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Deeplands appeal goes to court

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Deeplands Development Co.’s appeal of the Shores’ rejection of its preliminary plat could be one step closer to resolution.

Third Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong called an in-chambers conference Tuesday, March 6, and ordered both parties to discuss if a settlement can be reached before a settlement conference scheduled Thursday, April 12.

DDC purchased the property September 2017, for \$1.8 million. It hopes to split the almost 8-acre property into 18 residential lots and build homes to sell. After many revisions to the plan, the hangup continues to be cul-de-sac

length. Deeplands wants to build an 852-foot cul-de-sac on the property to support 14 of the 18 homes. The road would, however, violate an ordinance restricting cul-de-sac length to 600 feet.

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Dance partners

The All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance took place March 10 in Grosse Pointe South’s gymnasium. Fathers and daughters were treated to snacks and desserts, dance music and an appearance by Ariel, the Little Mermaid. Each girl received a single rose at the end of the dance. Matt Rainbolt and his daughter, Elle, enjoyed the festivities. For more photos, see page 5A.

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Serious crime in Park drops in 2017

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — “Overall we are very pleased with the crime statistics for the year 2017,” said Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni, presenting the 2017 annual public safety report to council Monday, March 12.

In 2017, Park police reported a total of 342 crimes, up three from 2016. Index crimes, classified as the most serious by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, however, decreased significantly, said Poloni. “The most serious crimes went down 20 percent in 2017,” Poloni said.

“The significant decreases were in the following categories: home invasions were down 45 percent; larcenies were down 15 percent; and motor vehicle thefts were down 55 percent.” Overall, 182 index crimes were reported, down from 228 in 2016. The most reported index crime was larceny at 139

reported, down from 163. Motor vehicle theft also saw a significant decrease, down to 14 from 31 due to the Arrest Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods team, Poloni said. “When we talk about motor vehicle thefts, we did want to recognize the

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Wrongful death civil lawsuit dismissed

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

FLINT — U.S. District Judge Linda V. Parker reached an opinion on the civil lawsuit filed in 2014 by the family of JoAnn Matouk-Romain, the Grosse Pointe Woods woman who disappeared the evening of Jan. 12, 2010, following a service

at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Matouk-Romain’s body was found March 22, 2010, in the Canadian waters of the lower Detroit River. Parker’s opinion came Wednesday, March 7, more than two weeks following the summary disposition hearing Tuesday,

Feb. 20, on motions for summary judgments submitted by Grosse Pointe Farms and Woods public safety departments and former Harper Woods officer Tim Matouk — the defendants in the lawsuit. In the complaint, Matouk-Romain’s family

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Court of Appeals judge speaks to ERC

Judge Thomas Cameron of Michigan’s Court of Appeals speaks to the Eastside Republican Club 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Commenting in advance of the meeting, club chairman Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch looked ahead to November balloting.

“Our November non-partisan ballot will ask us to choose from among dozens of candidates for judge,” she said. “This forum will give us an opportunity to learn more about the vital role of our Court of Appeals and to interact with Judge Cameron, a key member of Michigan’s judiciary.

“Also expected to join us on March 20, is Michigan House Speaker Tom Leonard, who is campaigning for the Republican nomination for attorney general,” she added.

Cameron recently was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to fill a vacancy on the 1st District Michigan Court of Appeals created by the appointment of Justice Kurtis Wilder to the Michigan Supreme Court.

He will seek election November 2018, for the remainder of the Wilder term.

Cameron had been on the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court since 2014, where he played a lead role in reforming the indigent defense appointments process in Wayne County. Prior to serving as a judge, he was an assistant attorney general and bureau chief in the Department of Attorney General and an assistant prosecutor in Wayne and



Judge Thomas Cameron

Kalamazoo counties.

He is active in professional organizations, including the Michigan Judges Association where he serves as co-chairman of the Criminal Committee, Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board, Federalist Society, Boy Scouts of America and the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers.

Cameron is a graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program and previously served as both vice chairman and chairman of the Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards. He also served as board member of the Prosecution Attorneys Coordinating Counsel.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University and law degree from Wayne State University Law School.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets monthly September to May. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Learn more at the ERC’s page on Facebook.

Kicking it up a notch

ToDoolie, an online platform helping people get through their to-do lists by pairing them with student laborers, started as a summer pilot program.

The idea was to allow students a chance to earn money for college by helping neighbors with odd jobs. The pilot went well — during summer months, students performed 270 hours of yard work, cleaning, errands and other duties for \$15 an hour, per student. A study showed 35 percent of customers used the service weekly.

However, profits weren’t what they’d hoped.

Now co-founders Sergio Rodriguez, Jose Romo-Puerta and Armando Arteaga have revamped the program by creating an app that enables casual workers, small businesses and homeowners to create invoices, find local workers through mutual connections, send text alerts and more.

ToDoolie gives community members easy time-tracking and invoicing tools, as well as gives homeowners and employers a self-curated labor pool to assist with everyday projects.

Money currently is being raised to fund the startup.

Meanwhile, the team has made it to the semi-final 32 teams in the Student Startup Madness tournament, a national competition for digital startups from college students.

A few days remain on its live Kickstarter page — kck.st/2iITRd1 — where the team hopes to reach \$20,000 to bring its new project to fruition.

“There are not a lot of startups out of Grosse Pointe,” said Rodriguez, who attended Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School before heading to Wayne State University. “We’ve launched a business in Grosse Pointe with Grosse Pointe kids.”

— Jody McVeigh

Here comes Peter Cottontail

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Peter Cottontail soon will be busy hiding eggs around the area’s municipal parks — and studying for his pilot’s exam.

Each Pointe has its annual Easter Egg hunt slated to take place the next week or two. While most of the Pointes have decided to run traditional hunts, the Park is looking toward the sky for its yearly sugar rush. It will bring in a helicopter to drop marshmallows for the city’s children to collect and exchange for treats.

Below are details for each of the city’s hunts:

Farms

10 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Open to Farms residents and their guests. Arrive by 9:45 a.m. and don’t forget your basket.

Showing up early pays off as the first 250 children who arrive receive a chocolate bunny.

There will be multiple age groups with golden eggs hidden throughout the park for special prizes.

And, of course, the Easter Bunny makes a special appearance.

Woods

10 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

The Woods hosts its Easter Egg Stroll beginning 10 a.m. with strolls scheduled every 15 minutes until 11:45 a.m.

Children will be given bags to collect eggs along the Bunny Trail, then turn in the bags for special treats.

Peter Cottontail will visit children and be available for photos. The strolls are open to Woods residents and their guests. Cost

is \$5 per child for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Reservations for a specific time slot must be made in advance. Parents may sign up their children online through the city website or in person at the Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. Registration closes Friday, March 16.

Shores

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Shores’ Easter Egg Hunt is open to children 10 years old and younger. There will be pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny.

Tickets may be purchased for \$5 per child at the village offices, 795 Lakeshore, or at the gate the day of the event.

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alleged Farms and Woods officers failed to investigate her death as a murder. They also accused Tim Matouk — Matouk-Romain’s cousin and a Harper Woods officer in 2010 — of involvement in

the disappearance.

Farms and Woods investigating officers reported they did not suspect foul play, concluding the death was caused by intentional or accidental immersion into the chilly waters of Lake St. Clair. The Farms and Woods summary judgment motions presented the

investigative and evidence-gathering procedures conducted by officers.

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

The lawsuit also alleged officers from both police departments conspired with the killer

to cover up the murder and the killer’s identity.

“While the circumstances surrounding Ms. Romain’s disappearance and death remain a mystery, and in fact are somewhat suspicious,” Parker wrote in the opinion, “the Court concludes that Plaintiff fails to create a genuine issue of material fact to hold Defendants liable under the theories pled.”

Addressing the conspiracy claim, Parker wrote, “Plaintiff does not attempt to show that Defendants conspired to violate Ms. Romain’s civil rights based on some racial or other class-based invidiously discriminatory animus. ... This Court concludes that Defendants are entitled to summary judgment with respect to Plaintiff’s claim.”

Parker granted the Woods and Farms motions for summary judgment and granted Timothy Matouk’s motion, specifying, “except for Plaintiff’s wrongful death claim, all claims against (Timothy Matouk) are dismissed with prejudice. Plaintiff’s wrongful death claim against this defendant, only, is dismissed without

prejudice.”

Responding to the judge’s opinion, JoAnn Matouk-Romain’s daughter, Michelle Matouk, said in a statement, “We are shocked and very disappointed by the overall judgment that came over but, of course, we are weighing our options and continuing to move forward. I believe the facts stated throughout (Parker’s) opinion actually confirm what we have alleged, that the police did, in fact, know in advance that something was going to happen to my mother and conspired to cover up her murder.”

Michelle Matouk cited this statement in the opinion: “In closing, this Court acknowledges that there are disputed facts in this matter that are very disturbing and to this day remain unresolved. Nevertheless, the Court finds Plaintiff’s pursuit of this lawsuit meritorious and is therefore denying Defendants’ requests for attorneys’ fees and costs.”

Three autopsies conducted in Michigan and Ontario were consistent in concluding death by freshwater drowning with the manner of death unknown.

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director Dan Jensen said in a statement released following the opinion, “Because there has been no formal declaration as to the manner of Ms. Romain’s death, the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department case file remains open.”

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department closed its missing person investigation when Matouk-Romain’s body was recovered.

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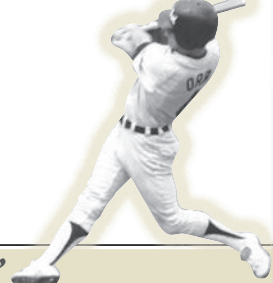
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Support for students or pushing an agenda?

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Some in the Grosse Pointe community are not happy with the district’s support of the March 14 student walk-out. They view the event as a political protest tied to a national gun control agenda and orchestrated by liberal groups. Other concerns have to do with opening the district to potential lawsuits, using students as pawns to force a political agenda and subjecting students who do not wish to participate to potential bullying. Others question whether students will be safe.

The walkout grew out of students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., protesting gun violence and advocating for legislative reform. Some confusion may have arisen from another event — March For Our Lives — Saturday, March 24, a national march with local marches planned around the country, including in Detroit and Grosse Pointe, organized by students in collaboration with the nonprofit organization Everytown for Gun Safety. While student organizers at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe

South high schools have framed the local walk-out as a non-partisan vigil honoring victims of the Parkland shooting, not everyone is buying it. “Our school administration has implicitly supported this political activity during instruction time by actively supporting this demonstration,” wrote Dan Grano in an email. David Gardey wrote: “I recognize that the school system appears to be trying to paint the March 14 event as a neutral, non-partisan memorial for those killed in the Parkland shooting. However, I

also can recognize this as the fiction that it is. The March 14 event is a national event that is being organized by various progressive, left-wing and gun control groups in an effort to advance a political agenda. Inevitably, the planned advocacy by high school students at the event will be a rally for gun control.” He also said he believed the district invited litigation by opening doors to protests on other politically heated topics. “Just what is being accomplished educationally by a school walkout?” wrote Gordon Willett. “What critical

thinking skills are being taught?” Amy MacKethan expressed concern her son, who did not wish to participate in the walk-out, would be bullied. “I view this as a political event which has no place in public school,” she wrote. “My student has chosen not to participate and by choosing not to participate the school has put my child at risk of being bullied. You have forced him to make a political choice.” In response to these emails, Board of Education President Brian Summerfield wrote the focus of the event is “honoring vic-

tims, rallying against school violence and advocating for resources to ensure safe and secure buildings. These subjects are not controversial. That is, we are unaware of any person who is against any of these subjects.” Students who participated in a walkout without administrative approval would have faced disciplinary action, Summerfield wrote. “By changing this to an organized assembly, the district is able to control the short event, avoid unnecessary punishments and ensure the safety of students.”

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signs with the names of each of the 17 victims. The intent was for the ceremony to last 17 minutes — “a minute for each fallen student, teachers and coach,” Ciaramitaro said. In planning the event, students realized they needed the support of administration. Diehlee reached out to South Principal Moussa Hamka when she heard he was interested in talking with the student who started the Instagram account. “His biggest thing was to make sure we were safe,” she said.

Another South organizer, sophomore Evelyn Kuhnlein, said she and a freshman friend met with Hamka to discuss how to involve students without subjecting them to disciplinary action.

“We met with (Hamka) because a lot of students were very interested, but some of them thought it was pushing a liberal agenda and some were concerned that they would get suspended,” Kuhnlein said. “So we met with him just to clear the air on that.

“We didn’t want to make it political in any way,” she continued. “We just wanted to make it about honoring the victims and promoting school safety in our district and funding for social workers and mental health.”

Ciaramitaro and Semack first approached their SA adviser, who suggested they speak with North Principal Kate Murray. Murray met with SA representatives one morning at a meeting, but other than some directions on what they could and couldn’t do, they were on their own, Semack said.

“It’s been kind of hard because no one is holding our hand as they have in the past. It’s really been testing our leadership skills we’ve learned in the last four years,” she said. The experience has taught Semack how much she relied on advisers and administration in the past to organize events. In this case, “All the logistics are falling on us. ... We’ve had to make a lot of executive decisions, which has been hard, but I’ve learned a lot from it.”

Student support

While the two seniors are leading the effort at North, they have received support from many fellow students, from athletes and club leaders to student journalists. They’re

careful to avoid using school resources such as the public address system when publicizing the event and communicate with peers on social media only through private accounts. “We’re not allowed to post anything on the announcements or do PA announcements, so social media has been our best friend throughout this whole event,” Semack said.

Kuhnlein said while many students at South were interested from the beginning, others came on board once organizers posted details clarifying the event’s purpose. “One of the goals is to get across to parents that this isn’t about taking all your guns away,” she said. “This isn’t about making schools a prison. It’s about making kids feel safe coming to school and OK being here because that’s what schools should be.

“I’m really happy with what (the walkout) has become,” Kuhnlein continued. “I’m excited that we’re hearing support from students who normally don’t participate in this sort of thing and students who identify as conservative Republicans who are very pro-Second Amendment.”

“I think it’s important because all politics aside, it’s really just a way to show solidarity for the victims of gun shootings and violence altogether,” said South student organizer Jack Bellamy, a junior. “There’s really no right answer to what can be done. Making it political just causes more controversy in our community and defeats the purpose of the walk-out.”

Ciaramitaro and Semack said while they received some backlash from students at North, most are more accepting once they explain the event is not a political rally, but “more a memorial for all the victims,” Semack said. Those who elect not to participate will be directed to one of six designated classrooms under teacher supervision.

“Nationally it is technically to stand up against gun violence and support gun control, but we are strictly honoring victims, rallying against school violence and advocating for school resources to ensure safe and secure buildings,” Ciaramitaro said.

“We’re really aiming for it just to be a peaceful vigil, something quick, but honoring the victims and standing in solidarity with Parkland and com-

ing together and showing empathy for one another,” Kuhnlein said. Said Diehlee, “I hope this will create more unity in our community, focusing more on the national scale, sort of like telling government, hey, we’re here and no matter what side of the issue you’re on, we should all agree that this shouldn’t happen again no matter what your standing is.”

