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Multi-alarm fire rips through homes

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A house fire in the 500 block of Washington late night Monday, March 26, left three houses completely destroyed.

According to media reports, the eight-alarm fire started approximately 10 p.m. in a house under renovation and quickly spread to two adjacent homes. There were no reported injuries, but all three houses

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A blaze destroyed three houses on Washington in the City of Grosse Pointe overnight Monday, March 26.

Shores sees drop in crime

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Crime in the smallest Pointe dropped in 2017 after 2016 saw the highest reported crime rate the last five years.

Presenting public safety's 2017 annual report, Director of Public Safety John Schulte said Part I crimes, the most serious according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dropped to 15 from 25 in 2016.

There are eight categories of Part I crimes: criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson.

"Of the eight categories, Grosse Pointe Shores reports no criminal activities in six of the eight categories, which we are very proud of," Schulte said.

The Shores reported two burglaries, which include attempts, and 13 cases of larceny. Both also are reductions from

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School board passes triangulation policy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A policy generating controversy within the community was approved in a 5-2 vote at the regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education March 26. Trustees Kathy Abke, Judy Gafa, Christopher Profeta, Brian Summerfield and Margaret Weertz voted in favor of the policy. Trustees Ahmed Ismail and Cindy Pangborn opposed it.

Policy 5120, "Assignment within District," often referred to as "triangulation," allows the administration to assign a student newly enrolled in the district to a school other than their home school in the event classes are full in that child's grade level. Class sizes are set by the board at 24 for kindergarten, 27 for grades 1 to 3 and 30 for grades 4 to 5.

The policy impacts only new students enrolling to the district after May 1. Current and new families who meet residency requirements and enroll their children prior to that date are guaranteed attendance at their home schools. Within the policy are administrative guidelines about giving priority to students with siblings and placing students on a waiting list, with available slots determined after Aug. 15, on a first-come, first-served basis.

"If you demonstrate residency before May 1, you're guaranteed your home school," said Jon Dean, deputy superintendent for educational services. "That's probably the most important takeaway. If you enroll and

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DTE work moves to City

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — DTE Energy, which is in the midst of a major infrastructure maintenance strategy, presented its 2018 plans for the City of Grosse Pointe to council Monday, March 19.

"Look out," City Manager Peter Dame said. "It's not going to be fun. It's going to be a mess, there's no way around it."

DTE will invest approximately $500,000 in the electric system and replace 5.5 miles of gas mains in the City in the next year, including service lines to homes and natural gas meters, said DTE Government Representative Jennifer Whitteaker.

Dame said the city has been working closely with DTE to minimize the impact of the work, but there simply is no way around the needed upgrades. He said the current gas mains are approximately 90 years old and are well overdue for an upgrade.

"It will be helpful. They are only going to do from Maumee to the lake this year, instead of being all over the city like they are in the Farms right now," Dame said. "We also worked with them and said we don't want any work done in the winter, which caused a lot of problems over in the

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Deeplands neighbors worried

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The neighbors of 55 S. Deeplands filled council chambers Tuesday, March 20, to express concern with the proposed development.

Neighbors are worried about the city's enforcement of its tree ordinance, how long they will potentially have to live in a construction zone and the toll a development will have on the infrastructure.

Deeplands Development Co., owned by Shores resident Richard Russell, is proposing to build 18 homes on approximately eight acres at 55 S. Deeplands. The proposal currently is stalled after being denied by the Shores last year, but Russell is appealing the decision in Wayne County Circuit Court. The next hearing is scheduled Tuesday, April 17.

But there is still work being done on the property. Trees are coming down and the house was demolished earlier this year.

Nearby resident Peter Macuga said he has seen 100-year-old live trees cut down on the property and the house demolished without posted permits.

"We've been seeing trees cut down," Macuga said. "We saw the property, the house be demolished. No permits posted anywhere. We call and the first time the trees were coming down we were told, 'Oh, they are only dead trees.'"

Then, he said, three weeks ago, neighbors began to see live trees cut down. When they called village administration, he said he received "double talk" and no real answers. According to Macuga, the village tree ordinance requires a property owner to replace trees with a "similar tree."

"There's a legal definition of the word

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Small business, big history

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

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From left, Chris Coderre, Barb Smith, Dave Charvat, Jay Charvat and delivery drivers David Brace and Mike Barrett. Finnegan, Dave Charvat's dog, also is a fixture at the store.

