. ... Now he’s not only able to give back to his family, but to his community as a whole.”

Gary Patrosso, a Grosse Pointe Realtor who helped spearhead the organization’s involvement, said he hopes this effort brings awareness to the commu-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

GP stays alert while performing his duties.

nity.

“You don’t realize how many people in this country are suffering from this,” he said. “How many people can say they actually changed someone’s life? We can say that now as a community. Who knows how many more dogs we could sponsor?”

Added Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial, “This is the power of doing good. I challenge the community to continue to find the small ways, the quiet decisions, that lead to good. This is the direct result of us wanting to do good. We all need to do more.”

For more information about Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, visit medicalservedogs.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers “Stop Eating like a Jerk and Start Living like a Boss” noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Cost is \$40 for members, \$52 for non-members. Registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 22.

To register, call (313) 885-4600 or visit neighborhoodclub.net.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The Rev. Niklaus Schillack, director of congregational engagement with Samaritas Detroit, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Better Health

Better Health, 19850 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a free health seminar noon Saturday, Feb. 24. Nutrition experts share the latest information on

having and maintaining a healthy heart. Questions and comments are encouraged. Reservations are not required, but are encouraged. Seating is limited. Call (313) 885-5000.

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The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, in the annex of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins at 7 p.m. Well-known birder Tom Hince presents, “Walking in the Footsteps of Birding Giants.” This May, Point Pelee celebrates its 100th anniversary as a national park. Learn what prevented the peninsula from becoming wall-to-wall cottages. The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

Wilson Center

Joan Crawford, D.O., hosts a free education session about heart disease 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living, 648 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. Crawford is the medical director of non-invasive cardiology and the faculty cardiology fellowship program at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, and the medical

director for the 2018 Go Red for Women, American Heart Association Greater Detroit Area. The event is free, but seating is limited. Register by calling (866) 501-3627, Option 3.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 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.

Family Center

The Family Center hosts a Meet & Greet for Professionals at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 447-1374.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 27 to March 20, “White Line Block Print Workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki.”

◆ 3:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Art After School, offering artists of

all ages the chance to work together and share ideas.

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center sponsors its annual Sue Abbott Lecture on Floral Design at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Darin Lenhardt, creative director of fleurdetroit, presents a lush and elegant style of floral arranging. Admission is \$5 for members, \$15 for guests. To reserve a seat, call (313) 499-0743.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

The War Memorial welcomes Gary Dorrien

The Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s left a lasting impact on how society addresses racial injustices. With noteworthy

leaders such as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the helm, the movement has influenced generations of social justice advocates. But what influenced the Civil Rights Movement?

Renowned social ethicist Gary Dorrien explores this theme in his

appearance Saturday, Feb. 24, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A Reinhold Niebuhr professor of social ethics at Union Theological Seminary, professor of religion at Columbia University and Huffington Post contribu-

tor, Dorrien is an Episcopal priest, lifelong athlete and author of numerous books and articles that range across the fields of ethics, social theory, theology, philosophy, politics and history. Philosopher Cornel West — who appeared at The War Memorial last April — described Dorrien as “the preeminent social ethicist in North America today.”

A VIP reception begins 12:30 p.m., followed by the lecture at 2 p.m. VIP tickets are \$50. General admission tickets are \$25.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is a presenting sponsor of this event.

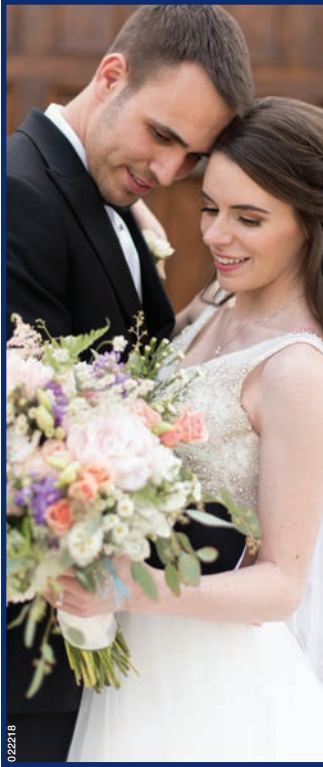
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Oscar Night at the Library is March 1

The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents Oscar Night at the Library 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Jennifer Proctor, associate professor of journalism and screen studies at the University of Michigan Dearborn, and H. James Gilmore, clinical professor of communication at U of M Dearborn — both filmmakers — return for a lively conversation about current Academy Award nominees. Film clips will be shown.

The program is free of charge, but seating is limited. Register on the library’s online calendar at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, Ext. 222.

Street art going to the dogs

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce has unveiled its 2018 street art project, “Dogs Unleashed.”

The search is on for sponsors and artists to decorate 18-inch lapdogs and 4-foot watchdogs.

“We thought it would be fun,” Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher said. “Grosse Pointe is a huge dog-loving community.”

Incidentally, for those interested in the Chinese Zodiac, 2018 also is the Year of the Dog.

The chamber has hosted street art projects since 2012, when it launched its GP Perch campaign, “Hooked on Grosse Pointe.” Butterfly benches followed in 2015.

“Street art projects run through the chamber foundation, a 501(c)3,” Boettcher said. “We reinvest the proceeds back

into the community and it gives the chamber support as well.”

Past projects have funded the “I heart GP” campaign, which included “Shop. Dine. Play.” banners throughout the community; donations to the K-line and Woods trolleys, to keep them operating free of charge; and the purchase of patrol bikes and bike fix-up stations for each of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods public safety departments.

Proceeds from Dogs Unleashed will be used to make a series of television commercials promoting “Shop. Dine. Play.”

To make the street art program work, the chamber is issuing a call for sponsors. Several sponsorship options are available.

“There are two size options, which we haven’t done in the past,” Boettcher said. “We real-

ize it’s expensive to sponsor a dog, but we decided to offer options so the smaller dog is more affordable for small businesses.”

Sponsorship options for the 18-inch lapdog include “adopting” the dog for \$1,200 — the dog will go up for auction at the end of the project — and purchasing the dog for \$2,000.

Three options for the 4-foot watchdog include “fostering” the dog for \$2,500 — again, the dog goes up for auction after the project — adopting the dog to own for \$5,000 or keeping the watchdog and a lapdog for \$10,000.

“We encourage businesses, if they want a larger dog, to go in with other businesses to share sponsorship,” Boettcher said.