One GP

All three Grosse Pointe Public School System middle schools will participate in honoring victims of the Parkland shooting March 14. According to Brownell Middle School Principal Rodger Hunwick, they are taking a unified approach. Parcels Middle School students will create the word “ONE”; Brownell will create a heart shape and the words “ONE GP” and Pierce Middle School will create a heart shape and the number 17. High school students will operate drone cameras to take aerial photos, which will be put together to deliver a single message to Parkland survivors.

Brownell students will wear pink and red for their photo — something they do every Wednesday as part of March Kindness, a play on the NCAA basketball tournament known as March Madness.

“Throughout March, we try to support being kind to one another,” Hunwick said. “We learn about the power of words and the impact positive and negative words can have on each

other. We do lessons in our advisory classes on the power of words — being inclusive to others and learning about what it means to understand diversity and inclusivity throughout our school culture.”

At Parcels and Pierce, March 14 will kick off 17 acts of kindness in the 17 days leading up to spring break.

“The kids came up with the idea of doing 17 days of kindness because of the 17 victims in Parkland, Fla.,” Parcels Principal Dan Hartley said. “We’re going to do something small each of the next 17 days starting (March 14).”

This will begin with creating a banner from the three middle school photos to send to Stoneman Douglas High School. According to Hartley, examples of activities include “everybody wear a name tag and introduce yourself to five new people. Sit at lunch with somebody you don’t know. Pay it forward a little bit and contribute to a fun, inclusive atmosphere” — all in an effort to make “the school a kinder, more positive and supportive place for everybody.”

Karen Sullivan, interim principal at Pierce, said students have been prepared for what to expect Wednesday through broadcasts from her and Assistant Principal Judy Gaffrey. Students also put together clips on “ways you can show kindness to each other” on their own daily broadcasts, Sullivan said.

Right to free speech

According to the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, while school districts don’t engage in protests, students have a free speech right and may express their political viewpoint as long as it doesn’t present a material or substantial disruption to the school day. Schools also may place “reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on the activity.” Legal precedent protecting students’ right to free speech was set in *Tinker v. Des Moines*, in which students were suspended for refusing to remove black armbands worn in protest of the Vietnam War. The Supreme Court ruled Feb. 24, 1969, that the First Amendment applied to public schools and school officials could not censor student speech unless it disrupted the educational process.

According to the court opinion, “It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.” At the same time, “the Court has repeatedly emphasized the need for affirming the comprehensive authority of the States and of school officials, consistent with fundamental constitutional safeguards, to prescribe and control conduct in the schools.”

— Mary Anne Brush

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board meeting, 7 p.m. Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The agenda includes a presentation about Rocket Fiber by Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus and Mark Lewandowski.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens Commission meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

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Blues/jazz artist reawakens Detroit’s musical past

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

Blues and jazz are bridge genres of American music, connecting epochs and generations in rhythm and verse. Grosse Pointe Park resident RJ Spangler, 61, is a force in this connection.

The affable drummer and mover on the Detroit music scene removes from obscurity hidden-away artists of pre-Motown and Motown-era music and sets them in the spotlight.

And in any set on any stage, Spangler generously treats patrons to Detroit delights, serving up choice jams like “Cadillac Assembly Line” by Sir Mack Rice with his Soul-Blues Gang, for example, or “Such Sweet Thunder” by Billy Strayhorn with his swing jazz big band Planet D Nonet.

Bassist John Barron said, “(RJ’s) kind of responsible for the resurgence of Detroit musicians who’ve been lost to history.”

Among the artists Spangler returned to the stage and studio are rhythm and blues pianist Joe Weaver, Detroit’s “Queen of the Blues” Alberta Adams, “Driving Wheel” legend Odessa Harris and jump blues guitarist Johnnie Bassett.

“One of my kinds of claim to fame is I got a lot of people another grab at the apple,” Spangler said.



Drummer and jazz and soul-blues band leader RJ Spangler.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RJ SPANGLER

Spangler’s work with Bassett — former Motown studio musician who played with lifelong friend Weaver in the Blue Notes — led to him forming the Blues Insurgents in the mid-1990s.

“(Bassett) was like a side man when I first discovered him. And I put a band together around him. We took that band to Europe about 15 times and played in over 35 states in America, eight provinces in Canada. It was a very successful thing.”

Spangler managed the band, hiring the musicians, booking gigs and contracting four record deals. The band’s 1997 release, “Cadillac Blues,” attracted five W.C. Handy awards.

Spangler, a 1975 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, became a full-time freelance musician at age 25.

“My uncle was a jazz drummer and a radio broadcaster, Bud Spangler,” Spangler said. “He influenced me a lot. My dad and my uncle, my natural dad — John Spangler — and Bud, they were jazz aficionados.”

He said MC5 legend-turned-jazz-poet John Sinclair and piano player Bill Heid also mentored him in his teens and encouraged him in his pursuit of music.

“I was playing about 10 to 15 nights a month through my early 20s,” Spangler said. “Then at about 25 I said, ‘Heck with it; I’m just going to do this.’”

That’s when Spangler walked away from his day job in the aluminum business. Thirty-five years later, Spangler stepped into employment again, accepting the position of entertainment

director at Cliff Bell’s.

“I’m in a unique position in Detroit,” he said of his new role, “because really there are very few people that know all of the older musicians, all the middle-level musicians, age wise. And I know all the good young musicians.”

Spangler’s career is one of following the music to build a band. In 1980, he co-founded Sun Messengers with Rick Steigler.

“We were a well-regarded (jazz) band,” he said of Sun Messengers. “Now you go and see them and it’s a kind of all R&B and soul show. But, yeah, we started in jazz.”

In 1990, Spangler followed his curiosity in Detroit music to launch his “little boutique label” Eastlawn Records with Grosse Pointe South alumnus Frank Traum. The label recorded sev-

eral of Detroit’s aging, lost-to-history artists, with Spangler’s Rhythm Rockers musicians backing them up.

In 2009, Spangler launched Planet D Nonet with two musicians from Sun Messengers.

“We were all together in the Sun Messengers in 1980 and I’ve been playing with some of those guys — like James the trumpeter, which is my co-leader in the Planet D — since 1977,” Spangler said.

Like Sun Messengers and Blues Insurgents, Planet D Nonet attracted many accolades. For its album “Tribute to Billy Strayhorn” — released November 2016 by Detroit Music Factory — the band won the Detroit Music Award for “Outstanding Traditional Jazz Artist/Group.”

Spangler also accrued several honors, including a 2001 nomination for a W.C. Handy Award by the National Blues Foundation, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Detroit Blues Society in 2005 and induction as Master Blues Artist to the Blues Hall of Fame in 2013.

Locally, Spangler served 25 years in the Detroit Blues Society, including chairman. He also was artistic director of the Jazzin’ on Jefferson Festival 10 years and co-founded the Anti-Freeze Blues Festival in Ferndale 25 years ago.

Not only has Spangler

fueled careers of classic Detroit musicians, he has mentored young talent, including a young keyboardist he hired for the Blues Insurgents, Chris Kodish.

“(Kodish) has more Detroit Music awards than you could shake a stick at. He’s done very well for himself,” Spangler said. “That started that chapter for me, hiring younger guys.”

Spangler plays regularly on festival stages and the venues of great cities in blues and jazz, but performing onstage at Harlem’s Apollo Theatre, he said, “was a big one for me.”

After living in Detroit and St. Clair Shores for decades, in addition to traveling with bands nationally and internationally, three years ago Spangler settled in Grosse Pointe Park. He said he’s known to join musician friends onstage at his regular Park hang-outs.

“I love my community and I am very connected to my school friends,” he said.

See Spangler with the DJ7 at 9 p.m. Friday, March 23, at Cliff Bell’s in Detroit’s Harmonie Park; with the PD9 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Blue Goose in St. Clair Shores; and with the Soul-Blues Gang at 10 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Fire House Pub in St. Clair Shores.

APPEAL:

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DDC asked for a deviation to the ordinance, but was unanimously denied twice by both the city council and zoning board of appeals, which are made up of the same members.

DDC says there is no other way to develop the property to its full potential or without violating other ordinances in the process.

“We ... went through a number of iterations of drawings in an effort to present a proposal on this 7.8-acre lot that would have less than 600 feet of concrete,” said William

Gilbride Jr., attorney for DDC, during the Aug. 15 ZBA hearing, “and we simply were not able to do that because of the irregular shape of the lot and other constraints of the ordinance and the Land Divisions Act. To our mind, there is no reasonable alternative to this otherwise conforming development, other than to grant a roadway deviation.”

Shores city planners, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, disagree.

“We ... believe that alternative road and lot designs are available to the developer,” they wrote in an Aug. 10 letter to City Manager Mark Wollenweber. “These

alternative designs may force the developer to have fewer lots; however, design alternatives which meet the (600-foot) maximum cul-de-sac length are available.”

For the city, the issue comes down to public safety. In Director of Public Safety John Schulte’s analysis of the project, he recommended a 600-foot cul-de-sac which would be “necessary in order to provide safe and efficient movement of fire apparatus and fire suppression services within the Deeplands Lane subdivision.”

CWA also points out in

its analysis the public safety concern if an emergency occurred in the subdivision blocking the only access.

“The extra cul-de-sac length as proposed by the developer will allow additional homes to be accessed off only a single means of access,” they wrote. “In the event of a public safety emergency such as a structure fire or tree fall, access to some residences could be blocked, resulting in a traffic danger or emergency access problem.”

DDC, however, says the 600-foot maximum is an arbitrary number because

it doesn’t account for the zoning district in which a property falls.

“For example, a 600-foot cul-de-sac in the Vernier Road district would support 24 homes,” Gilbride said, “and a 600-foot cul-de-sac in the R10 district would support 15 homes. In the R12 district, where we are, they’re saying it’s got to be limited to 600 feet. But we are proposing to have 14 homes on 852 feet, which would be the same number of homes, actually less than the number of homes, in R10 or Vernier Road.”

Gilbride said the rejection of DDC’s preliminary

plat is unconstitutional because each ordinance has to be backed by reasonable governmental interest.

“It’s got to have some substance, some reasons,” Gilbride said. “It can’t just be arbitrary. So, why would 24 homes be safe in a 600-foot cul-de-sac, but 14 aren’t safe on a 852-foot cul-de-sac? Explain to me how the public interest is being protected by that?”

Gilbride said both parties have not yet met to discuss a possible settlement, but will do so prior to the April 12 conference.

CRIME:

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ACTION team, which is headquartered here,” he said. “In 2013, we had 56. Last year, we had 14. Of those 14, ACTION recovered two of those vehicles on the same day they were stolen with no damage.”

The Park saw two more armed robberies in 2017, up from zero, but still significantly lower than 2014 when 10 were reported. The Park also had five more forcible sexual offenses in 2017, jumping up from two reported in 2016.

Non-index crimes jumped from 111 in 2016 to 160 in 2017.

Poloni said much of that number is a result of crimes the department has no control over.

“Those crimes would be the identity theft crimes,” Poloni said. “So when we get identity theft crimes we have to report those in our statistics. It’s very difficult for us, in this day and age, to have any control over those things.”

Poloni said he anticipates those numbers going up throughout the year because of last year’s Equifax data breach.

Fire responses also went up in 2017. The Park reported a total of 504 firefighting responses. Of those, 334 were ambulance runs.

Firefighters responded to five dwelling fires, one miscellaneous building fire and four car fires. They also made 69 runs for fire alarms, 44 for smoke investigations and 22 for down wires.

The total fire loss for the year was \$73,500, which according to Poloni is low. The Park usually has approximately \$1 million in fire loss over the course of a year.

Council was pleased with the continued suc-

cess of the department.

“First,” Councilman Daniel Grano said, “I would say that you guys are so successful it’s your worst enemy because it’s hard to improve on how great of a department you guys already are and you did it again. So, congratulations, especially when it relates to the index crimes. That’s probably, I don’t have it in front of me, but probably the lowest index rate in the last 50 years.”

Mayor Bob Denner echoed Grano’s sentiments.

“I know all the guys work really hard to make this city safe,” Denner said. “Beyond making the city safe, they reassure residents just by the way they conduct themselves professionally. I’ve heard so many times from our residents how they appreciate all the interactions they’ve had, whether it was formal or informal, with our officers. So the attitude you all bring every day really shows up in the way our residents feel about our city, feel about you, and I think it’s reflected in the report.”

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Above, Alexis Minnefield poses with her father, Oscar, between dances. Right, while other girls danced and sang on the stage, Stacey Pennar jumped into the arms of her father, Christoff.



Molly Hanoian, Scarlett Ford and Evie Clements were thrilled to get their photo taken with Ariel, the Little Mermaid.



EASTER:

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Park

Noon Saturday, March 24, at Patterson Park, 16006 Essex, Grosse Pointe Park. There will be two marshmallow drops from a helicopter at Patterson Park. The first, at noon, is for ages 1 to 5 years old, with the second shortly after at 12:15 p.m. for ages 6 to 10. Families with children in both age categories may participate together during the 12:15 p.m. drop only. The Park asks parents and children to arrive no later than 15 minutes before the event. Egg collection bags will be provided, and once filled with marshmallows, exchanged for goodie bags. Six golden eggs also will be included in each drop for kids to trade in for a special prize. There will be pony rides and the Easter Bunny and other costumed characters also make appearances for photo opportunities. Cost is \$10 per child and parents may register their

children at the Lavins Activity Center front desk through Friday, March 23.

City

5 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Neff Park, 17150 E. Jefferson, City of Grosse Pointe. Cost is \$5 per child. The event is open to City residents with valid park passes and their guests. The ribbon will be cut 5 p.m., sending children age 5 and younger to the Playscape area and children age 6 and older throughout the park in search of eggs. Along with collecting standard eggs for treats, there will be one golden egg per child in the park to be exchanged for special prizes. The City asks no outside baskets be brought in; egg baskets will be provided. A petting farm with a variety of farm animals also will be on site and Peter Cottontail will be on hand taking photos and passing out Alinosi chocolate bunny suckers. More information may be found on the cities' respective websites.

City of Grosse Pointe

From New York, with love

A package was stolen from a porch in the 600 block of Lincoln 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8. The unknown suspect, caught on camera by the homeowner, was a male in his 20s, wearing a black coat with grey hood and driving a Ford Mustang with New York plates.

Scam

A resident reported credit card fraud and possible identity theft Thursday, March 8. She received notice from Cardmember Services in North Dakota stating she owed \$1,000 to her Comerica Bank account. The resident said she closed the account and did not authorize any charges. The resident did not receive any notices from Comerica Bank and after investigating, it was revealed the Cardmember Services' P.O. Box has been associated with scams.

Couldn't handle the pain

A would-be patient at a pain clinic in the 16000 block of Jefferson was escorted out and told not to come back 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. The man came in for his first appointment, but when he was told the appointment was for the next day and the clinic wouldn't be able to see him until then, he became argumentative. The manager asked him to leave several times but he refused, until being escorted out by security.

Later, when a clinic representative called the man to inform him because of his behavior, he would no longer be welcomed at the clinic, the man made threatening comments toward the staff.

Twofer

A married couple reported Monday, March 5, their identities both were used to file fraudulent unemployment benefit claims. The two are both still employed.