Chris Coderre and Barb Smith have worked together at Charvat's more than 34 years.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — An empty lot was at the corner of Mack and Calvin avenues until 1950, when Jay and Dave Charvat's grandfather, Louis, father, Bud, and uncle, Bob, built a flower shop on the location.

This was not the launch of Charvat The Florist, but a chapter in its 125 years in business.

"We're like a small business with a big history, but no one really knows it," said Dave Charvat.

The Detroit Historical Museum acknowledged the store's history, however, including Charvat The Florist as a "Streets of Old Detroit" business.

In the 1880s, the Charvat brothers' great grandfather, Wendell Charvat, a recent immigrant from Bohemia who settled in the Czech neighborhood of Detroit, found work as a gardener for a large Detroit estate. It wasn't long before he began growing flowers in his own backyard and selling them to neighbors.

The original Charvat "the florist" found his niche and opened the first Charvat The Florist shop in 1893 at Rowena and Hastings.

"That was a great spot for him to open up because that was where all the wholesale houses were back then," said Dave Charvat, 60, of Grosse Pointe Farms, who runs the shop today with brother, Jay, 64, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

In 1917, Wendell Charvat relocated to a property at Mack and Sheridan, where the first building ever built on Mack stood — a general store, which he demolished to build a new, modern structure.

In 1949, his son, Louis — Jay and Dave's grandfather — sold that structure to a church to relocate closer to his home on Yorkshire in Grosse Pointe Park. The store at the current location opened Sept. 29, 1950.

As Dave and Jay grew up in the Woods with their two sisters, Linda and Sally, they spent a great deal of time helping out in the family business, employed there by their early teens. At age 16 and driving they were making deliveries to help out.

"With a family business, you get hoodwinked into everything," Dave said. "If there was a holiday, we worked."

Graduating from Grosse Pointe North High School, the brothers continued their education at Michigan State University, Jay studying horticulture and business and Dave horticulture and communication arts.

Jay and Dave enjoy their business, which has been building flower arrangements in Detroit longer than the Big Three have been building cars in Detroit.

"We got to work with our dad, which was really cool," said Dave of his father, Bud, who still

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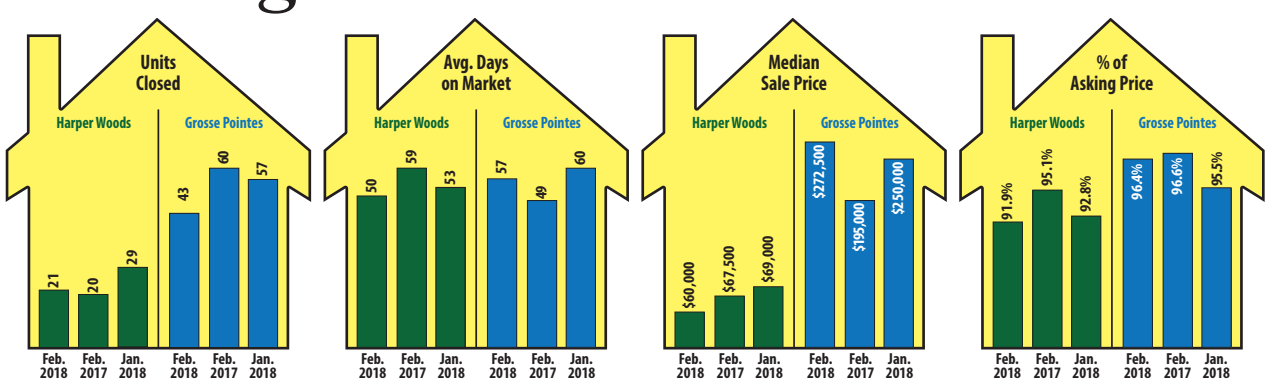
Housing market still strong as interest rates remain low



February housing data recently released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors indicates the housing market in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe continues to be strong as interest rates remain low and demand strong. The combination of low mortgage rates, an abundance of companies interested in providing loans and some relief from government regulation has many buyers looking for homes.

"These forces are fortunately not driving home prices through the roof," said Lori Jaglois, president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. "Unless someone is paying cash, those lending the money are paying close attention to appraisals. They do not want to see the runaway prices we saw over a decade ago that led to market problems.