Artists also are needed to provide their personalized services for the project.

“Every and any artist is

encouraged to participate,” Boettcher said.

Artists are given a template of the dog with which to create a rendering of their work. The designs are given back to the chamber, which creates a book of renderings. Sponsors then get to choose which artist they’d like to create their dog.

Dominic Pangborn is this year’s celebrity artist.

Artists get a stipend for supplies and their time, Boettcher said — \$250 for a lapdog, \$500 for a watchdog.

A kick-off party at Display Group takes place in May, at which artists and sponsors meet to discuss designs. Artists work through May and return the finished dogs to the chamber in time for its Legacy on the Lake event in June. After that, dogs are displayed throughout the community for the summer.

“We’re making a map



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Ceramic dogs are available in 18-inch and 4-foot options.

this year and an app of where they’re located,” Boettcher said.

In October, the “adoptable” dogs will go up for auction during “Dog Days of Summer” at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

“We’re hoping to have, at Legacy on the Lake, which is when all the finished dogs will be shown,

at least one commercial there to share with guests,” Boettcher said.

For more information, potential sponsors and artists may call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 or email info@grossepointechamber.com. Sponsor and artists applications and details are available at iheartgp.com.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Amy E. Graham

Recognizing and handling catastrophizing

Q: Depression and anxiety seem to run in our family. My older brother struggled with anxiety and depression his entire life and had a lot of problems because of it. He did poorly in high school, drank a lot of alcohol, did not finish college, was never able to keep a job for an extended amount of time and has pretty much excluded himself from family events. My ninth-grade son was just diagnosed with anxiety and depression. Are depression and anxiety just different words to describe a future of failures, substance use and misery?

A: Although depression and anxiety affect different people in different ways, they are both treatable conditions and most definitely not a guarantee of future failures, substance use or misery. In fact, depression and/or anxiety may resolve with competent, informed care such as psychotherapy, improved self-care, social supports and, in some cases, medication.

There are some common cognitions, or ways of thinking, research has

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shown contribute to adolescent anxiety and depression. In my presentation I refer to these as “traps.” One thinking trap both adolescents and adults fall into is called catastrophizing. Catastrophizing is having irrational thoughts that something is far worse than it actually is. It usually takes two forms.

The first is making a catastrophe out of a situation. For example, your adolescent may fail a geometry test and then believe they are a complete and utter failure and will fail every class. In reality, their struggle may only be a

temporary situation — one difficult chapter or difficulty in just the geometry class, not every class. The second kind of catastrophizing is future oriented. This kind of catastrophizing occurs when we think about the future and anticipate all the things that are going to go wrong. For example, your teen may be pitching in the big baseball game Friday and may repeatedly think, “I’m going to mess up” or “I’m not going to throw any strikes.” The teen then creates a reality around those thoughts — “I’m not going to practice today, because I’m just not good enough.” Because the teen believes something will go wrong, his behaviors contribute to making it go wrong.

The first step to dealing with catastrophizing is to help your teen recognize when they are doing it. Over time, the teen learns to identify patterns and situations that lead to it. From there, the teen can replace negative or catastrophizing thoughts with positive affirmations.

Amy E. Graham M.A., Dual Title,

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ASK THE EXPERTS articles

Infant Mental Health, is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Wayne State University. She is also a research fellow at the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, where she develops and examines the efficacy of mobile health interventions for the prevention of substance-exposed pregnancies. Graham currently works as a pre-doctoral intern at Henry Ford Hospital in the Department of Otolaryngology Oncology. She also provides psychological assessments and individual therapy for children and adults at the Wayne State Psychology Clinic. Graham can be reached at agraham@med.wayne.edu or (313) 401-8692.

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St. Michael's
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers worship and study opportunities during Lent.
◆ Stations of the Cross

are offered Fridays, through March 23. Times are noon and 6 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 23, March 2 and March 9; and noon Fridays, March 16 and 23.
◆ The church also offers a Lenten book

study Thursdays, Feb. 22 to March 22. A light meal is shared at 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion of "The Shepherd's Song: A Story of Second Chances," by Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers.
Call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.
First English
The Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800

Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers Holy Yoga 9 a.m. Fridays. The program incorporates traditional yoga positions with God's word and worship music. A donation of \$5 to \$10 is suggested. We are comfortable clothing and bring a mat; mats also are available.
◆ The church's High School Youth Bibles & Bagels program takes place 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.

on late-start Mondays, Feb. 26 to March 26, in the lounge. The event includes Einstein's Bagels, chai lattes and Bible study.
◆ The church's seventh annual spaghetti dinner takes place 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28. Cost is \$1 to put someone in "jail," \$5 to get bailed out and \$20 to cover the evening. Proceeds benefit the youth trip to Houston.



Above, Detroit Circus performers entertained the crowd, including Sara Duhaime, who held acrobatic positions on a Lyra. The acrobatics fit with Star's theme of 'Cirque des Etoiles,' or Circus of the Stars. Right, from left, Danielle Brousseau, auction chairwoman, and Mary Ann and Mark Rusch, honorary chairmen.



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Star support

Our Lady Star of the Sea recently hosted its annual auction Feb. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Funds raised will be used to upgrade computers and purchase a 3D printer for the school. Left, Star of the Sea Principal Judy Aemisegger and Monsignor Gary Smetanka stand by the live auction table, which greeted event-goers upon arrival. One of the items up for auction was dinner with the monsignor. Below, Patrick and Jennie Blair bid on poolside lounge chairs.



Symphony presents mid-winter concert March 4

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra presents its mid-winter concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.
The concert features father and son, Adam and Joachim Stepniewski, playing the Mozart Concertone, a concerto for two violins.
Acting Principal Violinist Adam Stepniewski joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in 1991 as

assistant principal of the second violin section. He is a native of Poland and graduate of F. Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw.
Prior to appointment with the DSO, he served as fourth concertmaster with Radio Symphony Orchestra of Copenhagen, Denmark, and assistant concertmaster with National Philharmonic in Warsaw. He also has performed and recorded with the Polish Chamber Orchestra and the Sinfonia Varsovia.