— Anthony Viola
Report information about these and other crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety,

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Grosse Pointe Park

Trading up

A 16-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing a bike and moped 2 p.m. Monday, March 5, on Mack at Beaconsfield. An officer observed the man pushing a moped across Mack and investigated. It was revealed he stole a bike in the 1000 block of Wayburn, then left it on Kercheval where he took the moped.

Tool man

An unknown person stole a Skil saw and two toolboxes from an unlocked garage in the 1400 block of Harvard overnight between Monday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 6.

Too hot to resist

An unknown person stole a hot pink mountain bike from an unlocked garage in the 900 block of Beaconsfield overnight Monday, March 5.

To catch a thief

An unknown person stole a package from a porch in the 1400 block of Cadieux between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Thursday, March 8. The suspect may have been wearing a red hat and red scarf.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Package missing

A resident in the 200 block of Fisher reported a possible larceny Monday, March 12. According to the resident, she was expecting a package but it never arrived. She called the company, which told her the package should have been delivered Feb. 12. It contained seven pressure cookers of various sizes.

Disgruntled ex-employee

A briefcase containing paperwork, a checkbook and \$5,000 cash was stolen from a work truck in the 200 block of Lothrop Friday, March 9. The owner of the briefcase, and foreman of the worksite, believed it was a former employee who

stopped showing up two weeks prior. Workers saw a black Honda Civic pull up and park across from the worksite 9 a.m. and leave approximately 20 minutes later. Afterward, the foreman noticed his passenger side door ajar and the briefcase missing.

Stolen gun

A 30-year-old Detroit man was arrested for possessing a stolen handgun 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, on Mack at E. Warren. Officers pulled the man over for expired tags and during their investigation spotted a handgun on the back seat. There were three other passengers in the vehicle and no one possessed a concealed pistol license. It was later discovered the handgun was stolen.

Dr. Fraud

A 27-year-old Park woman is suspected of stealing a prescription pad from a doctor's office

in the 100 block of Kercheval.

The doctor received a call Tuesday, March 6, from a pharmacy about a possible fraudulent prescription written for 60 Adderall pills. After going through his records, the doctor determined he did not write or authorize the prescription and canceled the script. The doctor then determined the pad was taken from his office and signature forged.

Officers have failed to contact the suspect after multiple attempts.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Get off my lawn

A resident in the 2000 block of Country Club reported intimidation from his neighbor 11 a.m. Sunday, March 11. The

resident said when he parks in his driveway, his car hangs over onto the side grass because it is too narrow. According to the resident, his neighbor has confronted him multiple times, telling him to get off his lawn. The resident, however, said the grass belongs to him and he feels threatened because of his neighbor's actions.

Lock your car

A larceny from an unlocked vehicle was reported 7:45 a.m. Friday, March 9, in the 1700 block of Bournemouth. The victim said when she went to her car in the morning, the doors were ajar and \$50 in miscellaneous cash was taken from the center console.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report.

— Anthony Viola

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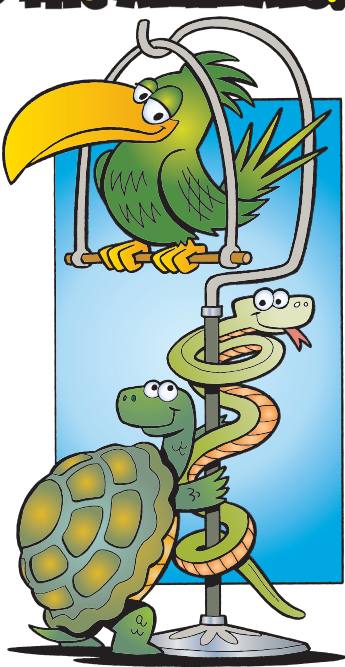


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OUR VIEW

Detroit’s DPW decision ‘political’

It now appears clear Detroit General Counsel Lawrence Garcia’s belated rescission of Detroit’s earlier approval of using a Detroit warehouse for a department of public works facility was politically motivated.

According to a Feb. 8 appeal by the City of Grosse Pointe, Mr. Garcia’s opinion in January was both wrong in the facts and wrong in the law. We are not surprised.

As we stated in previous editorials, we find it incredible that both Grosse Pointe and Detroit building and zoning officials, including legal counsel, could have missed a zoning requirement that overnight storage of sanitation equipment (garbage trucks) required an industrial designation, as Mr. Garcia claimed.

Grosse Pointe’s attorneys say the industrial “sanitation” zoning is only required where sanitary waste is being stored or transferred, which was never the case for the planned Detroit location as it is not the case currently on Maumee.

We say Mr. Garcia’s memo was “political” in that it came on the heels of negative media and social media coverage of the planned move — long after it had been approved by Detroit building officials and long after the Nov. 15 deadline for appealing the approved use.

In responding to the negative publicity, we believe Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan ordered his general counsel, Mr. Garcia, to quash the move any way possible. “Find something,” we imagine Mr. Duggan telling his hired legal gun.

Mr. Garcia found “something” — namely an industrial zoning that does not apply and a spurious claim that not all property owners within 300 feet were notified, contrary to the Detroit building department’s own records. City attorneys counter that even if not all property owners were properly notified, a legally arrived at approval cannot be rescinded based on the city’s failure to notify all parties.

Our proof the rescission was manufactured — and the original approval was legal — are the Detroit building officials’ own words in approving the DPW use:

“According to the City of Detroit Master Plan of Policies, the proposed use is consistent with the future generalized land use designation of Institutional; ... the renovation and re-use of a vacant building represents an investment in the neighborhood and will secure the building from unlawful activity and blight associated with abandonment; and ... the use as proposed will not substantially diminish property values within the area nor be injurious to adjacent property owners.”

We are disappointed in Mayor Duggan and his administration’s arbitrary and capricious handling of city business. To rescind city approval after it was arrived at through due process smacks of autocracy.

Though we had been warned by others that deal-



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Grosse Pointe Past

This photo, dated Aug. 10, 1904, shows the front facade of the Backman house at 194 Moross, with Charles and Kate (Lennon) Backman and their son, Linus, in the front yard. The property was purchased by the Backmans for \$410 in 1874. According to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, in 1894, the building contained the Backman Grocery Store, which sold produce and penny candy treats, as well as children’s shoes. The store delivered in those days via horse and wagon, which were housed in a barn behind the store. In front were displays of fresh produce. The living quarters — eight bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths — were behind the store.

ing with the city of Detroit was unwise, we shrugged off those concerns as outdated. Surely, we thought, that was the “old Detroit,” not the “new Detroit” under an enlightened mayor. We were proud to be doing business with Detroit. We are saddened and embarrassed to see our trust (naivete?) misplaced.

We hold little hope that Mayor Duggan’s zoning appeals board will rule in our favor. Following that, Grosse Pointe’s option is to appeal the zoning board’s decision in Wayne County Circuit Court. Perhaps we will prevail there.

In the meantime, Grosse Pointe officials are meeting with residents near the Detroit property in an

effort to convince them of our good intentions. Part of nearby residents’ concerns is alleged rat infestation. While we do not think that will be a problem since garbage will not be stored on the site, perhaps a masonry wall with an adequate “rat wall” foundation will alleviate residents’ fears and provide an additional buffer between commercial and residential property; however, existing trees may pose a problem and residents would not be able to “enjoy” the extensive landscaping and plantings that are planned in the buffer zone behind the building.

We do, after all, wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors across Mack Avenue in Detroit.

Ms. Mullins will be missed at Ford House

It is with sadness we learn of Kathleen Mullins’s scheduled retirement as head of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Fair Lane, Henry and Clara Ford’s estate in Dearborn. But even though we will be sad to see her go May 31, we are happy she will return to her beloved Williamsburg, Va., to enjoy her “twilight years” with her husband, Jim, who retired in December.

A self-described “career nomad,” Ms. Mullins, now 70, came to Grosse Pointe in January 2008, after being recruited by the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House board to run the estate. Though she is not from Grosse Pointe, she quickly became an involved member of our community.

Not only did she take over running the venerable estate, expanding its programming and accessibility to the public and “growing the (nonprofit) business” with the acquisition of Fair Lane in 2013, she also served on the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce her entire tenure here, serving as chairwoman four years.

With Ms. Mullins’s firm and, as she would say,

“female” hand on the Ford House helm, the estate entered the 21st century with programs and apps to meet contemporary patrons’ needs. The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House definitely is not the sleepy estate she inherited. Today it is vibrant and vital to the Grosse Pointe community and beyond. Under her management, Ms. Mullins has brought tourism to the Pointes — and that’s a good thing.

We were on hand when Ms. Mullins reached out to her professional peer, Anne Parsons, president and CEO of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, to bring the orchestra to the Ford House for two nights of classic and pops fare in July. The DSO concerts have become a regularly sold-out fundraiser for the estate and a summer tradition.

Ms. Mullins does leave some unfinished business — namely construction of the new activities center and administrative offices for the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Fair Lane. But knowing Ms. Mullins as we do, we are sure she is not leaving her board —

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LETTERS

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

Vigil honors victims

Dear GPPSS families:

All of us continue to be touched and saddened by the recent tragic loss of 17 members of the school community in Parkland, Fla., last month. Schools should be a place where both students and adults have the opportunity to learn and grow in a violence-free environment.

As you may know, there has been discussion of how the district would come together March 14, to recognize the tragedy in Parkland, Fla. Thank you for your patience as we spent time last week working with staff and students

across the district to discuss and collaborate on a #OneGP plan. We understand many of our students and staff at the secondary level may wish to join their counterparts across the country in supporting peace and healing March 14. Therefore, as a district, the focus at our schools will be:

- High schools:
 - ◆ Honoring victims
 - ◆ Rallying against school violence
 - ◆ Advocating for resources to ensure safe and secure buildings
- Middle schools:
 - ◆ Honoring victims
 - ◆ Creating a positive message to send to Parkland
- Elementary schools:

◆ No activities regarding this issue will be conducted

At this point, the plan for both middle school and high school students is for students to be outside for 17 minutes March 14, standing together in support of the causes listed above. At the high school level, the gathering will be on the football field and will have a component of student voice. At the middle school level, the activities will be more adult directed.

If a student does not wish to participate in these activities, they will be under no obligation to do so. Supervision will be provided within the building for students who choose to remain inside.

Last year, the Board of Education voted unanimously to keep guns out of our schools and reaffirmed this decision during the Feb. 26 board meeting.

DR. GARY C. NIEHAUS
GPPSS superintendent

Please reconsider

Dear school board members and administration:

My wife and I are big

supporters of the schools. My wife graduated from South. I attended Grosse Pointe public schools through sixth grade. Our daughter is at Defer. I know most of you and support you in your leadership and helped you get elected. However, the support of this march by the school district disappoints me. I support showing support for the victims of school violence during non-instruction time. Unfortunately, there is no way to make this not a political march. This is unacceptable. It does not matter what your beliefs about gun control are. It is wrong to do political marches on taxpayers’ time with their minor children. I only ask the schools to remain neutral and teach the students, not make them pawns in politics. Politics have no place in government-run schools. I know the school board has not been involved so far. I ask you to reconsider and engage on this topic. I further worry this overt political action by the school district

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Picturing the community through my lens



Many of you know me, but in case you don't, I am the staff photographer here at the paper and this year, 2018, marks my 14th year of taking photos for the Grosse Pointe News. As staff photographer, I feel privileged to be able to do this so many years. I have had the honor of photographing numerous kids and families, many of whom I have come to know well. You have welcomed me into your life, shared experiences both joyous and sorrowful. I have watched your children grow, had fun being recognized on the street where kids wave, smile or say hello. "It's the camera lady," they exclaim. Adults come up to me and say, "Where's your camera?" or "I didn't recognize you without your

camera." I often am told I'm everywhere and I joke back that I need to be a twin. I have been around long enough to take photos of kids in elementary school all the way to their graduation. I enjoy graduation; it is an event that holds so much promise looking forward, excitement at what is to come. It is a time to say goodbye and a time to say hello, to a new life, new experiences, new friends and new opportunities. I have laughed, cried, been in awe, felt joy, pride and been humbled at many of the assignments I have had. I have photographed mayors, senators, movie stars, people running for office, school administration, school functions, fundraisers and fires. I have photographed art shows, voters, fairy tales and legacies, music events, veterans' events, camps, theater, boat races, sports, Halloween and Easter egg events. I have photographed enough Christmas events that when it is that time of year, Santa now says, "Hi, Renee," which sort of

excites the kid in me. Last year when Santa greeted me by name, a child behind me said in a reverent whisper, "He knows her name." It was pretty cool. I've felt pride when seeing students come together to help other students when there's a tragedy like the hurricane in Texas or a classmate with a diagnosis or death of a loved one. One of my favorite assignments was photographing a sister who rescued the two stray dogs her brother took care of while stationed in Iraq; after he was killed overseas Christmas Day, she worked to bring them to her home in Grosse Pointe Farms. I have photographed people from 1 to 100 years old. One of the more difficult things to photograph is someone accused of a crime. I don't like going to a courtroom and seeing, through my lens, the eyes of someone who did terrible things to another human being. A cold feeling rushes over me and I wish I had a cloak of invisibility. I hope to never go back.

I do, however, like photographing the Daddy-Daughter Dance, which I did March 10. The Pointes used to each hold their own dances years ago and the first one I covered was at the Woods Community Center. I was not prepared for the sweetness I would witness. More than once I had to bring my camera up to my eyes to cover the mistiness that occurred while watching little girls dancing on top of their daddies' feet or being held in their arms while dancing to a slow song. I joke when I tell that story and say I was concerned the photos would be blurry because I was so moved at what I was seeing. Now there is an All Pointes dance and every Grosse Pointe comes together in one place, which ups the level of cuteness. Girls 12 and under dress up and wear something shiny, sparkly or flowy, have a corsage on their wrist and a smile on their face. They run around with their friends, little ones spin on the dance floor and many girls gather onstage to dramatically mime and sing along to songs I am

amazed they know the words to. The dads get out their phones to capture the moment or stand around with other dads smiling at their little girls. Some dads are silly, coaxing laughter from their daughters; some dads start out the night a bit awkward, but warm up as soon as they gather to sing and dance to "YMCA." I had so much fun as I danced along with some of the girls, gave in to their requests to take their pictures and smiled at their squeals of excitement at having had their picture taken. It's not always easy knowing every photo won't fit in the paper, but every photo I take is precious to me. I grew up in the Park with many fond memories. Many of my family members still live there. I moved away but came back to Grosse Pointe after 20 years and once I started working at the newspaper, I began to understand what community means. It's not only the whole of it, but more importantly, it's the individuals in it. People who show you goodness and

kindness and who buoy you on a day you really need it. People who teach you lessons by being jerks or by being nice and sometimes, people who like to tell me how to do my job (Insert both an eye roll and laughter). Through this job I have found people I call my friends in a true sense of the word. This community welcomed me home without me realizing it until later. You opened the doors to your homes and your hearts and trust me every time I ask permission to photograph you or your child. You welcome me every time you smile or say hello when you see me. For that I thank you. It is my honor to do the work I do and even though I can be very busy, it doesn't always feel like work and that is because of the people I get to spend time with, in the office and out in the community. And it is with gratitude I say thank you for being so fun, so kind, so ornery and so open, because each assignment teaches me something either about the community, the world or myself.