"The preservation of the mortgage interest deduction, capital gains treatment and being allowed to still deduct property taxes on all but the very most expensive homes still makes owning a home the best long-term investment for most people," Jaglois continued. "Buying a home and making improvements remains the easiest way for many to build net worth."

Relating to housing in general, the National Association of Realtors says one of the biggest issues in most areas is the lack of newly constructed homes. Personal needs, changes in electronics and advances in technology have all changed significantly the last 20 years. For those who can afford a new home, these changes already are available.

Fortunately, new construction is rampant in southeast Michigan, where more than 2,000 permits have been issued for new homes the last 12 months in the tri-county area. Even though most may not be in the immediate area, the availability creates the ability for people to move up or downsize, making available starter homes and increasing the inventory of larger homes as well. As more new homes are built, new inventory will become available.

"Every home is unique; every transaction is different," Jaglois said. "It is in your best interest to make an informed decision when buying or selling a home. Members of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors are best able to help."

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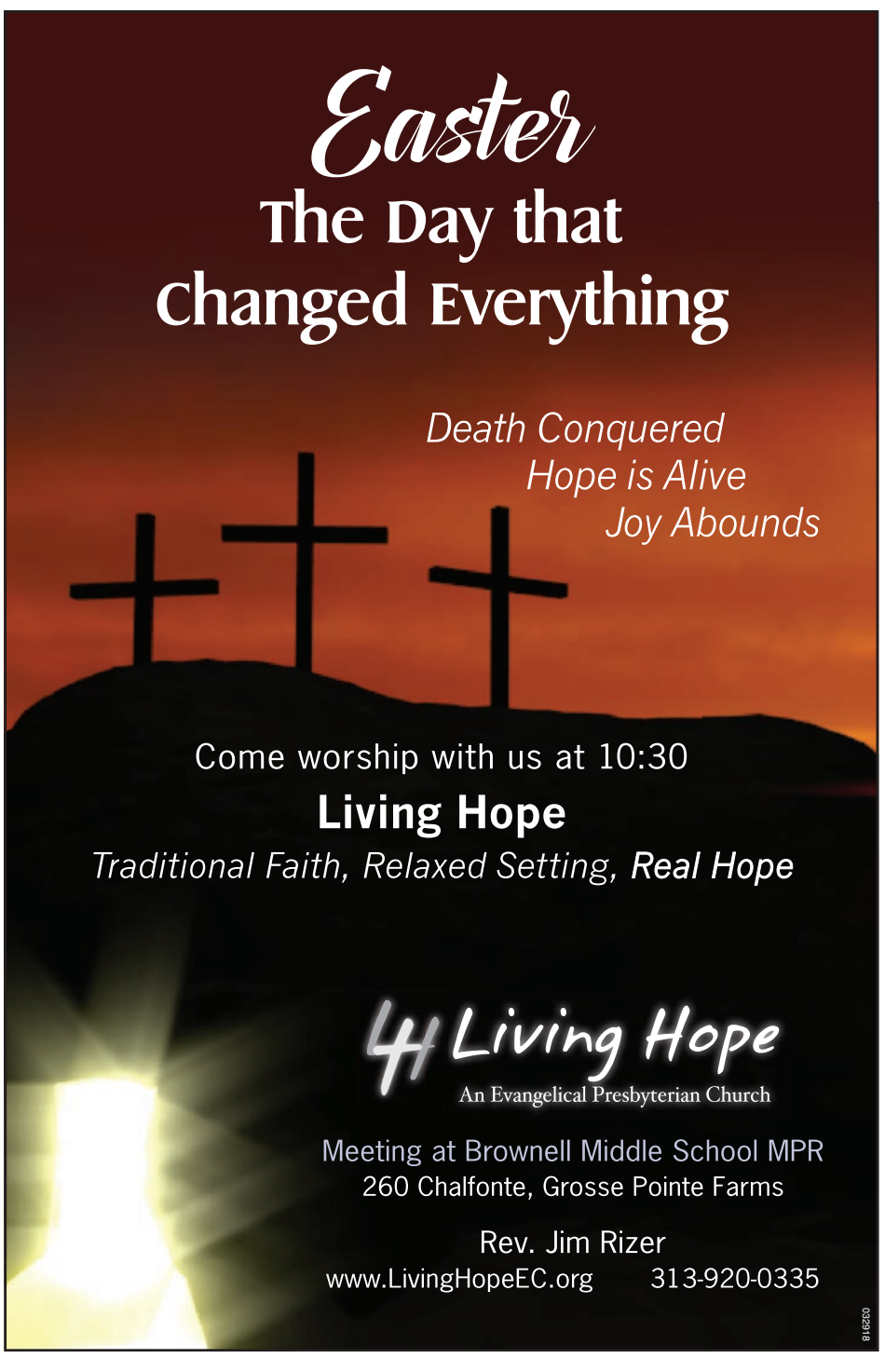