Adam Stepniewski's concert tours with the Warsaw Philharmonic and the Denmark Radio Symphony Orchestra have taken him to Western Europe, Mexico, China, Hong Kong, Japan and the United States. He also performed and recorded with the Polish Chamber Orchestra and Sinfonia Varsovia. In 1987, he was a guest member of the World Philharmonic Orchestra under conductor Guiseppe Sinopoli. In 1999, he returned to his

native land for a concert of remembrance marking 60 years since the Nazi invasion of Poland. He also regularly performs solo and chamber music in the Detroit area and Poland.
Joachim Stepniewski was born in Warsaw, and at age 3, he and his parents moved to the United States. He started playing violin when he was 5; his father was his first teacher. Later, Joachim Stepniewski studied with Mark Lakirovicz and Grazyna Biskupski, who

helped him in his technical and musical development. During his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan School of Music, his primary teacher was Yehonatan Berick. He also went on tour with the University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. After graduating from U of M with a bachelor's degree in violin performance, he studied with Olga Kaler, a professor at DePaul

University School of Music.
While pursuing his master's degree from the DePaul University School of Music, Joachim Stepniewski was a member of the Civic Symphony Orchestra of Chicago and worked extensively with Yo-Yo Ma and numerous musical projects. He regularly played with the DSO, Midland Symphony Orchestra, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Battle Creek Symphony

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OBITUARIES

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William Robert Cox

Grosse Pointe resident William Robert Cox, “Billy-Bob” to those who knew him best, passed away Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, in Grosse Pointe Farms after a long illness.

Mr. Cox was born Oct. 1, 1937, in Highland Park. He earned degrees from the University of Michigan and Wayne State University and for 32 years was a professor of philosophy and logic at Macomb Community College.

He was a passionate sailor and raced his boat, Creative, in several Port Huron to Mackinac races as well as on Lake St. Clair out of Bayview Yacht Club. An avid connoisseur of film, classical music and opera, Mr. Cox also had a taste for fine wine and was an accomplished gourmet chef.

He is survived by his life partner of 28 years, Judith LeBeau.

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

Charles R. DeGalan Jr.

Charles R. “Rip” DeGalan Jr., 92, passed away Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, of a broken heart after losing his beloved wife, Joyce M. DeGalan, of 67 years, a mere two months ago.

He was the loving father of Peter DeGalan (SungKyung), Julie DeGalan (Bryon Middlekauff), Valerie DeVos (John), Colette Zimmermann (Ralph), Camille DeGalan (Martin Dawson) and Nicole Krishnan (Mohan); dear grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of four.

He was predeceased by his brothers, John and Thomas DeGalan and sisters, Valerie and Mary Elizabeth DeGalan.

A private memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins at capuchins.org.

Florence Anna Hartzell

Florence Anna Hartzell, 94, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, in the Creekside Living Facility, Huntsville, Texas.

Born in Detroit, she was the daughter of Ozro E. Underwood and Laura (nee Graves) Underwood. Florence lived in Grosse Pointe Woods, Sylvania and North Olmsted, Ohio and Dixon, Ill., prior to moving to Huntsville, Texas in early 2017. Florence earned a Master of Arts degree in speech from the University of Michigan and taught 21 years in Michigan and Ohio. She began working with children with speech impediments and by the time she retired, was working with developmentally disabled adults.

Florence was a vibrant woman actively engaged in contributing to her community throughout her life. Her most cherished role, though, was that of mother and grandmother. She took several years off to enjoy motherhood. The whole family looked forward to summer camping trips and other adventures.

She is survived by her sons, Richard A. Volker (Robin) of Blairsville, Ga.; Roland T. Volker Jr. of Huntsville and Robert W. Volker (Jodi Lilly) of San Ramon, Calif. She was the beloved grandmother of six and great-grandmother of nine.

She was predeceased by husbands, Roland Volker (1988), Samuel Laidley (1998) and Robert Hartzell (2016) as well as siblings, Ena M. Gurensen and Beverly M. Underwood.

A Celebration of Life Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas.

To view Mrs. Hartzell’s full obituary and share a memory, visit shmfh.com.

Dorothy Healy

Dorothy Healy, 92, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, at her home.

She was born July 1, 1925, in Detroit, to Melford and Olga (nee Herz) Asmus. On June 23, 1950, Dorothy married William H. “Bill” Healy at Christ United Methodist Church on Detroit’s east side. The couple enjoyed 50 years of marriage until Bill’s death in 2000.

Dorothy was active at Christ United Methodist Church and later Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. She enjoyed sewing and craft work. She loved spending time with her family, playing pinochle, eating chocolate and listening to Irish and Big Band-era music. Her family said Dorothy always said she wanted to outlive her aunt, who also passed away at age 92.

Dorothy truly loved her family and will be missed by her loving children, Karen Healy, Tim Healy (Lorraine) and Mary Maher (Pat). She was proud of her grandchildren, Megan, Sean, Colleen and the late Matthew. She also is survived by her sister, Carol Holdredge; brother, Richard Asmus and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

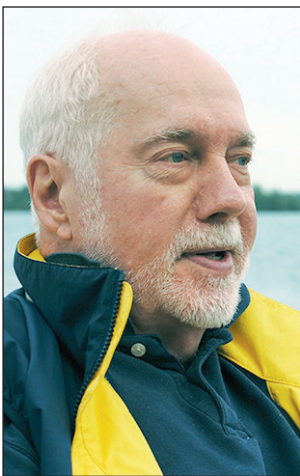
She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Bill; sister, Shirley and grandson, Matthew.

Visitation will be 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be noon Saturday, Feb. 24, at the funeral home. Dorothy’s cremated remains will be interred next to her beloved Bill’s at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Memorial Rose Garden, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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William Robert Cox



Florence Anna Hartzell



Dorothy Healy



Virginia B. Morosi

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Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Virginia B. Morosi, 93, passed away Monday, Feb. 12, 2018.

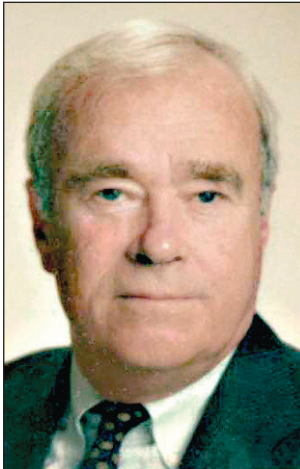
She was the beloved wife of the late Geno; treasured mother of John (Christine), Marianne Wehl, Kathleen Barnes (Edward) and Robert (Susan); loving grandmother of Jon Paul (Alexis), Michael (Natalie), Sara, Samantha (Patrick), Alison and Julia and proud great-grandmother of Gabriella, Elena, Luisa, Carina and Paolo.