Yesterday's Headlines

1943
75 years ago this week
WOODS BEACH PLAN IS SPRAGGED: Grosse Pointe Shores is sympathetic to Grosse Pointe Woods having a community bathing beach, but made clear it will not give up any of its property for this purpose. If the Woods sought to obtain possession of any Shores property, the village would carry the fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary.
BUSINESSMEN STATE AIMS OF ASSO-

CIATION: Twenty-two representative Grosse Pointe businessmen and women met in the Neighborhood Club to discuss additional plans for a Pointe-wide business association. The movement, attempted several years ago without success, was revived by the Grosse Pointe News several months ago and the first meeting was held two weeks ago.
1968
50 years ago this week
SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING HEATED: A standing-room-only crowd greeted the Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustees at their regular meeting Monday. The atmosphere was tense as the regular agenda swiftly concluded. The board president then asked members of the board if there was any other business. A trustee asked to be recognized and once again made a motion to rescind the permit to use the gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School for speaker the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The motion was defeated by a 5-2 vote.

1993
25 years ago this week
NEW DETROIT CITY AIRPORT PLAN RE-KINDLES PROTESTS: Detroit's latest request that the Federal Aviation Administration approve plans for expanding City Airport has raised renewed protests from Grosse Pointers concerned about noise and property values. The project would cost about \$379 million and feature a new 7,200-foot runway and a 22-gate passenger terminal.

2008
10 years ago this week
CHAMPS!: Grosse Pointe North High School girls basketball team won its first basketball state championship beating East Lansing 58-46. For the eighth time, the Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team claimed the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League state championship defeating Ann Arbor 4-2.
— Karen Fontanive

MULLINS:

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or the estate — unprepared. It is her and her board's able stewardship that has made the new (and necessary) construction and expansion possible. Ms. Mullins has accomplished all these things for Grosse Pointe while maintaining a long-distance marriage and fighting cancer, now two years following chemotherapy, and she is no doubt embarrassed by the attention. She always was there to greet everyone she encountered with a smile and encouragement. It was meeting the Ford family when she was being recruited that convinced Ms. Mullins to join the Ford estate and oversee the family's legacy. We are disappointed, then, she will not be able to preside as head of the Ford House over this year's Legacy on Lake event with the Grosse Pointe Chamber honoring the Ford family. Hopefully, she can leave Williamsburg long enough to join us June 20 in feting the Ford family. We doubt Ms. Mullins will sit still. Already she is thinking about teaching at William & Mary College in Williamsburg (she was finishing her Ph.D. in American and women's studies when the recruiter called) and, of course, traveling. Good luck, Ms. Mullins, in your retirement years. We individually and as a community are better for having had you in our lives.

LETTERS:

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subjects our district to civil liability. It needs to be stopped while you still can. Maybe thinking about this in an area outside of gun violence would aid in the decision making. If this was a prayer march, all of you would move immediately to stop it. Under our current law, I would support you in doing so. The proponents of the school prayer would say the children can opt out and not pray, no one is compelled. Yet, courts have correctly found the school's implicit endorsement compels compliance and endorses one belief system over another. Who wants to be the only kids not participating? It is the same here. You are compelling political activity on school time. It is not right. I know there is an effort to say no political activity can occur during these protests. However, the nature of this protest and its organizers make it impossible to separate the political agenda. The march is organized by the Action Network, a self-described group that "empowers individ-

uals and groups to organize for progressive causes." Having staff participate in a "progressive" march while being paid during school time is a serious mistake under the current law. Please reconsider this decision. DAN GRANO
Grosse Pointe Park
Nothing partisan about rejecting slaughter of school children
To the Editor: Thanks to the Grosse Pointe Public School System for allowing students to gather March 14, to honor the Parkland students who were murdered at their school and to take a stand demanding better school safety. I am very disturbed to see members of our community politicizing these planned vigils by spreading inaccurate information and falsely accusing the district of supporting a partisan "liberal" agenda. In doing so they are attempting to silence our students and are unnecessarily dividing our community. The student leaders and district have been clear about the purpose and intention of the events

planned March 14 — to honor victims and stand for safer schools. Who here does not grieve for families and loved ones of the students who were killed? Who here does not stand for safer schools? I am very troubled by the spreading of inaccurate and misleading information about the events. According to Mr. Chris Profeta's publicly shared Facebook post, the administration kept the board in the loop as planning was unfolding. It is imperative that all BOE members are accurate, honest and transparent about both the intent of the events and the planning process when speaking with our community. We depend on accurate information. Now is not the time to intentionally sow division and mistrust. Instead, let's stand together as a community to honor those killed and show our kids we too believe our schools should be safe and secure. SHANNON BYRNE
Grosse Pointe Farms
An event to remember
To the Editor: Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the

March 14 50th anniversary event at Grosse Pointe South High School. We attended the 1968 event because we were supporters of the work being done by the Grosse Pointe Human Relations Council. As many know, the GPHRC was the organization that invited the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to speak in Grosse Pointe. We remember, because of the large number of protesters on the sidewalks, having to walk ON Fisher Road to get to the school. We were near the road's gutter. One "friendly lady" yelled at us, "That's where you belong — in the gutter." We remember, too, the auditorium being packed, a couple disturbances and an inspirational speech. Memories fade and we are pleased the Grosse Pointe News reprinted the speech. To paraphrase MLK's words, toward the end, with faith and hope we will be able to have, "... the day when all God's children, all over this nation — black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics will be able to join hands ..." NANCY AND TOM COLES
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The softer side of schools

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

In the midst of proposals to harden schools against violence through stricter security measures, many researchers point to the softer side of schools as a means of prevention.

Recommendations outlined in “A Call for Action to Prevent Gun Violence in the United States of America” — prepared by an interdisciplinary group of experts and released by the University of Virginia Curry School of Education — include “adequate staffing of counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers in a coordinated school- and community-based mental health services for individuals with risk factors for violence.”

As past president of the Michigan Association of School Psychologists, Grosse Pointe South High School school psychologist Lisa Khoury said her impression based on “interaction with colleagues around the state is Grosse Pointe is well endowed with school psychologists, counselors and social workers compared to many districts across the state.”

Connections

South and Grosse Pointe North High School each have five counselors, a social worker and school psychologist on staff.

“I think South has really done a wonderful job of providing a lot of internal structure and supports that promote positive relationship building and support,” Khoury said. “There are a lot of both programs and classes and clubs and supports that specifically address connectedness and I think that’s a big piece so that students don’t feel estranged.”

For South counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske, it’s about building a sense of ownership.

“From the time that we have our freshman orien-

tation and we’re meeting with students and we’re meeting with parents, the message we want to put out there is that we want students and parents to feel that this is their school,” she said.

This begins with engaging them as part of the school, whether it’s participating in a “massive number of clubs — north of 75 different student clubs,” according to Walsh-Sahutske, or on one of 33 athletic teams. North, too, has an array of student clubs and 33 athletic teams.

“It’s crazy the different opportunities we have to build community,” Walsh-Sahutske said. “I think that is one of our greatest defenses against students who are struggling. ... We engage them as part of the school.”

Structures within both high school buildings promote engagement as well. At South, this includes a Link Crew program connecting upperclassmen with incoming freshmen. These students “orient freshmen and take a temperature,” Khoury said. “If the upperclassmen see any concerns, they go to their adviser. The adviser goes to the counseling department to share concerns. We also have a peer-to-peer club that links special needs students with our general education typically developing students. Again, those typically developing students know to share with the peer-to-peer adults to report any concerns.”

North’s peer-to-peer program is known as Norsemen KNOTS. Mentorship plays a big role at North in other ways as well, according to counselor Jenny Sherman. In addition to connections students make through Link Crew, mentors sit in classrooms to help fellow students work on academic skills or address any social or emotional issues that arise.

“Our mission is connection, whether it’s through sports or arts or music,” Sherman said. “It’s connecting with students and adults. That’s a huge push we have here.”

For students who are reluctant to connect, “we try to communicate with the family as much as possible and let them know if we feel they need to work on those connections,” said North school psychologist Christine Kuhl. “We do that case by case.”

Communication

To detect red flags, whether it’s a slipping grade or behavior issue, all agree teachers are the first line of communication with the counseling staff.

“Teachers are incredibly good here,” said Khoury. “They all reach out and ... know also to come share with somebody in the counseling department if they have concerns. That happens regularly.”

Kuhl, too, said teachers are “our biggest source of support. They see the students every day so they are very good at having their fingers on the pulse on how the students are doing. We have very open lines of communication with our teachers so they can easily contact us if there are concerns. They know they can easily report those concerns to teachers and there are follow-ups in place.”

Currently teachers email a counselor with concerns. However, Sherman said they are working on a referral form teachers can access from their desktop computers that goes immediately to a student’s counselor for follow-up. These forms also provide data to help determine areas where students may require particular support.

Sometimes these areas are addressed through a group counseling session. Groups vary year to year based on need, but are formed to provide additional support for students experiencing grief, changing families or other life changes. Sometimes divided by gender, they also may be formed to help students develop academic skills, form healthy habits and make good choices.

Role of students

Finally, students play a critical role in helping peers get the help they need.

“Kids are really attuned to concerns that they might have with each other, whether it might be text messages or things they throw up on social media,” said Walsh-Sahutske. “It’s really not at all uncommon for kids to come to us if they’re concerned about their friends and we do follow-ups on that.”

Said Sherman, “What we’re trying to work on as well is this idea that students will come to us with other student issues.”

While students con-

cerned about a friend have a “sense of needing to keep a secret,” she wants them to know some issues are “too big to keep a secret. You really need to report this.”

Finally, just the presence of a counselor, psychologist or social worker may open the door to a student seeking help.

“A beautiful thing about high school, students tend to self refer as well,” said Kuhl, adding students often walk by her office, see the name plate on her door and stop in to talk.

Preparation

While prevention through promoting a pos-

itive school climate is the goal, preparation is also essential in the event a crisis does occur. Counseling staff from both high schools attended a two- to three-day training called PREPaRE on how best to intervene and respond to help minimize negative mental health outcomes.

Both counseling departments also work closely with parents to provide information about local mental health — community mental health, private practice and psychiatric hospitals — along with other community agencies such as the Family Center.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Chill Room at South is a space students may go to decompress after consulting with their counselor, school social worker or school psychologist.

Chilling out

Interventions in place at South to help students remain in school include a “chill room” — a place where students who are “struggling for whatever reason with anxiety or depression or some emotional component that is preventing them from going to class or accessing their education at this moment,” said Lisa Khoury. First they come to the counseling office for assessment before returning to class. If more intervention is deemed necessary, the chill room provides a place for them “to relax a bit to take some of the pressure off.”

“What’s cool is we’ve built in a lot of coping mechanisms to teach them how to relax,” said Beth Walsh-

Sahutske. “We have an iPad where we have a couple different applications that are teaching them how to do some breathing exercises or guided meditation. We have a weighted blanket or a weighted teddy bear, which is my favorite. We have comfortable seating and aromas and guidance in how to get to an equilibrium point that at the moment may be difficult to access in the midst of a panic attack.

“If (a student is) not ready to go to class, our goal is to have them remain in school,” she added. “We work on encouraging them to work on different ways to get back to that equilibrium.”

— Mary Anne Brush

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Teacher of THE WEEK

Katy Forcillo

School:

Defer Elementary School

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3 (12 in GPPSS; 26 overall)

Grade/Subject:

Young Fives

Nominated by:

Lisa Rheahme

Principal's quote:

“Katy Forcillo is an extremely dedicated teacher who inspires children to seek new learning experiences on a daily basis. She is one of the three Young Fives teachers in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. Each day I watch the students eager to enter Mrs. Forcillo’s classroom to share their excitement of learning with each other. Her enthusiasm for teaching and helping all students grow provides a nurturing environment for them to thrive and prepare for the future. Mrs. Forcillo’s passion for building a foundation for learning in all subject areas will help create lifelong learners and we are thrilled to have her in our building.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Five-year-olds love school and are enthusiastic learners. They come in every morning with big smiles on their faces and are ready to learn

and work and play. Another fun aspect of working with children this age is their openness and honesty. Finally, I really enjoy working with them to develop not only their academic skills, but just as importantly, their emotional and social intelligence. All of these skills are critical to their long-term success and happiness.

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

When Grosse Pointe Public Schools decided to start the Young Fives program in 2016, I was very excited to be one of three teachers in the district given the opportunity to teach it. This is our second year and we’ve gotten a lot of very positive feedback from the community. I take pride in being part of the team that launched this great program.

Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.

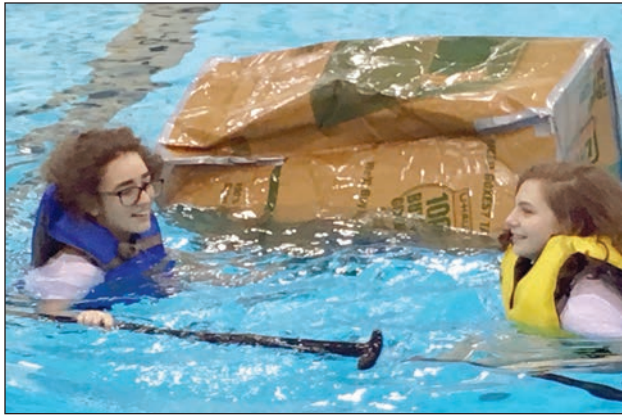
I was first inspired to become a teacher by my father, Bill Keenan, who was a special education teacher in Detroit for

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many years. I continue to be inspired by many colleagues I’ve had the opportunity to work with during my career. They include many outstanding teachers as well as those dedicated secretaries, assistants, principals, administrators and engineers who put their heart and soul into their work and are always thinking about what is best for the children. Educating children requires a team effort and I feel lucky to be part of a strong team at Defer and in Grosse Pointe Schools.

Favorite quote:

I love the quote from Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne: “You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.” My students love it too.



PHOTOS BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Above, Elpida Katakis and Sam Boggia made it one length of North's pool before their boat sank. Right, Charles Weiss and John Hogrebe in "Burn the Boat." Far right, Jackie Brophy and Camryn Simon in "Big Yachty."



Physics project floats students' boats

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School's cardboard boat regatta was "a celebration of the students," according to physics teacher Don Pata.

"The students here are so amazing and when you give them a chance to show us how amazing they are, they do stuff like this," he said about the eighth annual boat races at North's pool March 1, for all physics classes.

The idea was developed in 1974 by Richard Archer, a professor of art and design at Southern Illinois University. The challenge was to design and race a cardboard boat as a final exam for his freshman design classes.

Eight years ago, it was the physics department that adopted the cardboard boat races as a way to teach students about forces, in particular buoyancy. Students are placed in teams of four to six and given a month — includ-

ing midwinter break — to design and build their boats. The test is whether the boats can bear the weight of two students across two lengths of the swimming pool.

"As we get more innovative as teachers as time goes on, we try new things," said Pata. "This is something we decided to try one year and the kids love it and the parents love it and now we just can't stop doing it."

Whether their boats placed first in their heat or sank into a sodden mass of wet cardboard, students learned basic principles of physics aligned with the Next Generation Science standards, according to physics teacher Jaime Hainer.

"The purpose is to give us a real-life application for what we're learning in the classroom," Hainer said. "It also goes into the new science standards (which) have engineering as a part of it and building and designing. The students build a smaller model. They test

it by adding weight to it and test to see where the water line would be. We use that process and refine it to see how to build a larger-scale boat. It has that engineering component in it that we're trying to bring into the classroom."

Afterwards students debrief about "what went wrong, what they learned," Hainer said. Debriefing is new this year. Students ask themselves "what would have been nice to know at the beginning of this so we can pass that knowledge on to next year's students."

"We always know there's going to be a few that don't make it," she added. "I think they get something out of it and they learn from it. I noticed from a lot of groups I did watch that where they drew their water line in, they were right on that water line so they were able to apply the knowledge from class too."

Sophomore Emma Troost and junior Jill

Peters are both rowers with the Detroit Boat Club so were their team's obvious choice to take the oars of "Buoyancy," which placed first in the first heat.

Principles they learned in Hainer's class included "buoyant forces, density, mass and conversion," according to Troost. In designing their boat, their team focused on creating a wide base after receiving advice from last year's students.

"They said to keep the sides low so you could actually row over it," Troost said.

"We angled it a bit so that it juttred out at an angle and went back in so that if water were to come in, our base would increase (with) our water line," said Peters.

Hainer noted students who paid attention to their water line had greater success.

Senior Jackie Brophy and junior Camryn Simon — rowers for "Big Yachty" — "took a swim at the end," said Brophy.

The lesson they learned had to do with density and volume.

"Cardboard does not hold as much as you'd think it would," said Simon.

Added Brophy, "We didn't make the boat have a big enough volume to sustain the whole time."

Juniors Sam Boggia and Elpida Katakis made it one length of the pool before their boat sank.

"We didn't put an extra layer on the bottom," said Boggia.

"The mass of the boat didn't match the mass of us," added Katakis.

"Looking at the boats, you can tell how hard they worked on them," said Pata, who is in his 19th year at North. "And then you look at them in the stands and how focused and well behaved they are. That's the goal here — to create good humans. ... The physics is fun too, but this is beyond the physics and it's really about how great the kids are."

Town halls

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System is hosting a facilities town hall at the dates and locations below. The purpose is to engage the Grosse Pointe community in discussing critical facilities needs in buildings throughout the district. Town halls include a presentation, tour and question-and-answer session. Contact Rebecca Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3007 for more information. Future dates are posted on gpschools.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

◆ Richard Elementary School, 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

◆ Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

◆ Kerby Elementary School, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Week Ahead

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

◆ The instrumental music program at Grosse Pointe North High School hosts a fundraiser concert 3 p.m. at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Orchestra Hall on Woodward in Detroit. Admission is \$20 general seating, \$15 seniors, \$10 students/children, and \$35 box seats. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, or in the lobby of Orchestra Hall before the concert. Works to be performed include Finale from Symphony No. 2 by Jean Sibelius, Brooke Green Suite by Gustav Holst, The Sinfonians March by Clifton Williams, First Suite in Eb by Gustav Holst, Armenian Rhapsody by Jonnie Vinson and Coast Guards March by Karl King. North will perform this music in Toronto in April.

South show choirs defend titles at invitational

Grosse Pointe South High School's award-winning show choirs added to their trophy case this past weekend, as the Pointe Singers were crowned Grand Champions in the championship division and the Tower Belles took home the Grand Champions title in the women's division at the 44th annual Bishop Luers Midwest Show Choir Invitational in Fort Wayne, Ind. The Pointe Singers won for the second straight year, while the Tower Belles have three consecutive victories at this competition.

"This is a very tough event with some great competition and both the Pointe Singers and Tower Belles responded to the challenge," said Christopher Pratt, South's choral director. "Everybody worked very hard to earn these Grand Champion titles. This put a big exclamation point on an incredibly busy few



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The Pointe Singers celebrate their title as Grand Champions of the Championship Division at last weekend's 44th Bishop Luers Midwest Show Choir Invitational in Fort Wayne, Ind.

weeks that included our international performance tour in Spain and France and another extremely competitive event last weekend in Ohio."

In addition to winning the title, the Pointe Singers earned caption awards for best vocals and best show

and senior Tiffany Furrichia was named the outstanding performer and best female soloist. For the Tower Belles, Gabriella Moncivais was selected outstanding performer in the women's division, an award she also won in Ohio. Twelve

schools and 14 choirs from the Midwest competed.

Grosse Pointe South also swept the three top spots among 30 competing soloists at Bishop Luers, with Josie Monahan earning the Grand Champion award, Jessica Boehmer finishing second and Eion Meldrum and Kaiya Sutton tying for third.

All three

choirs are under the direction of Pratt, assisted by Richard Wolf. Andy Haines, Annette Layman and Jason Pearce are South's choreographers.

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Awards for this juried competition are \$100 best of show, \$75 second place and \$50 third place. There will be two honorable mentions.

Participants will be

given the opportunity to take two GPAA classes in the art studio at The War Memorial free of charge: Unique Self-Portraits with Dan Keller, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 21 to April 11; and Creative Drawing Workshop: Strategies, games and stimuli with Rachel Reynolds Z, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 21.

The entry deadline is Friday, March 23. Notification of accep-

tance is Wednesday, March 28, and delivery of accepted work is 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 16.

The exhibition is Wednesday, April 18, to Sunday, May 6, and is open to the public. The exhibition will open with an awards ceremony and lecture by Yvette Rock, founder of the Live Coal Arts Mobile, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22.

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To the dogs
Shores woman
gives big to K-9 units

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A newspaper article asking for help four years ago kicked off a desire in Sharon Peters that has only grown stronger. Peters, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident, perused the Grosse Pointe News while waiting in her car for her grandchildren. An article about the Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 unit piqued her interest. “I read that the Farms police department was looking for donations for Duke, for a ballistic vest,” she said. “So I called them up and said, ‘I’m in.’ That was 2014.” To date, Peters has made donations to 60 K-9s working out of 25 units throughout Michigan, Iowa, Ohio, South Carolina, Florida

and New Jersey. Apart from ballistic vests, she’s donated different levels of training bite suits, tactical vests, comprehensive K-9 medical emergency kits, naloxone reversal kits used for opioid inhalation or ingestion, protective paw booties and trading cards used for public relations. After her initial donation, Peters decided she wanted to expand her reach, so she literally went through a list of police departments and reached out to see who needed what. She also told Duke’s handler, Officer Tim Harris, to spread the word. “I told him, ‘If you know someone who needs equipment, give them my number,’” she said. Peters currently is

working on her 61st donation, to a K-9 unit based in Lansing. “They need this equipment,” she said. “K-9s are such an asset to the community. I feel they need every bit of protection the handlers wear and have. But a lot of communities don’t have the funds for it.” Initial costs to start a K-9 unit range from \$50,000 to \$60,000, Peters said, which includes the dog, 12 weeks of intensive training for the K-9 and its handler and a police vehicle equipped with a K-9 insert, heat alarms, door poppers and basic equipment. Not covered in that initial cost are continual training sessions, dog food, veterinarian bills, protective gear and safety equipment, as well as overtime pay.

“Additionally, most of the K-9s and handlers are also members of their county or regional special response teams, which require additional training and time,” Peters said. “Most of these officers are training on their own time.”

While Peters said she tries to help out on the equipment side of things, if the dogs never have to use the vests, that’s fine with her.

“It is my opinion that a police K-9 unit is worth every penny spent,” she said. “Just the knowledge of these units or the sight of these working K-9s deters criminal activities in our communities. But, at the same time, they are serving as the liaison between police officers and the community at large. Take the time to get to know your local



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Harper Woods K-9 Kaiser and Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 Duke wear their vests. With them, from left, are Harper Woods Officer Steve Johnson, Sharon Peters and Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Tim Harris.

K-9 unit, as well as the other officers within the department. They are very special and unique and would love for you to get to know them.”

Peters purchases ballistic vests through the organization Vested Interest in K9s. While Duke’s vest was dedicated to the memory of Raleigh, the City of Grosse Pointe K-9 that died late 2013, every donation Peters has made since is in memory of her late father, Detective Lt. Richard J. Scott, who passed away in 2010.

“He retired in 1987 from the Roseville Police Department Intelligence Bureau after nearly 34 years of service,” Peters said. “After retirement, he worked part time for the Macomb County Court security department for nearly a decade. ... He was a great man. He helped people. I feel like he’s looking down and protecting all of them.”

Peters has donated several K-9 medical emergency kits, called Buddy Bags, filled with first-aid items, leashes, blankets, splints, tourniquets, trach tubes and, “anything that a dog would need,” Peters said.

Peters purchases the



A variety of equipment is packed into each Buddy Bag.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHARON PETERS



kits through Tracy Spader and her organization, K9 Defender Fund.

“She’s been instrumental in making sure to get the bags out,” Peters said.

Last year, after a dog fell from a moving vehicle and was struck on Lakeshore, Duke’s handler was called to repair the dog’s broken leg; Harris used the splint from his Buddy Bag.

Currently, Peters and her sister, Pat Settimo, are donating 100 life-saving kits to local fire departments, in memory of their father. Sixty-eight of them are going on Detroit Fire Department trucks. The other 32 are being donated to the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Roseville, St. Clair Shores and Warren fire departments. Each kit contains three sizes of oxygen muzzle masks, oxygen tubing connectors and resuscitating bags.

“Each year, it is estimated that more than 40,000 pets die in fires, most succumbing to smoke inhalation,” Peters said. “Hopefully these specialized pet oxygen masks will help in resuscitating and saving these animals’ lives.”

Peters said she’s been called the canine guardian angel, but is quick to add, “I’m just a small piece in a big puzzle.”

“I’ve learned that our communities have to give back,” she continued. “In this day and age, when communities don’t have all the funds they need, it’s up to the citizens to help wherever they can.”

Peters said she plans to continue making donations to K-9 units as long as she can.

“It’s a great feeling,” she said. “I’m doing this, obviously, through the love and support of my husband, Greg. He’s behind me 120 percent. We’re both animal lovers. Without his support in all this, this wouldn’t happen.”

Peters said anyone interested in helping should donate to Vested Interest in K9s or the K9 Defender Fund, or to the municipalities themselves.

“They need food. They need toys,” she said. “Contact them and find out how you can help. They have an endless list of needs. And call the fire departments and ask what they need. Everybody has a wish list.”



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Each vest is dedicated to the memory of Sharon Peters’ father.

Thanks, from Officer Tim Harris

“It’s hard to even begin. The generosity of others has forever changed my life and, without a doubt, Duke’s life. “It started with the tremendous donation from Gretchen Valade that provided our K-9 program, funding the working life of Duke. “Then Sharon (Peters) got involved when we submitted a request for a ballistic vest for Duke through Vested Interest in K9s. An (article) about the request ran in the Grosse Pointe News. Sharon had read the article and contacted Vested Interest wanting to sponsor the vest. It was the first vest she purchased; many more would follow after she became involved with Vested Interest. Sharon also offered to purchase Duke’s work harness that he wears on a daily basis, primarily used for tracking — like the track he did on the home invasion suspect that your paper recently wrote about in Harper Woods. Sharon has purchased two different level bite suits that have been used to train K-9s in apprehensions all over the state. Sharon also has purchased approximately 7,500 baseball cards for Duke to be given to kids at K-9 demos. “Sharon also purchased first-aid equipment that comes in what is called a Buddy Bag, which contains emergency medical equipment for our K-9 partners. She has provided this for several K-9s through an organization called K9 Defender Fund. Sharon has also worked with a veterinarian to provide a narcotic detection dog like Duke with a medication called NARCAN, which temporarily reverses the effects of opioids (heroin). Should our partners come into contact with this narcotic, it could be lethal without the use of NARCAN. “As I understand it, Sharon is working with fire and EMS departments along with a veterinarian to provide K-9 first-aid supplies and training, should first aid need to be performed. “This is just what I know of. She works with multiple organizations like the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, K9 Defender Fund and Vested Interest in K9s to ensure the safety and care of our K-9 community. “Her devotion to our K-9 partners is certainly worthy of recognition at the very least. We are extremely grateful to have her as part of our pack.”

— Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Tim Harris



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Maire moms exhibit art at Mimi's Bistro

Opening reception March 16

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of women in our art," she said. "I find there is a nice thread throughout our

Stuck up in snow-covered mountains in Norway, I could no longer

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The artwork of Maire Elementary School mothers, Jessica Montague and Victoria Worrall, will be exhibited at Mimi's Bistro and the Charles Schridde Gallery, 15318 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, the next three weeks.

An opening reception is planned 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 16.

Montague is a professional ceramicist who specializes in mold making, sculptural tile and tile installation. She studied at Wayne State University, but also is self taught. She's worked 10

years at multiple ceramic studios in Detroit and Columbus, Ohio.

"My ceramic work is derived from my respect and admiration of the talented artists who have come before me," Montague's artist statement reads. "I choose to rework their ideas in my own medium — clay. Ceramics is the ideal medium to convey my vision with the depth, clarity and richness of the glazes combined with the plasticity of the carved clay. It is exciting to take raw materials from the earth and to transform them through fire. The ceramic surface offers a chance to capture the

color and depth one might see in the velvety night sky, on the raw bricks of a house or on an antique skeleton key.”

Montague’s influences are drawn from the Primitive Art period of the early 18th century and the Art Nouveau illustrations of the 19th century.

Worral, a Denmark native, moved to Grosse Pointe two years ago. She said the show is a way to celebrate the community and “how people are amazing here in Grosse Pointe.

“I have a husband who’s in the military,” she said. “We’ve lived in Alaska, Oregon and here,

and we're moving to Puerto Rico this summer. We've been here the last two years and it's going to be hard for us to leave." Worral said she enjoys the community for how it has welcomed her as an outsider.

"I find that Grosse Pointe is actually embracing diversity and people from other cultures," she said. "When I walk down the street, I always get a smile. That truly is something that makes it difficult (to leave). In the short time we've been here, we do feel at home."

Worral, who paints, said though it can be hard to be an immigrant, she has found much to celebrate in the Midwest. She hopes her art reflects that.

"Jessica and I have a lot

of women in our art," she said. "I find there is a nice thread throughout our art. It's cool to see how, without really knowing each other, what inspires us both.

"I hope the show will be well attended," she continued, "and inspire other people to embrace their creative side. That's part of nurture, to be creative. It's so important we acknowledge that we do what makes us happy."

Worral describes her style as "broad," and said she loves colors.

"When I was a kid I really did not like art that much," she wrote in her artist statement. "Later down the road, life took a turn and it took me with it. A skiing accident made me finally listen to what it was life wanted me to do.

Stuck up in snow-covered mountains in Norway, I could no longer go skiing, as I had proven the Norwegians right that Danes cannot ski. I today embrace the ski accident for stopping me up and forcing me to see what I could not discover by myself, that I needed to paint. This fills my cup up and I love what I make. It can still stun me that others can enjoy what I make too.

"I know I have a lot to learn yet and I look forward to see what can come out of my brush," she continued. "I never know how the end result is going to turn out."

The gallery is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

For more information, call (313) 922-4085.

AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network
International meets 7
a.m. Friday, March 16, 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, March 16. Beth Frahm, donor resource development representative with the

American Red Cross.
speaks. Reservations are
not required; all are wel-
come. Breakfast is \$7.
Call (313) 882-5330.

GPAA

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

- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 16, "A Morning Out," an art program for seniors and their caregivers.
- ◆ 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.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
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Anytime Fitness, 30110
Harper, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Sunday, March 18, St.
Basil Church, 22851

Lexington, Eastpointe.
◆ 7:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, March 23, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
Register online at redcrossblood.org.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 19, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins 7 p.m. Club Vice President Mark O'Keefe presents, "Ecuador: Tandayapa Valley and Galapagos Islands." The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts the Rev. Faith Fowler of Cass Community Social Services at 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial

Church, 16 Lakeshore,
Grosse Pointe Farms.
Fowler discusses “Tiny
Homes and Other
Programs Making a Big
Impact.”

Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents “Brahms & Chopin at Their Best,” 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. The concert features Greg Staples on violin and Dizhou Zhao on piano. Visit tuesdaysmusicaleofdetroit.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, welcomes Nancy Solak, who presents a slide show of her new travel memoir, "Welcome to Here: A Reluctant Traveler Goes to China," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Call (313) 821-8830 or visit gp.lib.mi.us. The Woods branch, 20680 Mack, hosts its Books, Bags and Bagels event 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24. A variety of gently used handbags and books, as well as bagels and coffee, are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit

the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Call (313) 343-2072.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House's Collectors Series begins with "Collecting Detroit Sports Memorabilia," 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the estate, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The Detroit Historical Museum's collections manager, Jeremy Dimick, shares highlights and stories behind the museum's collection. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$18 for non-members. Call (313) 884-4222 or visit fordhouse.org.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe presents "It Depends on You: Questions Answered," with Louise Bommarito, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 22. Dinner begins 6:30 p.m., followed by the speaker at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members or \$8 for the program only. Call Ellie Kaye at (586) 295-0775 or Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit hosts "Scents and Sensibility: The Perfection of Peonies," 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. The event includes lunch, a lecture and book signing by Dr. David Michener, curator of The Peony Garden at the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum. Tickets are \$40 and available at eventbrite.com.

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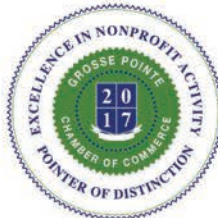
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Full Circle symposium answers parenting questions

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Full Circle Foundation, as part of its Team 26 program, hopes to help parents of young adults with special needs connect and learn.

Team 26, for young adults with special needs who've exited the school district, includes a monthly parent component where, "We reach out to parents to provide resources and information that are hard to get or hard to maneuver," said Sue Banner, Full Circle administrative coordinator.

For March, Full Circle has planned a symposium for parents of individuals with special needs 8:30

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, Wayne County Community College District Center for Learning Technology, 19191 Vernier, Harper Woods.

The morning begins with a continental breakfast and registration at 8:30 a.m. Parents are invited to select three of the following five sessions to attend:

- ◆ Special Needs Trust Planning
- ◆ Applying for and Obtaining Social Security Benefits
- ◆ Housing Options in the Community
- ◆ Guardianship
- ◆ Navigating the Mental Health System

"We have expert speakers in each area," Banner said. "We're hoping parents can connect. It's difficult for parents to get out and connect with other parents. Some have a lot of knowledge and some have a little, so it's important for them to connect."

The symposium is not limited to parents of Team 26 participants. Any parents of children with special needs are welcome.

"They're going to need to know the information eventually," said Mary Janke, Full Circle support coordinator.

Added Banner, "There's no age limit. They're going to need this, so they might as well start that binder now, so when the

time comes they won't be scrambling as much.

"Part of the challenge when you have a child with special needs is navigating resources that can help them. A lot of resources are wrapped in bureaucracy," she continued. "Respite care, social outlets, ways for them to be part of the community — parents don't know who to go to to find these resources. We hope to provide them."

The symposium, which Full Circle hopes to host annually, is co-sponsored by The Arc of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. WCCCD donated its facility for the event.

"We're hoping to have vendors there," Banner said, "businesses that

might have parent resources. It's free if they want to have a table."

The more people learn about what's available to them, the better, Banner said.

"Nine out of 10 parents say, 'I didn't know that existed or I knew, but it's too frustrating to maneuver,'" she said. "One of our goals with Team 26 is to hire staff to help advocate for parents."

That's where the parenting component of Team 26 comes in.

"Part of this is about empowering parents to be able to get as much as they can, to get whatever's due to their young person with special needs," Banner said.

Added Janke, "And to

let them know they're not alone. There are others going through the same thing they're going through. ... They can't vent to their kids. It's nice to have other parents to vent to."

Additional parenting events include a picnic in June and an autism walk at the Detroit Zoo in July.

"We're hoping to be a conduit for some good information on a monthly basis for parents," Banner said.

Cost for the symposium is \$15. Registration is accepted online at fulcir.clefdn.org or by calling (313) 469-6660. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 21, but walk-ins to the symposium are welcome.



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Showing a few of the hundreds of purses for sale at the "Books, Bags and Bagels" event are, from left, Joanne Dennis of Grosse Pointe Woods, Kathy Gaughan of St. Clair Shores and Lynne Severini of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Shopping fundraiser set

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library invite the community to "Books, Bags and Bagels," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Attendees may purchase one of the hundreds of donated, gently used handbags, many priced at \$1 to \$5, buy

a "chick lit" book for \$1 and have a delicious complimentary bagel with coffee.

Friends members are admitted at 9:40 a.m. for first pick. Join the Friends at gplibraryfriends.org or at the door.

Purses may be donated to any branch of the GPPL up to Tuesday, March 20.

Forum highlights nuclear weapons, security discussion

"Nukes & Your Future," a forum on nuclear weapons, security and morality, takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Moderated by Anthony Perry Ph.D., of Henry Ford College, panelists include:

- ◆ Cynthia Stiller, Henry Ford College associate dean of the Social Science, Arts and Fitness Division.
- ◆ Frederic Pearson Ph.D., director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Wayne State University and author of two books about the international arms trade, "The Global Spread of Arms" and "Arms and Warfare."
- ◆ Alvin Saperstein Ph.D., professor emeritus of physics at WSU.
- ◆ Prasad Venugopal Ph.D., associ-

ate professor of physics at the University of Detroit Mercy.

The forum is designed to educate citizens about the dangers of nuclear weapons and consequences of world leaders legitimizing their use as a tool of war and foreign policy; mobilize the global community to sign a declaration denouncing the development, possession and use of nuclear weapons; and lead to the development of a series of peace conferences that further mobilize the global community to push the concerns of nuclear proliferation and subsequent solutions onto the agenda of all world leaders through students, educators and policymakers.

The event is free and open to the public; registration is not required.

French-themed activities planned

Art program, movie among club's events

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe celebrates Francophonie Month — all things French — 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Rainy Day Art Supply, 20507 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Impressionism will be discussed and demonstrated.

Those interested will have a chance to paint a 16-by-20-inch canvas. Tickets are \$35 and include all materials, appetizers and light refreshments.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday, March 16. For more information, click on the events tab at afgrossepointe.org.

Also, the AFGP's Ciné-Club hosts French Movie Night at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Carol C. Schaap Theatre, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park. The documentary, "Swagger," examines the lives of 11 children and adolescents growing up in the most disadvantaged areas of France. The film is in French with English subtitles.

A discussion takes place after the film. Traditional concessions are available, as are French treats. Seating is limited to 70. Tickets are \$10 and should be purchased by Thursday, April 12.

Tickets for these events are available by

sending a check made payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe" to Christiane Stein, 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or by PayPal online at afgrossepointe.org,

ASK THE EXPERTS By Amelia Lehto

Taking steps toward suicide prevention

Q: With what seems to be a rise in teen suicide, both across the country and locally, what should we know as parents, friends and community members to help change this frightening trend?

A: The past year, suicide has made headlines many times, for not only the losses of iconic rock stars, but also the tragic losses of our friends, neighbors and loved ones. Suicide also made headlines as the focal point of rap artist Logic's record-breaking hit "1-800-273-8255," featuring Khalid and Alessia Cara. What inspired a telephone number to be the title of a rap song? It happens to be the 24/7 direct phone number to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The American Association of Suicidology reported suicide was the second leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds in 2015, and the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10 to 14. Logic's fanbase is primarily made up of today's youth, who found meaning in his work and have reached out to share their



stories with him. Logic set out to make an impact and received permission to highlight the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which has seen calls increase 50 percent since the song's release nearly a year ago. Logic's message of suicide prevention has been highlighting the need for help-seeking behavior. We — as community members, as loved ones of those struggling and maybe as someone who struggles themselves — can replicate this.

First, we need to take the situation seriously, be aware of sudden changes in behavior or moods and be willing to be their support and/or link them to support. If you're suffering yourself with suicidal thoughts, tell someone you trust or call for help. Second, ask clearly and

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"Suicide Prevention: Who? What? How? Where?"
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directly if the person is thinking about suicide. You will never plant the idea of suicide. For ourselves, we may not recognize the thoughts as suicidal; they may appear as overwhelming suffering and you want to end that suffering. Or, those moments of "I just can't do this anymore," which often persist for an extended period. Third,

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PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

Turned tables, heart revealed

I remember it like it was yesterday. We were at my aunt and uncle’s house playing basketball on their gravel driveway. Grandmother Rizer was just off to the side talking with Aunt Sandy when the ball came off the rim hard and headed straight for her. Fully caught up in the game, I ran after the ball never noticing I was on a collision course with Grandma. I looked up just in time to swerve so it was only a glancing blow that still put both of us on the ground. Then my 5-foot 2-inch, always proper grandmother swore. This was to be the only time I ever heard her swear.

This is how we are prone to read the account of Jesus turning over the tables in the temple that just doesn’t seem to fit. “And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons” Mark 11:15.

To better understand these events, it is important to recall Jesus had made it to the temple the day before (Mark 11:11). He surveyed everything and had a night to think about what he saw. So what did Jesus see?

He saw them selling doves for sacrifice and changing money. Both were necessary to enable the faithful pilgrims in their temple worship. An unblemished sacrifice was required and the trip made that a challenge. Temple tax needed to be paid in local currency. Yet over time and through supply and demand, or more accurately the human condition, prices would spike to ridiculous levels becoming an obstacle to worship.

Jesus saw this the evening of Palm Sunday and thought about what he had seen. God hates it when people stand in the way of, take advantage of or create barriers to those who want to worship. The next day, we see the passion of Jesus’ heart for his people and their worship.

Jim Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Evangelical Church, City of Grosse Pointe.

First English celebrates Holy Week

Holy Week at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, begins Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25, with early worship at 9:30 a.m. and late worship at 11 a.m. Both services include Holy Communion and the Procession of the Palms. Sunday school is in session at 9:30 a.m. as usual. Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion is 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29. Good Friday, March 30, worship is conducted 1 p.m.; the traditional Tenebrae service takes place 7 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 1, two services — 9 and 11 a.m. — with Holy Communion served at each.

Brass and tympani enhance special music by the Good News Singers, conducted by Nate Judson. Sunday school will not be in session.

First English is served by the Rev. Sean Motley. Coordinator of music is Robert Foster. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a Lenten buffet 4 to 8 p.m. Fridays, through March 30. Carry-out service is available. Call (313) 822-1594.

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. Wear 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, through March 26, in the lounge. The event includes Einstein’s

Bagels, chai lattes and Bible study.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover at a family seder for members and guests Saturday, March 31. It is at the Seder, the festive meal, where the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt is told. The Seder also is a celebration of the importance of religious freedom. Call (313) 882-6700.

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace take place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by discussion.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women’s Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

◆ The Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents “St. John Passion,” by Johann Sebastian Bach, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, featuring the church chorale, soloists and orchestra. Tickets are \$20. Call (313) 885-4841.

Journey to Jerusalem



Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents an original musical drama “Maundy” Thursday, March 29. This musical drama, written by James Biery, premiered Maundy Thursday last year. Combining scripture, song, prayer, drama, candlelight, choir and the Lord’s Supper, the service begins at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and all are welcome.

DSO principal cellist Wei Yu to perform at GPMC

Music at Memorial’s 2017-18 season continues with a concert featuring prizewinning cellist Wei Yu and his equally talented pianist wife, Keun-A Lee. Wei Yu is the principal cellist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Originally scheduled March 25, the concert has been rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3. Tickets with the March 25 date on them will be honored.

Wei Yu was born in Shanghai, China, and made his concerto debut with the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra at age 11. He studied in Chicago and at The Juilliard School in New York.

Keun-A Lee studied at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, South Korea, and received advanced degrees from The Juilliard School in New York City. She has served on the music staff of the Spoleto Festival, The Juilliard School and Manhattan School of Music.

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OBITUARIES

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

Jacqueline May Grant

Jacqueline May Grant, 55, of Riley Township, passed away Thursday, March 8, 2018, at McLaren Port Huron after a long illness.

She was born Nov. 12, 1962, in Detroit, to James and Mary (nee Colligan) Billups, and married Robert Grant June 17, 1995, in St. Clair Shores.

Jacqueline was employed by Capac Public Schools as the special education instrumental aide for Capac Jr.-Sr. High School, was the freshman class advisor and a full-time mom to her three boys and many others.

Jacqueline was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Capac, and was always volunteering her time. She was active as a leader with the Capac Cub Scout Pack 200 and Boy Scout Troop 200, vice president of the Capac Warriors Football team and the high school wrestling booster's club.

She loved crafting, junking, garage sales and selling jewelry and supporting and spending time with her family.

In addition to Bob, her husband of 27 years, Jacqueline is survived by sons, Bobby, Matthew and Ryan, all of Riley Township; father and step-mother, Jim Billups and Joanie Alverser, of Roseville; brother and sister-in-law, James and Renae Billups, of Clarkston; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janine Russo-Billups, of New Baltimore and Janice and Jeff Hansen, of St. Clair Township; her husband's brother and sister, John Grant (Debbie) of Warren and Janet Szewczyk, of St. Clair Shores; beloved dogs, Dutchess, Abbey and Jessie and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her mother, Mary Billups; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary and John Grant and brother-in-law, James Grant.

A funeral service was

held March 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church Capac.

James Jerger

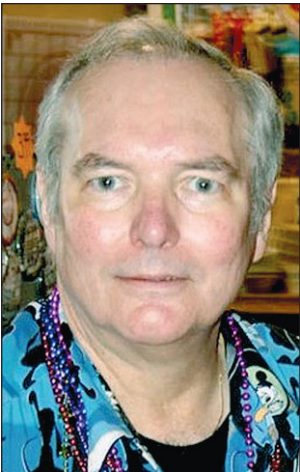
James "Jim" Jerger, 62, of Douglas, passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at his home due to complications from cancer. During his last days he was surrounded and cared for by those he loved most.

Jim grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended Grosse Pointe North High School, graduating in 1973. He graduated from Kendall College of Art & Design and later located to the Saugatuck area.