She was predeceased by her sister, Helen.

Virginia grew up during the Great Depression in Detroit. The daughter of Polish immigrants, she was the first member of her family to attend college in the United States. She earned a teaching certificate in 1946 from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) and taught elementary school in Birmingham and Grosse Pointe.

Her greatest pride was the family she nurtured with Geno, her husband of 67 years. She was a firm believer in education and dedicated her life to teaching. As her family grew, she worked as a part-time tutor.

Virginia valued hard work and respected oth-



William Cecil Mortimer

ers who did the same. She saw holidays as sacred opportunities for family members to share stories and large plates of kielbasa. She loved spending time with her family.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 16 at St. Matthias Catholic Church, Sterling Heights. Entombment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Donations may be made to St. Clare School, 16231 Charlevoix St., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Indicate “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line.

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William Cecil Mortimer

William Cecil Mortimer, 86, of Fort Gratiot and formerly of Grosse Pointe, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2018.

He was born Sept. 18, 1931, in Port Huron to Cecil and Leda Mortimer. He married Ingrid Petersen Dec. 20, 1955, in Grosse Pointe.

William served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was employed 45 years with Miller & Co. in Chicago. William enjoyed skiing, boating and fishing. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ingrid; children, Krysta Mortimer, Ingrid Shirar (Mitch) and Christopher Mortimer (Gina); grandchildren, Christian, Gabrielle, P.T., Christopher, Nick, Max, Ingrid, Gretchen and Jadyen; great-grandchildren, Zack and Abe; sister, Nan Jorgensen; nephews, Bill and Jim Jorgensen; and best friend and canine companion, Max the Leader Dog.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his grandson, Baby Mitch and brother, Victor Mortimer.

A memorial service was Feb. 17, in the Marysville Funeral Home with military honors conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Army and the St. Clair County Allied Veterans Honor Guard.

Inurnment will be in the Riverlawn Cemetery Columbarium in Marysville.

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Virginia Shover

Virginia Shover

Surrounded by those she loved, longtime Grosse Pointe resident Virginia “Ginny” Shover, died peacefully Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, two days before her 86th birthday.

Born in Collinsville, Ill., Ginny completed undergraduate work at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and earned a master’s degree from the University of Illinois. She first taught music in Pana, Ill., where she met Robert “Bob” Shover. They married and moved to Grosse Pointe, where they raised their family and established many friendships. They were married 44 years.

Ginny was a gifted pianist and generously shared her love of music. She was actively involved in music organizations, regularly played piano and organ at her church and performed solo and duo piano concerts over the span of her music career. As much as she loved music, she loved her students and impacted countless lives, teaching from her home more than 55 years.

It was fitting Ginny was born on Valentine’s Day as her life was marked by love. Devoted to her family and friends, Ginny’s support and unconditional love enriched many.

Ginny is survived by her daughters, Laurel Bame (Bryan) and Martha Hammer (Ed); grandchildren, Brian Hammer (Jill), Ben Hammer (Lisa), Warren Bame, Bethany Hammer, Tyler Bame, Amanda Threadgill (Micah) and Owen Bame; great-grandchildren, Lincoln, Ellie, Graham, Jessa, Griffin and Henrik, as well as nieces and nephews.

Ginny’s companion and dear friend, Tom Young, as well as his family, also celebrate her life and mourn her loss.

Ginny was predeceased by her husband, Bob; parents, William and Gladys Metzger and brother, Bill Metzger.

A memorial service will be noon Saturday, Feb. 24, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins 11 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 900 Cooper St., Jackson, MI 49202.

Grosse Pointe Theatre receives Pointer of Distinction Award

Grosse Pointe Theatre, currently celebrating its 70th season, received the Pointer of Distinction Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Activity at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce annual membership dinner Jan. 25.

The award is given to an outstanding “non-profit organization that has made a significant contribution to the quality of life for Grosse Pointe residents over a long period of time.” Grosse Pointe Theatre was acknowledged for its 70 years of theatrical success, local support and community impact to the Grosse Pointes.

During those years, Grosse Pointe Theatre has presented more than 318 main stage productions, plus productions with its Purdon Studio

Theatre and numerous shows with its educational children’s theater program, Youth on Stage. Grosse Pointe Theatre’s reach in the community includes awarding 71 scholarships totaling more than \$60,000 to students since 2006; donating costumes to local school theater productions; donating tickets to local nonprofits to share and celebrate the performing arts and providing actors and entertainers for numerous community events.

Grosse Pointe

Theatre has 400 members who volunteer to create quality theatrical productions. Members appreciate the community’s support; last year alone, GPT sold more than 16,000 tickets, breaking past records.

Grosse Pointe Theatre is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community theater serving metro Detroit whose mission is to engage and enrich the community by continuing a tradition of exceptional theatre experiences.



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Grosse Pointe Theatre members and staff.

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DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA
Silent treatment

Q: My little brother is successful in business, but his life is being ruined by alcohol. He's already lost his marriage because of his drinking and verbal abuse, but he's still playing a blame game. Some of his friends and I tried to talk to him about his drinking, but he wouldn't listen. Some people say I should cut him out of my life until he accepts help. Should I stop talking to him?

A: Just the opposite. When a person doesn't accept help for an obvious problem, it's usually more effective to increase communication. Alcoholics usually want to isolate themselves from concerned family members and friends. They do not want to talk about their drinking. When forced to talk about it, they will reframe the issue and blame others for their dilemma.

Your informal intervention didn't have the desired effect because it wasn't well planned. When we do a good, structured, family intervention, we spend a lot of time in training and rehearsal. There are three keys to a successful intervention: plan, plan, plan. We need to use the power of love and concern in a specific and organized way, so we can break through the natural denial and defenses of the alcoholic and bring them to a moment of clarity where they will say, "yes."

If we can't reach an agreement for treatment, family members and friends should promise to continue the conversation at every opportunity. They should no longer avoid the issue. If the person we're concerned about was avoiding treatment for any other life-

threatening illness, we wouldn't walk away. Why should we do it with addiction?

Mental health and addiction problems thrive in the dark. They grow in isolation and snowball with other negative emotions. When we continue to bring the issues into the light with care and compassion, we make it more difficult for the alcoholic to refuse help.