Jim loved all things Disney and was a talented artist. He particularly enjoyed creating stained glass designs. In the early 1990s he opened a studio and art gallery in Saugatuck, "Alice's Looking Glass," which featured his work and served as his design studio for custom windows. In 2004, Jim settled in at



Jacqueline May Grant



James Jerger



Patricia B. Kelly

the Butler Pantry and was a favorite face to be seen by customers, visitors and the local community.

With great timing and his sense of humor, Jim could easily bring a laugh and a smile to any situation. He believed in friends, love, laughter and happiness, which defined the way he lived his life.

Jim is survived by friends in the Detroit area, Arizona and Saugatuck/Douglas.

Celebrations will be held in Saugatuck the weekend of April 8, and all are invited to attend to toast Jim. Contact Susan at jimsmemories@hotmail.com for additional information or tributes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the West Shore Aware, P.O. Box 33, Douglas, MI 49406 or at westshoreaware.org.

Patricia B. Kelly

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Patricia B. Kelly, 89, passed away Friday, March 9, 2018.

Patty was the beloved wife of Don E. Kelly D.D.S., who predeceased her, and is survived by her children, Micki Kelly (Mike Josselyn), Colleen Wright (the late Tim), Katie Kelly (Barry Proctor), Julia McNelis (Phil) and Jim Kelly (Pam) and adored grandchildren, Tom, Brittany, Molly and Will Wright and James and William McNelis.

Patty loved life and always had a quick smile for friends and family. She enjoyed traveling and visited all areas of the world, including Russia, Japan, India and China, as well as through-

out the United States.

Patty was born before the Depression and had clear memories of some of the more historic events that took place during her lifetime. She recalled eagerly waiting in line with her family at Kerby Elementary School for the pink sugar cubes of polio vaccine. She also proudly attended the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech at Grosse Pointe High School weeks before his death.

A celebration of life ceremony is being planned by her family.

Inurnment will be in the St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church columbarium, Grosse Pointe Farms, at a future date.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at dso.org or a charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

StoryCorps @ Grosse Pointe Public Library

By Kathleen Gallagher
Guest Writer

"It was a dark and stormy night ..." Isn't that how all great stories begin?

(I see you, chuckling English majors.)

So many times at the reference desk, I am asked, "Can you give me a good book to read?" The answer is always yes, but what makes a good book? What makes us want to sit down and read a story, get to know the characters and delve into a plot? We read for entertainment, for knowledge, for information. Perhaps, we also

just want a chance to glimpse someone else's life, even if it is imaginary, and escape our own world, just for a little bit.

Don't we all have a story to tell? StoryCorps, a nonprofit organization, has made its mission "to preserve and share humanity's stories." Since 2003, StoryCorps has recorded and saved stories told by people of all walks of life. Its commitment to preserving stories is at the core of its mission. The first StoryCorps booth opened in Grand Central Terminal in New York City. Since then, people of all ages and back-

grounds have recorded and preserved their stories, now kept at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The program has expanded to include additional story booths, at-home services and a mobile app. Every year, StoryCorps hits the road with a mobile booth in a silver Airstream trailer, criss-crossing the country and collecting stories.

Oral tradition is practiced across the globe and spans centuries, even back to primitive cultures. It is a way to share stories, remember history and preserve cul-

tures. However, as stories are passed down from one generation to the next, details are changed or omitted and interpretations differ. Recording oral history preserves the original voice and context of the story. It also gives a voice to someone who might otherwise be marginalized or forgotten. While it is important to record and preserve these stories, listening and understanding plays an important role in the process. When we listen to one another's stories, we begin to understand each other. We build empathy and realize we are more alike than we

are different.

To expand the program and make it even more accessible, StoryCorps has developed a new mobile application. The StoryCorps app makes story collecting available to everyone near and far. The app is filled with sample interview questions on a variety of topics. This guided interview format makes it easy to ask, share and listen. The Grosse Pointe Public Library is pleased to partner with Beaumont Hospital and offer this service right in the library. Two people, typically friends or family members, participate in

the interview process. The librarian helps you select a topic and questions to personalize your interview. Your story will be recorded on the StoryCorps app and preserved for future generations. Find someone you want to know more about. A parent, grandparent, neighbor or friend might just be waiting to share their story with you.

Contact Outreach Librarian Kathleen Gallagher at (313) 343-2074, Ext. 209 or kgallagher@gp.lib.mi.us to set up your StoryCorps appointment.

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe

By Ken Mokray
Guest Writer

It has been around for decades in the Grosse Pointes, connecting people interested in the luncheon speaker series, golf, tennis, bowling, choral group, duplicate bridge, community activities, investment club and readers groups.

No, it is not the internet. It's the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. If you are interested in connecting with old friends or making new ones, consider joining. Dues are \$35 per year, providing access to all the above activities.

Men 55 years of age and up, working or retired in the community, are welcome to join. The luncheon speaker series is held bimonthly on the second and last Tuesdays of the month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Lakeshore Drive.

You are welcome to

contact us at seniormensclubofgrossepointe.com to view the activity and speaker schedule. Feel free to attend a speaker lunch and become familiar with the club.

The growth of the membership allows us to add activities such as the new scotch and cigar club. Our recent speakers have included individuals such as Chief James Craig of the Detroit Police Department, U.S. Attorney for Southeast Michigan Barbara McQuade and the CEO of Atwater Brewery.

Our members have a wide range of interesting backgrounds and experiences and have been involved in building our community. As interests change and grow, the club is able to form groups to meet the evolving interests of our membership.

Again, we encourage all to visit our site and attend a luncheon.



Women honored

At the Feb. 21 meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, past presidents of the club were honored. Pictured, from left, are Mary Ann Schwartz (1992-93), Pat Wilson (1993-95), Pam Zimmer (2003-07, 2009-12, 2013-18), Fran Ahee (1991-92) and Janet McConkey (1990-91). Not pictured are Jean Buhler (1997-99) and Marilyn Richardson (2007-09).

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club's mission is to raise funds to give yearly scholarships to a student at each of the community's public high schools — Grosse Pointe North and South. The club is 68 years old and welcomes women of the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities.

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Pictured from left are Mary Zeock, Jay Hackleman, Marie Hackleman, Kathleen Koppin, Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch, Michael Vethacke, Christine Howson, Mike Nolan and David Schumacher.

Republican Club elects 2018 officers

Recently elected as 2018 officers of the Eastside Republican Club are Chairman Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch, Grosse Pointe Woods; Vice Chairman Kathleen Koppin, Grosse Pointe; treasurer Jay Hackleman, Grosse Pointe Park and Secretary Marie Hackleman, Grosse Pointe Park.

At-large board members are Christine Howson, Grosse Pointe Woods; Mike Nolan, Grosse Pointe and David Schumacher, Grosse Pointe Farms. Mary Zeock, Grosse Pointe Woods, serves as parliamentarian and Michael Vethacke, Grosse Pointe Park, as membership chairman.

The Eastside Republican Club meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through May. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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Young Life hosts dinner, fundraiser

Grosse Pointe Young Life hosts a dinner and show fundraiser Wednesday, April 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe students and alumni leaders will share their talents to raise funds to support Young Life's operations and summer camp fund.

It's a show, not a competition, so organizers expect the atmosphere to be relaxed and fun.

The night starts at 6 p.m. with dinner and a silent auction, followed by the talent show at 7:30 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for performers and ages 10 and younger, and include dinner and theater entry. Sponsorship-level tickets include Oscar at \$5,000 for a table of 10, Tony at \$2,500 for a table of eight, Grammy at

\$1,000 for a table of six and Emmy at \$500 for a table of four. All sponsorship levels include dinner and drinks for the table, as well as premium theater seating and recognition in the program. Parking is free.

For more information or reservations, call Mary Guevara at (313) 702-7893 or visit grossepointe.younglife.org/events.

Young Life is a worldwide, non-denominational organization for middle, high school and college students that teaches children about God and his love. Founded in 1941, Young Life has more than 5,000 staff and 65,000 volunteers and is active in more than 100 countries, reaching more than two million kids annually. Young Life Grosse Pointe has served middle and high school students since 2002.

STEPS:

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to assess intent, ask the individual if they have a plan, access to lethal means (pills, gun, etc.) or have decided when to act. If the means are available, can they be safely removed and placed in the care of another person or police department?

Finally, offer the person hope because these suicidal thoughts and feelings will pass. There is help available and people who care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Offer to connect them

with the emergency department, their doctor or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 1-800-273-8255 or text "LISTEN" to 741741 to reach the Crisis Text Line, for crisis and suicide intervention services.

Amelia Lehto is the resource and crisis help coordinator for suicide prevention at Common Ground. Her position serves several functions ultimately supporting those affected by suicide. She serves on the board of directors of the American Association of Suicidology, statewide

nonprofit Six Feet Over and the advisory council for Kevin's Song. Amelia can be reached at alehto@commongroundhelps.org. Kevin's Song is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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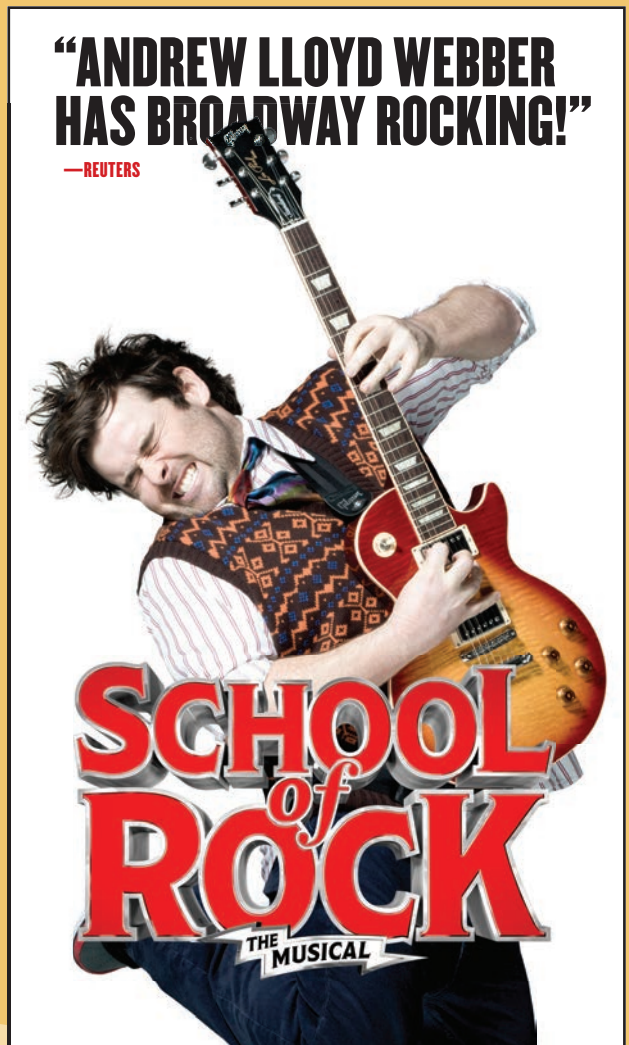
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Girls hockey

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Blue Devils, Knights hoist trophy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team continued its mastery of the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League last weekend, winning the Division 1 state championship with a 2-1 win over rival Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Blue Devils are the most successful girls

team in league history and this title makes it more than a dozen.

“We have had a habit of starting games slow and then picking up the pace, which we did again tonight,” first-year head coach John Weidenbach said. “We outplayed them and I told the girls they needed to take away time and space, which they did.”

“It was a great way to end the season. All the

hard work turned into the state championship.”

It was a defense-dominated game as neither team had many shots on net. The Blue Devils finished with 16 and the Cranes had only 13, including just three in the third period.

However, the Cranes scored first, lighting the lamp just 53 seconds into the first period. They continued to press, but couldn’t build on their one-goal lead.

The Blue Devils tied it at the 10:43 mark when senior Erin Brannagan scored, with junior Madison Ryszewski drawing an assist.

Neither team scored in the second period and sophomore Lauren Benoit provided the game-winning goal early in the third stanza, scoring at the 12:03 mark, assisted by senior Lauren Kramer.

The Blue Devils killed off a penalty at the 10:54 mark of the third period and each team received a penalty with 4:48 left. Other than a first-period penalty by the Blue Devils, it was a penalty-free contest.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South senior Lauren Kramer, right, shown in an earlier game this season, set up the winning goal against Cranbrook Kingswood.

When the Cranes pulled goaltender Paige Gorman in the final 90 seconds, the Blue Devils were able to consistently keep the puck in the neutral zone. The Cranes had only one shot on net in the final 90 seconds.

With only several seconds left, Kramer controlled the puck, gathered herself and sent the puck flying into the Cranes’ zone. The buzzer

sounded and the Blue Devils celebrated. South finished the season 18-7-3 overall.

Junior goaltender Madeline Kelly stopped 12 shots to earn the victory. Senior Hannah Miller, juniors Rose Williamson and Ryszewski, and sophomore Natalie Clextan led the way defensively, helping hold the Cranes to the low shot total.

In the semifinals, South edged two-time defending state champ Farmington Hills Mercy 2-1.

Kramer scored the first goal before Mercy tied it. Sophomore Kelsie Francis scored the game-winning goal with three minutes left in the third period. Kelly earned the win in the net.

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PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School sophomore Evie Bournias makes a save during the Division 2 title game against Regina.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED



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Simply the best

Grosse Pointe United freshman Cate Gagnier, third from left, is the Division 1 state champion after winning last weekend’s Individual All-Around title at the state finals at Rockford High School. She won the title with 37.225 points while runner-up Hallie Roman of Port Huron had 36.550. Gagnier was first on the vault and balance beam with scores of 9.525 on each; third on floor exercise with 9.525 and ninth on uneven parallel bars with 8.650. Her resume is impressive with all-around titles at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational, scoring 37.250 points and the Canton Invitational with 37.050. Also competing in the individual state finals were junior Emma Scott on vault and sophomore Amanda Nguyen on beam in Division 2. Pictured above are, from left, Grosse Pointe United assistant coach Isabelle Nguyen, assistant coach Maria Nguyen, Gagnier, Amanda Nguyen, Emma Scott, head coach Kristin Remillet and assistant coach Courtney Hamidi.

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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen capture region title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time since 2010, Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team can call itself a regional champion.

Last week in a Class A regional championship game at Anchor Bay High School, North beat division rival Warren Cousino 57-45.

It wasn't easy as the Norsemen committed an uncharacteristic 25 turnovers, but overcame the mistakes thanks to clutch plays from each player.

"We have great team chemistry," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We had to beat Lakeview, Dakota and Cousino to get to this point and those are very good basketball teams."

The Norsemen were always in the lead, but never looked comfortable. They led 12-6 after the first quarter and 18-14 at the half. Neither team played a good second quarter. Cousino couldn't make a shot and North turned the ball over too much.

The Norsemen stretched their lead to near double digits three times in the second half, but each time the Patriots made a comeback, thanks to hot shooting of junior guard Kate McArthur, who finished with a game-high 24 points.

However, every time it looked as if the Patriots would take the lead, the

Norsemen would get a huge basket from senior Josie Ciaravino or juniors Julia Ayrault, Evelyn Zacharias and Regan Sliwinski. Sophomore Christina Braker had only two baskets, but both came when the Norsemen needed to curtail a Patriots rally, and freshman Maddie Kohler had two big baskets.