Rather than give your brother the silent treatment, you should consider a better-planned approach and keep the conversation going. We don't recommend nagging him, but we do recommend a family commitment to recovery.

Jeff and Debra Jay are authors of the best-selling book, "Love First," and other titles. The Grosse Pointe Farms residents have worked nationally with families 30 years to overcome addiction. Learn more at lovefirst.net.



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Lecture set

In celebration of Black History Month, Rose Gorman of the Tuxedo Project, in partnership with Marygrove College, spoke Feb. 8 to the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library to kick off its Classic Books Lecture Series at the Ewald branch. Gorman discussed Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man." The next lecture, on Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22.

CONCERT:
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Orchestra, Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Toledo Symphony Orchestra. In 2012, he toured with the Castleton Festival to Oman. In 2014, he was a member of the Penderecki Festival Orchestra and Music Academy Westfalen under the baton of Krzysztof Penderecki and Maciej Tworek.

The program's major work is the Saint Saens

Symphony no. 3, "Organ Symphony." At the organ will be Our Lady Star of the Sea organist Matthew Jakubisin.

Jakubisin has been involved in music ministry since his first year of high school. He attended Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn., where he received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in liturgical music and studied organ with Dr. Kim Kasling. In July 2016, Jakubisin moved to Grosse Pointe Woods and

began his position as music minister at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

The concert will open with a Bill Lucas fanfare for brass. Lucas has been a member of the trumpet section with the DSO 30 years.

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils stun foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A few weeks ago, the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team’s home game against L’Anse Creuse North looked to be just a ho-hum game finishing the division schedule.

But a come-back win at LCN and a home demolishing of Utica Eisenhower turned this into a winner-take-all game with the winner nabbing the No. 4 seed in the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament.

“Everything is on the line, and now we have something to play for,” head coach Troy Glasser said after the Eisenhower win. “This should be fun.”

It was close throughout, and in the end the home fans held their breath as junior Ryan Downey drove the lane with a chance to put his team on top.

His driving layup spun a dozen times before going through the basket, and with it came a

61-60 lead with 30 seconds left in overtime. A Crusader turnover and foul put the Blue Devils on the foul line. Downey made 1-of-2 free throws for a 62-60 lead with 12 seconds left.

An errant inbound pass was picked off by Downey, who dribbled out the clock, and Grosse Pointe South won 62-60 in overtime.

The Blue Devils trailed 18-17 after the first quarter, but led 26-24 at the half. They fell behind 41-40 after three quarters and were behind 51-43 midway through the final period.

They forced overtime with a 10-2 run as senior Julian Harrell and freshman Daryl Houston made clutch three-pointers to get the Blue Devils back in the game.

Downey finished with 18 points and 10 assists, while junior Erington Belyue had 15 points and 15 rebounds. Senior Theodore Niforos had 10 points, followed by Houston with eight and Harrell with six.

South finished 3-7 in



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

South’s Ryan Downey drives to score two of his 18 points in the win over L’Anse Creuse North.

the MAC Red Division and played the tournament quarterfinal later in the week at Romeo, the No. 1 seed out of the White Division.

The visiting Blue Devils, the No. 4 seed, pulled off a stunning 67-52 win to move to the semifinals against Roseville, which upset No. 2 seed Sterling Heights Stevenson 82-79 in double-overtime.

“We shot the ball well and didn’t turn it over,” Glasser said. “The guys

are really playing with a lot of confidence, and it is fun to watch. They put together some big wins, and now they believe in each other. Winning at Romeo was a big victory for us.”

The Blue Devils led 31-24 at the half.

Downey led the way with 20 points, followed by Houston with 13, junior Chase Tomlin with nine, Harrell with eight and Niforos with eight.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-12 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

League champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team won the Great Lakes Gymnastics League championship last week, earning a season-high 139,600 points.

Fraser hosted the meet, but it was head coach Kristin Remillet’s squad that stole the show. Other teams were Birmingham Unified, Port Huron Unified, Dearborn Unified and Troy Unified.

Six United gymnasts competed in each of the four events — senior captain Maggie Bowers, junior captain Elizabeth Byarski, junior Emma Scott, sophomore Amanda Nguyen and freshmen Kate Ennis and Cate Gagnier.

Gagnier led the team with an all-around score of 37.475. She earned a 9.450 on vault, 8.975 on uneven parallel bars, 9.575 on balance beam and 9.475 on floor exercise.

Scott had an all-around score of 34.125, earning 8.550 on vault, 8.050 on bars, 8.500 on beam and 9.025 on floor, and Nguyen scored 8.900 on vault, 7.300 on bars, 8.675 on beam and 8.425 on floor to get an all-around score of 33.300.

Ennis scored 33.175, earning 8.800 on vault, 7.450 on bars, 8.750 on beam and 8.175 on floor, and Byarski scored 32.500, netting 8.600 on vault, 7.800 on bars, 6.950 on beam and 9.150 on floor.

Bowers had an all-around score of 31.600, recording 8.400 on vault, 6.825 on bars, 8.075 on beam and 8.300 on floor.

Head coach Kristin Remillet said early in the season it would take her competitors a few weeks to perfect their routines, and those results would show later in the year.

She was right as the girls were on their game and put together a season-high point total.

Next is a state regional meet Saturday, March 3.

ADVERTORIAL



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Learning the skills from their father, Myron Redziniak, left, brothers, Chris, Jonathan and Andrew, run a handyman business in the area.

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Red Baron Enterprises is proud of its all-full-time employees, who go through an extensive interview process before being hired. Chris uses his background in police work and applies it to the hiring process.

“People have to work to get in here,” he said. “They have to have their head and heart into it; otherwise I don’t want to bring somebody in.”

Because of the hiring process,

Redziniak said not only does he trust his crew wholeheartedly, he’s confident they can successfully complete any project no matter the size. In fact, when the Grosse Pointe News was in urgent need of disposing old office desks, chairs and equipment, who did they call? Red Baron Enterprises, of course.

“We were in a bind,” said new Grosse Pointe News owner John Minnis. “When we called Red Baron, Chris and his crew immediately hauled away dumptruck loads of used furniture and equipment. When we needed someone to safely transport 77 years worth of Grosse Pointe News bound volumes to a secure, climate-controlled storage facility, we trusted Red Baron Enterprises with that, too. In fact, they continue to do our handyman work at our new offices in The Village, replacing ceiling tiles, fluorescent lights, etc.”

Over the years, Red Baron Enterprises has become one of Michigan’s largest non-franchised commercial and residential handyman services. And while the business has grown significantly the last eight years, it still embodies the work ethic of their father working on a neighbor’s house.

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Basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Cage leads upset

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team pulled off a stunning 59-54 upset over Macomb Dakota in the quarterfinals of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament last week.

“I knew we had this type of game in us,” head coach Ron Kochan said. “We have played some good basketball the past nine or so games, and it continued tonight. This is a huge win for us and gives us a lot of confidence moving forward.”

The host Norsemen played a tentative first half and trailed 30-20.

A few wrinkles to the game plan helped the Norsemen outscore the Cougars 23-6 in the third quarter to build a 43-36 lead.

Senior Sheldon Cage was unstoppable in the post and led the way with a season-high 25 points.

“We fed Sheldon the ball, and it was a load to handle in the post,” Kochan said. “We stayed aggressive, even in the fourth quarter when we had problems closing



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North’s Sheldon Cage is fouled going up for a shot during the win over Dakota.

games out.”

The Norsemen had double-digit leads in the fourth quarter of their last two losses to Romeo and Warren Mott.

It looked like it would happen again as the Cougars turned a 45-36 deficit into a tie game at 51 with three minutes left.

This time, the Norsemen didn’t panic and continued to be aggressive against the Cougars’ trapping defense.

The Norsemen scored the next two baskets to

take a 55-51 lead, but once again the Cougars hit a three-pointer to make it a 55-54 game.

Another four-point outburst put the game away as the Norsemen had a five-point lead in the final seconds.

Junior Ryan Webb had 12 points, including two on an emphatic dunk in the third quarter that brought the crowd to their feet. Junior Joe Ayrault had nine points and junior Troy Herd had seven.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 9-8 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall in MAC title contest

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team lost 54-42 to Macomb Dakota in the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament title game last weekend at Marysville High School.

It was the third time these division rivals met this season.

Dakota won on its home court, and North returned the favor with a victory on its home court.

In the rubber-game of the series, the Norsemen couldn’t contain the Cougars’ trifecta of standouts — Tara Bieniewicz, Cameron Grant and Taylor

Williams. It didn’t help the Norsemen played the game without two low-post players, juniors Rachel Sexton, out for the season with a knee injury, and Regan Sliwinski, out for a personal reason.

The Dakota trio combined to score 38 points to lead the Cougars. For the Norsemen, junior Julia Ayrault had 18 points and 14 rebounds, and sophomore Christina Braker had eight points and seven rebounds.

Junior Evelyn Zacharias added seven points.

Dakota and North shared the MAC Red Division title this season with an 8-2 record.

The Cougars entered the tournament with the

No. 1 seed and the Norsemen were No. 2 in the MAC Red.

In the semifinals, the Norsemen beat the No. 1 seed from the White Division, host Utica Eisenhower, 53-44, and in the quarterfinals it was the Norsemen cruising to an easy win over host Port Huron 58-35.

Against Eisenhower, Ayrault had 25 points and 11 rebounds, while Zacharias added 10 points and Braker scored eight points.

In the win over Port Huron, Ayrault led the way with 21 points, followed by senior Josie Ciaravino with 16 points.

Grosse Pointe North enters the final week of the regular season 14-4 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights stumbling

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team finished its division schedule last week, falling 50-38 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Seniors Anthony George and Casey Scoggin led the Knights with 17 and 13 points.

The Knights finished 1-9 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division.

Earlier in the week, Liggett lost 45-43 to host Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

George had 21 points, four assists and four steals, and Scoggin had 13 points.

Liggett dropped to 2-14 overall.

Girls results

The girls haven’t been able to generate a consistent offense during their skid.

The game with the Warriors started slowly

as they trailed 6-4. Westland hit a three-pointer at the end of the first quarter to up its lead to 9-4 and then it was downhill from that point for the Knights.

The final score was Lutheran Westland 59, Liggett 18.

Senior Delaney Bandos had five points, while junior Izzy Brusilow and sophomore Melanie Zampardo each had four points.

Liggett fell to 6-9 overall.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

for reviewing the 2018 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2018, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-2435. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2018 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

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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 16TH.

Timothy E. O'Donnell
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G.P. SOUTH

Wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time since the holiday break, the Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team is playing with confidence.

The host Blue Devils won their second straight game early last week, beating Sterling Heights Stevenson 51-35.

An 18-5 fourth quarter, spurred by freshman Alexa Downey, paved the way to the victory. Downey finished with a career-high 22 points.

Head coach Kevin Richards saw his players improve with each outing and playing in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division made the learning curve a slow navigation.

The teams nearly played an even game for three quarters. It was 12-9 Blue Devils in the first quarter and 26-21 at the half.

The Blue Devils still led 33-30 after the third quarter, when Downey put the team on her shoulders, and they dominated the Titans in the final stanza.

Juniors Savannah Srebernak and Maria Hessburg added seven points apiece, and senior Kamryn Tucker had five for the winners.

South also beat host Warren Mott 63-30 last weekend to improve to 8-11 overall.

Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Tough loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The game has been circled on the calendar for six weeks.

University Liggett School boys hockey team hosted Detroit Country Day with sole possession of first place in the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division on the line early last week.

The story was summed up in the first 30 seconds of the game after the Yellowjackets used a turnover at their blue line to score the first goal.

When the final horn



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

University Liggett School's Sean Detloff skates up ice during the Knights' league loss to Country Day.

sounded, Liggett lost 4-1 to drop to 6-2 in the division, while Country Day improved to 7-1.

The Yellowjackets also scored two late goals in the opening period to lead 3-0 and they scored in the first 37 seconds of the second stanza to

open a 4-0 advantage.

Spencer Warezak scored on the power play at the 13:05 mark of the second period to make it a 4-1 contest. Dan Bowen had the lone assist.

Liggett also beat Shrine 15-0 last week and is 17-4-0-1 overall.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Closing in on title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team took a big step toward clinching a division title and No. 1 seed in the upcoming state playoffs last week, beating two-time defending state champ Farmington Hills Mercy 4-0.

The host Blue Devils were led by sophomore Kelsie Francis, who scored two goals and had one assist for three points.