"I told the girls at the half that both teams are going to play better since we were pretty comfortable on the court," Bennett said. "It took the first half to get a feel for the game."

The Norsemen scored more points in the third quarter, 22, than in the first half and they kept the pedal to the floor by scoring 17 more points in the fourth quarter.

Bennett watched the Norsemen take a 10-point lead with six minutes to go in the fourth quarter and it was 46-40 with 3:00 left.

The Norsemen made the clutch baskets in the final 180 seconds and made their free throws to thwart the Patriots' final comeback bid. Ciaravino's layup with seconds left put an exclamation mark on the regional title victory.

North and Cousino split their two regular season meetings with each winning on their home court.

"We started to play better as a team after our loss at Cousino," Bennett said. "We had some char-



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART
North freshman Maddie Kohler scores two points in the Norsemen's regional title win over Cousino.

acter wins in that stretch, including beating Cousino and Dakota, so I knew this group was ready for this game."

Ayrault led the Norsemen with 22 points, 18 rebounds and four blocks, while Zacharias added 12 points. Her extra work on her shooting before the regional tournament paid off as she shot the ball well from the field in both games.

Ciaravino finished with nine points, followed by Sliwinski with six, Braker with four and Kohler with four.

Grosse Pointe North played regional favorite Macomb Dakota in the second semifinal earlier in the week.

The Cougars beat the Norsemen twice during the regular season, but when the final buzzer sounded, the Norsemen came out on top 53-51.

They scored the final six points of the game to

stun the Cougars and advance to the Sweet 16 contest.

"Julia told the girls in our final timeout this is not going to be their last game this season," Bennett said. "She is a refuse-to-lose athlete and it rubs off on her teammates. The girls refused to lose."

The Norsemen opened in a 2-3 zone and the Cougars couldn't figure it out. It was all Norsemen in the first half as they built a 32-20 lead.

Bennett started Sliwinski for the first time this season, utilizing a taller lineup against the tall Cougars.

It was 38-24 before Cougars senior Tara Bieniewicz went on a scoring tear. She hit a couple of three-pointers and back-to-back three-point plays to help the Cougars lead 40-38 early in the fourth quarter.

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Boys basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights split in districts

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team played one of its best games of the season last week and it came at the perfect time.

The Knights faced Mount Clemens in a Class C district first-round game at Warren Michigan Collegiate High School. The Bathers featured a tall lineup, which on paper would give the smaller Knights trouble.

The Bathers fed 6-foot, 5-inch center Tyreke Banach every chance they had and it worked in the first half as they dominated the post and led 14-12.

Banach went to the bench after picking up his second foul midway through the second quarter and the Knights took advantage.

The Knights trailed 22-19 before scoring the final five points of the first half and won the third quarter 9-0 to lead 33-22. They played a flawless fourth quarter to win the first-round game 48-31.

"We did it our way and executed the game plan to perfection," head coach Chris Housey said. "We took what they gave us and didn't try to over think the game. The guys really played a great game tonight and we need to keep it going in

our next game."

During the second-half run, the Knights ran the same play several straight times and turned those possessions into backdoor layups.

On defense, the Knights were aggressive and held their own on the boards against the taller Bathers.

In the final quarter, the Knights were able to keep possession for long stretches, including running 90 seconds off the clock in the final three minutes.

Senior Casey Scoggin led the way with 19 points and five rebounds and senior Anthony George had 18 points. Senior Des Darby had only four points, but was big in the paint with seven rebounds.

Junior Charlie Amine had six points and sophomore Nick Post had one point to round out the Knights' scoring.

Next came a district semifinal against Clintondale.

The Knights had trouble against the Dragons and lost 69-48 to conclude the season 4-18 overall.

Scoggin led the Knights with 17 points.

Housey loses seniors George, Scoggin and Darby, but returning are Anthony Green, Peter Tate, Mickey Walkowiak, Amine, Nolan Ondersma, Davidson Cheng, Post and Cameron Strong.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Bates rips Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team was eliminated from the state playoffs by St. Clair Shores Lake Shore for a second straight year.

Last season, the Norsemen lost to the host Shorians in a Class A district championship game and last week they lost 89-81 in a district semifinal at Roseville High School.

Poor free-throw shooting, open jumpers not falling and Shorians junior Caleb Bates scoring 41 points were more than enough to prevent the Norsemen from advancing.

"We ran our offense well, but didn't make the shots and we didn't have an answer for Bates, who made everything he shot at the basket," head coach Ron Kochan said. "We were prepared for the game and felt good about our chances, but not many things went our way tonight. It's a tough loss because our guys played well up until this point."

The Norsemen led 11-4 early in the game, but fell behind 20-18 after the first quarter. A horrendous second quarter put the Norsemen in a 16-point halftime defi-

cit at 45-29.

A lackluster effort at both ends of the floor led to the deficit, but Kochan had his players ready for the second half.

They played much better and won the third quarter 25-24 and fourth quarter 27-20, but a lack of making the big shot and getting a defensive stop at the other end doomed the Norsemen.

Senior Sheldon Cage led the team with 24 points and seven rebounds.

Four others scored in double figures: junior Ryan Webb with 17 points, junior Joe Ayrault with 12, senior Tyler Hill with 11 and junior Troy Herd with 10.

In a district first-round game, Grosse Pointe North beat St. Clair Shores Lakeview 78-60 as Webb scored 21 points.

The Norsemen led 18-13 after the initial quarter, but used a 16-4 second quarter to build a 34-17 halftime lead.

The Huskies couldn't get back in the game in the second half as the Norsemen rolled to the semifinals.

Cage added 15 points, while junior Joe Rheume had 13 points.

Grosse Pointe North finished its season 12-10 overall.



North's Maddie Mills, Josie Ciaravino, Julia Ayrault, Regan Sliwinski and Maddie Kohler celebrate after the final second ticked off the clock against Cousino.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
BOARD OF REVIEW
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 12, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 26, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor's office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 26, 2018 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

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City of ~~Grosse Pointe Woods~~, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – 2018 PARKING LOTS IMPROVEMENTS AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0396.

Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Work consists of approximately \$365,000 of parking lot improvements between four public parking lots. The scope of work is predominately asphalt pavement remove and replace or milling and capping. An optional pre-bid meeting will held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 10:00 am, at City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 Plans and Specifications are on file and copies may be secured at no cost via the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. (AEW) by registering as a planholder with AEW over the phone at (586) 726-1234 and obtaining download instructions. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

G.P.N.: 03/15/2018

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CHAMPS:

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In the quarterfinals, South beat Northville 4-2 behind Kramer’s two goals. Ryszewski had a goal and assist, while Brannagan had the other goal. Junior Alyssa Czech and Benoit had two assists apiece. Kelly earned another win in net.

In its quarterfinal game, Grosse Pointe North lost 2-0 to Plymouth-Canton-Salem to finish its season 15-6-1 overall under first-year head coach Casey Quick.

University Liggett School shutout Warren Regina 2-0 in the Division 2 state championship game. It was the Knights’ second straight D2 title.

Division 2 was composed of the bottom seven teams in the final league standings, Liggett,



PHOTO BY BRIAN FRANCIS

South players and coaches are all smiles after winning the Division 1 state championship.

Regina, Bloomfield-Birmingham, Livonia, Detroit Country Day, Walled Lake and Ann Arbor Skyron.

Senior Maddie Hamilton scored both goals, tallying early in

the first period and again on the power play near the end of the second period. Freshman Kendall Zinn and junior Katie Birgbauer had assists on the first goal, while senior Olivia Yates

assisted the second goal.

The Knights had a chance to up the lead to three goals in the third period, but Yates was stopped on a penalty shot on a left pad save by Regina goalkeeper Haleigh Wall.

The No. 1 star was sophomore goaltender Evie Bournias, who made several huge saves in the third period to lead the Knights to the victory.

Bournias had help as defensemen Nicole Rivera, Marika Vreeken, Katie Zinn and Kendall Zinn stuffed the Saddlelites’ high-scoring duo of Serena Colombo and Isabelle Thibault.

Regina had its share of shots on net in the third period, including several on two power plays, but Bournias stopped them.

Liggett finished the season 12-10 overall under head coach Anna Kuehnlein.

Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights fall in quarters

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

left.

“What an extremely special group of young men, both on and off the ice,” Maltese said. “This group believed from day one that they could do something special and stuck to it all year long.”

“They put in the long hours on the ice and off. This year was by far my most fun year of coaching I’ve ever had.

“These guys made coming to the rink everyday enjoyable and fun to be a part of. Some might say because it was the winning that made it fun, but I know that each one of these young men put in the time, effort, and most all, the attitude that’s needed to not only have a successful season, but to build a positive hockey program around for years to come.”

Liggett finished the season with a 21-6-0-1 record.

Maltese loses seniors Ferg Roby, Matthew Moroun, Dylan Paulsell, Spencer Warezak, Spencer Stefani, Alex Johnson, Mason Campau, Charlie Fruehauf, Sean Detloff, Santo Scarfone and Nathan Alcantara.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett players and coaches pose for the team pic after winning the Division 2 title.

Boys swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB BLAIR

Finalists

Grosse Pointe North’s Division 2 swimming and diving state qualifying competitors were, from left, Owen Schaaf, Brian Veneri, Hunter Adelson and Connor Lefebvre. Those four finished 15th in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:40.97 and 24th in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:25.41. In individual events, Schaaf placed 20th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:04.44 and 26th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.37, while Veneri was 24th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 53.98 and Lefebvre was 21st in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.59. Each of the four state qualifiers are underclassmen. As a team, Grosse Pointe North earned four points in last weekend’s Division 2 state meet at Oakland University.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Koueiter earns first

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Matthew Koueiter earned a first-place medal at last weekend’s Division 2 swimming and diving state championship meet at Oakland University.

The Grosse Pointe South student won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 56.71 to earn All-State honors. Koueiter also made All-State in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing sixth with a time of 52.24.

The Blue Devils had a handful of All-State performers, including Ethan Briggs in the 100-yard backstroke. Briggs was fifth with a time of 51.76 and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 51.62.

The 200-yard medley

relay squad of Briggs, Koueiter, Matthew Melican and Thomas Jogan made All-State with a third-place time of 1:34.83.

The Blue Devils’ 200-yard freestyle relay team of Nick Vallan, Koueiter, Jogan and Khalib Rahmaan finished seventh with a time of 1:28.19 to earn All-State and their final All-State performance was turned in by the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Vallan, Melican, Jogan and Briggs, which placed seventh with a time of 3:13.17.

Rahmaan was 15th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:01.62 and Melican was 10th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 52.85.

In the 100-yard free-

style, Jogan and Vallan finished 12th and 25th with times of 48.06 and 49.28, while Ryan English was 25th in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:03.87.

Other state competitors were Melican and Michael Currier in the 100-yard backstroke, turning in times of 54.37 and 55.77 to finish 12th and 16th. Rahmaan competed in the 100-yard breaststroke, finishing ninth with a time of 59.62.

The top eight in each event earned All-State.

As a team, South finished sixth with 170.5 points. Dexter won the state title with 241.5 points and Grosse Pointe resident Jim Singelyn led his team, De La Salle, to a fourth-place finish with 190 points.

Figure skating

Solid season

The Grosse Pointe figure skating team, right, enjoyed another successful season. The A team placed third in the districts, while the B squad was fifth. The C team took second and advanced to the state competition, where it placed 11th. Leading the C team in the state finals were sisters Maria and Sophia LaRose. For seniors Caitlin Miller, Natalie Barstys and Maria LaRose, their high school figure skating careers are over, but the remaining girls will be back next season. Pictured above are, front row from left, Bridget Ganier, Sophia LaRose and Emilea Zingas; and back row from left, coach Claire LaDue, Liz Millican, Katy Millican, Caitlin Miller, Maria LaRose and Natalie Barstys.



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HOOPS:

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The Norsemen played lackluster basketball throughout most of the third quarter and into the fourth. However, they regained their spark and rallied from the four-point deficit in the final minute.

Kohler scored on a fast-break layup and Ayrault picked the pocket of Cameron Grant at mid-court and drove in for the tying layup.

The Norsemen were able to get possession of the ball with 47 seconds left and the score tied at 51. They held the ball for the final shot. Ayrault dribbled right to get a shot off. One official blew the whistle, calling Bieniewicz for a blocking foul with only 4.1 left in the game.

Ayrault sank each free throw and the Cougars' last-second shot was deflected. Game over.

Ayrault scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, while Sliwinski had 10 points.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North coaches, players and team managers pose with the regional championship trophy after the Norsemen beat division foe Warren Cousino.

Grosse Pointe North is 19-5 overall.



In a battle between future college players, North's Julia Ayrault, left, goes up for two points with Dakota's Tara Bieniewicz trying to block the shot.



North fans can't hold back their emotions after the final seconds ran off the clock against Dakota.



North's Christina Braker goes up for a layup against Dakota.



Against Dakota, North's Regan Sliwinski looks for an open teammate with Cameron Grant defending.



North's Josie Ciaravino splits four Cousino defenders en route to a layup in the regional title game.

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:

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

From 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

and

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

and

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

From 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

and

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH.

Timothy E. O'Donnell

City Assessor

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Boys basketball

Close

Grosse Pointe North junior Troy Herd, center, and most of his teammates will be back next season after falling to Lake Shore in a close district semifinal game. In the district title game, host Roseville beat Lake Shore 80-77 in another uptempo contest.



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Animals

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Solution for
last week's
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ACROSS

1 Whatever's left

5 Fix a skirt

8 Ollie's pal

12 Sore

13 "All the Things
You —"

14 Stylish

15 Item on stage

16 Moving vehicle

17 Shakespeare
villain

18 Elvis'

Mississippi
birthplace

20 Feathery
cluster

22 Gave up

26 Censor's
sound

29 Tic-tac-toe win

30 Scoffer's laugh

31 Libretto

32 Play on words

33 Mexican
money

34 French article

35 Moonshine
container

36 Petruchio's
Kate, e.g.

37 Western
capital

40 Freeway
access

41 Attractive
person

45 "Zounds!"

47 Mauna —

49 Church section

50 VHS alterna-
tive

51 Mischievous
tyke

52 Enrages

53 Keg contents

54 Greek conso-
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55 Opening day?

DOWN

1 Engrossed

2 Beige

3 Buy stuff

4 Prepare for
printing

5 Devastation

6 Historic period

7 Bring up

8 Bradbury
genre

9 Margaret —

10 Bailout recip-
ient in 2009
news

11 Sgt., e.g.

19 Track circuit

21 Venusian
vessel?

23 Cheek
enhancer

24 Facility

25 Arab boat

26 A/C measures

27 Musical Horne

28 Denounce

32 Jack-o'-lantern

33 Southwestern
city

35 Bread spread

36 Pigpen

38 "M*A*S*H" role

39 Types of tides

42 MacDonald's
place

43 Eye layer

44 Not as much

45 "Chicago"

lyricist Fred

46 "Golly!"

48 Ostrich's
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Solution Time: 25 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for
last weeks
puzzle 3/8/18

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	7			4			3	

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that each row across, each column down and
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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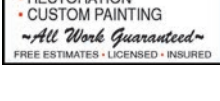
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