"The girls played a very good game, and they have played well of late," head coach John Weidenbach said. "We

had two tough games in a row and came away with a couple of big wins."

Francis scored on the power play at the 7:26 mark of the first period with senior Lauren Kramer netting an assist.

The Blue Devils added three goals in the span of four minutes early in the second period to build the four-goal advantage.

The first goal was scored by Kramer at the 14:44 mark, assisted by junior Alyssa Czech and sophomore Lauren Benoit, and the second tally, just 67 seconds later, was scored by junior Madison Ryszewski, assisted by

Francis.

The fourth tally, which came at the 10:19 mark, was scored by Francis, shorthanded, with Czech netting the lone assist.

Defensively, the Blue Devils were led by junior goalie Maddie Kelly, who posted the shutout.

Two days before, South played a huge game against division-leading Plymouth-Canton-Salem and won 3-2 in overtime as Ryszewski scored the game winner.

With the victories, Grosse Pointe South improved to 11-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 14-6-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Win for seniors

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team celebrated senior night last weekend when it hosted Ann Arbor Skyron and won 4-1.

Seniors McKenzie Obermok, Lindsey Ramsdell, Kylee Banaszewski, Natalie Barstys and Erika Benoit were honored before the game.

Skyron nearly ruined senior night, leading 1-0 after scoring with only 1:46 left in the second period. The Norsemen were getting a ton of shots on net, but a lack of passing and shooting right at the goaltender left the home team trail-

ing by a goal.

"We weren't playing a great team game, and it showed," head coach Casey Quick said. "This is a game we had to have, and it took a good third period to win it. The girls played well in the final period and won. It wasn't pretty, but at this time of the year, we will take a win any way we can."

It took 30 seconds of the third period for the Norsemen to tie it. Banaszewski scored at the 14:30 mark, assisted by junior Bella Welke.

Just 51 seconds later, Welke scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal, assisted by Ramsdell.

Junior Clare Murphy scored an insurance

goal, tallying on the power play at the 4:07 mark. Banaszewski and freshman Erin Murphy had the assists.

Welke put the finishing touch on the victory, scoring with only 63 seconds left as Clare Murphy and Banaszewski had assists. The Norsemen had 51 shots on net, while Skyron had only eight. Obermok earned the win, stopping 7 of 8 shots.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 7-4-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 14-4-1 overall.

The top eight teams make the Division 1 playoffs.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

League loss

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team struggled to find an offensive rhythm in its 3-0 league loss to Warren De La Salle last weekend at Eastside Hockey Arena. Head coach Bobby McKillop had to juggle his lineup due to the absence of injured starters Garrett Bollenbacher and John McShane. The Blue Devils had 22 shots on Pilots goaltender Daniel Miscavish, including the one pictured above from Evan Theros, but none passed the goal line as they fell to 4-8 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 8-12 overall. The Pilots scored one goal in each period. The visitors finished with only 16 shots on South sophomore goaltender William Strickler.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win with alternative ending

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team earned a 3-1 win over visiting Anchor Bay last weekend.

Making it sweeter was the win came on senior night when the Norsemen honored Charles Weiss, Tim Bowers, Ryan Rokicki, Austin Albrecht, J.D. Allor, Evan Kolinski, Mario Lorelli and Thomas Supal, who played their final home game of the season.

Head coach Joe Drouin and his Norsemen were in a battle from the start as the Tars brought a 12-10-1 record to the non-league contest.

Neither team scored in the opening period and the Tars struck first in the second stanza, scoring a goal at the 13:51 mark.

In the opening period, the Norsemen killed off three straight penalties and through two periods,

the home team had five penalties to four for the Tars.

The Norsemen tied it when junior Chris Lorelli scored on the power play at the 5:16 mark of the second period. Junior Frank Lucido and Allor had the assists.

The Norsemen scored the game-winning goal with the man advantage. With 10:49 left in the third period, Lucido lit the lamp, with Chris Lorelli and freshman Tyler Richardson netting assists.

They added an insurance goal at the 3:48 mark when Rokicki scored. Albrecht had the assist.

Then the game took a strange twist.

With 2:48 left, several players were involved in a pushing and shoving scuffle near the Tars' goal.

A couple of players were heading to the penalty box, leaving the Tars

with only a couple of players left on their bench.

The Tars' head coach Dave Koons called his players off the ice, and they went into their locker room. With confusion on the ice, the officials ran off the final 2:48, and the game was over.

"What a wild way to end a game," Drouin said. "I've never been involved in a game where the opponent walked off like that. I think that was a great game to have as our senior night. Our players showed discipline in some situations that could have gotten out of hand. It's a testament to the group of senior leaders we have on the team."

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-18-1-1 overall and travels to Novi Catholic Central for its final regular season game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights have zest

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls hockey team hosted its annual Paint the Rink Pink night in a tribute to those who have been affected by cancer early last week.

Players, coaches and fans for both Liggett and Ann Arbor Skyron honored those who have battled or are currently fighting cancer.

The girls treated fans to a great game, won by the host Knights 4-2.

"It was an exciting game and I'm glad we

came out on the winning end," head coach Anna Kuehnlein said. "We are a little banged up and tired, so the extra rest will come in handy. It will give our girls a chance to catch their breath for a busy final couple of weeks."

Senior Olivia Yates recorded another hat trick to beat Skyron. Yates scored a goal in each period, tallying at the 13:12 mark in the first period, the 5:48 mark of the second and in the final minute of the third.

Freshman Kendall

Zinn also scored for the Knights. She had a power-play goal with 4:12 left in the first period to give the home team a 2-1 lead.

Yates made it 3-1 in the second period, but Skyron scored a little more than a minute later to tighten things up, cutting the deficit to 3-2.

Goaltender Evie Bournias made a couple of key saves in the final five minutes and Yates' third goal put the game in the win column.

Liggett improved to 6-3 in the league and 8-9 overall.

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



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District champs

University Liggett School Skating team won its second straight district championship. Posing with the trophy and medals are, from left, freshman Trinity Lee, sophomore Molly Schelosky and senior Abigail Hung.

College signings

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Going south

Grosse Pointe North senior Bjorn Bjornsson, seated center, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play college football at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, Fla. Joining Bjornsson for his signing were, sitting from left, mother Ardis Candela, brother Paul Candela and father Paul Candela; and back row from left, coach Butch Hill, North football coach Frank Sumbera and coach Brian Nosek.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Hamilton makes state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Raymond Hamilton earned a spot in the Division 1 wrestling individual state finals with his fourth-place finish in last weekend's regional tournament at Hartland High School. Hamilton, competing in the 140-pound division, earned his spot in the finals after pinning Fernan Garza to make the third-place match. He was pinned by Tommy Gawlowski to take fourth, but he was into the state finals. In his first match, Hamilton lost a 16-1 technical fall to Nick Freeman and also beat Micah Mydloski in his first consolation match. Hamilton takes a 30-11 record to the state finals, which are Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, at Ford Field. Other local wrestlers

who competed in the regionals were North's Dirk Drieborg and Grosse Pointe South's Miles Dearing and Alex Roth. Drieborg, competing in the 152-pound division, opened his tournament by getting pinned by Tanner Culver, but rebounded to win an 8-5 decision over Dominick Campbell in the consolation bracket. His tournament ended by losing a 7-2 decision to Liam Kinjorski and finished the season 37-13. Dearing, wrestling in the 189-pound division, dropped a 9-3 decision to Greg Zavalnitsky in the first round and lost 9-7 to Paul Corder in the consolation bracket. He was 33-11 overall. Roth finished 16-10 after losing a 15-0 technical fall to Justin Tiburcio in his first-round match at 119 pounds. He was pinned by Ryan Lee to end his tournament run.

Synchronized swimming

GROSSE POINTE BLUE DOLPHINS

Invites sent

One of the oldest Grosse Pointe teams, the Blue Dolphins synchronized swim squad, will perform two exhibition shows at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Grosse Pointe North, and at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Grosse Pointe South. Team members welcome all former Blue Dolphins to join in the team spirit at an exhibition show before they head to the state final routine competition in March. During the exhibition, the girls will show off the technical skills every team member must master, as well as the routines they do in competition. The first and only varsity high school synchronized swimming team in Grosse Pointe was the Blue Dolphins. For more than 80 consecutive

years the Blue Dolphins have entertained, represented and volunteered for the community. Team members represent both Grosse Pointe South and North high schools. Most of the girls on the team became interested in the sport through the summer programs at the parks in the Grosse Pointes, which frequently include synchronized swimming as part of the summer swimming program. "If you have a swimmer that is looking for a fun and challenging program, the summer programs are often taught by former Blue Dolphins who are able to pass on a love of synchronized swimming to the next generation," said team manager Pamela Lightbody. "Join the fun and help the Grosse Pointes remain united in their support."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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GVSU

Grosse Pointe North senior Greta DeLoach, center, is taking her soccer career to the next level where she will play women's soccer at Grand Valley State University for head coach Jeff Hosler. She recently signed a National Letter of Intent and will be on a team that posted a 20-4 record in the fall, winning the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles, as well as making it to the third round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. Joining DeLoach at her signing were her parents, Sheri DeLoach and Marc DeLoach.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

2018 March Board of Review

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2018 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 13, 2018 9:00 AM

Appeal Hearings

March 13, 2018 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

March 27, 2018 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2018 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 by Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

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 end of day Tuesday, March 27, 2018 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.

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2018 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 19, 2018 @ 1:00 PM

APPEAL HEARINGS

March 19, 2018 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM

March 20, 2018 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2018 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 20, 2018.

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 the end of day Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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.

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

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS,
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Monday, March 5, 2018, 7:00 PM
Harper Woods City Hall
19617 Harper Avenue
Harper Woods, Michigan 48225

NOTICE IS GIVEN to any and all interested parties that the Harper Woods City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall in the Council Chambers, located at 19617 Harper Ave., to hear comments on the 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The City of Harper Woods is preparing this five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the potential acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years. The draft plan is available for review online at www.harperwoodscity.org and in person at 19617 Harper Ave., Harper Woods, Michigan, 48225.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the City of Harper Woods City Clerk, Leslie Frank, at 313-343-2510, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Public hearing, if requesting accommodations.

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King Crossword

Solution for last week's puzzle 2/15/18

ACROSS

1 See 12-Across

5 Scoundrel

8 Mine entrance

12 With 1-Across, have trouble

13 Bullring cheer

14 Pianist Peter

15 Fermi's bit

16 Time on Earth

18 Summerhouse

20 Deviating off course

21 Albacore, e.g.

23 — Aviv

24 Help on "... Millionaire"

28 Pealed

31 Commotion

32 Nuptial announcement

34 Dead heat

35 Legal wrong

37 Shipwreck aid

39 Bill and —

41 Sea eagle

42 Cover the cost up front

45 Adjective modifier

49 Organism

51 Concept

52 Finished

53 Regret

54 Whirlpool

55 Marries

56 Conclude

57 Back talk

DOWN

1 Carpet style

2 Silents actress

3 The gamut

4 Reproductive cell

5 House style

6 Boxer

7 Muhammad

8 Challenge

9 Reply

10 Remove hair

11 Persia, now

11 Chinatown gang

17 Dine

19 Closed-up tulip

22 Sandy's mistress

24 Long. crosser

25 "What can — for you?"

26 Made to consume

27 Put in a border, as a photo

29 Zero

30 Obtain

33 Remit

36 Drunkards

38 Groups of quail

40 LummoX

42 Winter truck attachment

43 Split

44 Bygone times

46 Icelandic epic

47 Cincinnati team

48 Chesapeake et al.

50 Scoot

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16				17			
18					19				20			
			21			22			23			
24	25	26						27		28	29	30
31					32				33		34	
35				36		37				38		
			39		40		41					
42	43				44		45			46	47	48
49						50			51			
52						53				54		
55						56				57		

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Solution Time: 21 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 2/15/18

3	5	2	9	4	7	1	6	8
7	6	9	5	1	8	4	3	2
1	4	8	3	6	2	9	7	5
2	9	5	1	7	4	3	8	6
8	3	6	2	5	9	7	1	4
4	7	1	6	8	3	5	2	9
9	8	7	4	2	1	6	5	3
6	2	4	7	3	5	8	9	1
5	1	3	8	9	6	2	4	7

		6	3	4		5		
9					1		7	6
3	8		7				9	
5	1		9				6	
		9			2	8		5
	2			6				1
6				9		2	8	
	3	7			5	4		
		4	8		3			7

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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