Blessings from above

Grosse Pointe Park's annual Easter egg scramble included a helicopter dropping marshmallows for children to retrieve and turn in for candy. The helicopter flew over Patterson Park twice. Three hundred tickets were sold and 4,000 marshmallows were dropped. The event also included visits with Elsa and Iron Man.

Children gather marshmallows as their parents look on.

Above, Eric Noonan, dressed as Batman, gathered marshmallows. Left, Mila Palubinskas wore her bunny ears to the event to match the Easter Bunny.

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similar," Macuga said. "Similar in Michigan law means the same. So, does Mr. Russell recognize that when he cuts down a 100-year-old living tree he has to replace it with another 100-year-old living tree?"

City Manager Mark Wollenweber said property owners are not required to pull permits for cutting trees and it isn't reasonable to require someone to replace cut trees with the same type and age tree.

"They are required to submit a tree replacement plan," Wollenweber said. "One of the things the planning commission and our planning consultants and city attorney have talked about a number of times is what constitutes a reasonable replacement. ... You take down a 100-year tree, it's not going to be replaced by a 100-year tree."

Wollenweber said he does not make the determination of a reasonable replacement before talking with planning consultants and said there are reasonable alternatives the city follows when replacing cut trees.

While cutting trees is an immediate issue for some neighbors, many are looking to the future.

Some acknowledge the fact a development will occur at some point, but they are worried how long it will take and how long they will have to live in close proximity to an 18-home development.

Ben Best, who lives on Fordcroft, posed the question to council.

"I just wanted to ask a simple question: What would you do in our situation?" Best said.

He said he and his family love their neighborhood, but the idea of living in a construction zone worries him.

"Could you give us some sort of reassurance that if whatever is to be negotiated, there would be great measures taken to protect the surrounding neighborhood from the unsightliness of the prolonged development," Best said. "I ask you to do that."

Councilman Matthew Seely said he understands the worry many residents have. He lived through it himself in his own neighborhood.

Seely said he moved onto Lochmoor 18 years ago. In the first six years, eight new homes went up in the vicinity. Then, when everything seemed to be completed, a fire destroyed another house and construction started again.

"Ultimately, I love where I live. I love our community," Seely said. "It was well worth the wait, because now when I go for a walk at night with my wife, we look at the beautiful homes we are surrounded by and feel very, very privileged to be here."

He said construction is part of progress and urged residents to find a way to see the development as beneficial to the community.

But the effects of construction, and incidental costs associated with it, still worry some. Nick Bournias, a resident on Deeplands, said even with work being done in the area now, the road is deteriorating and he is worried about how bad it will get and who will pay for it.

"With the road and the trucks going up and down it, obviously there is going to be some wear and tear on the street," Bournias said. "Is there any sort of thought on who is going to pay for that once that's done? I'm sure the taxpayers are going to bear a good portion of that, but has there been any thought to that?"

With the overall proposal currently in limbo, many questions will wait to be answered. But Mayor Ted Kedzierski wanted to assure residents of the neighborhood they will look out for their best interests.

"We are all neighbors," Kedzierski said. "Our job is to make sure that we follow the best interest of the city. That's our decision making here. ... We represent the entire city and we represent the best interest of everyone in the city."

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Woods two years ago."

DTE's plan is to work on the local streets between Maumee and Jefferson, as well as Jefferson between Cadieux and Fisher and Maumee between Notre Dame and Fisher.

Whitteaker said the infrastructure is old and it is industry best practice to upgrade the gas main material for a higher pressure system.

"This is a safety issue for us," Whitteaker said. "The infrastructure is aging. We need to get in there and replace it with better material."

Whitteaker also said the City will benefit from DTE's experiences in the other Pointes the last few years.

"Looking back over the last two years at what we've done in the other Grosse Pointe communities, you'll reap the benefits of what we have learned," Whitteaker said. "We are doing a lot to communicate with residents."

Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak asked Whitteaker about the issue of gas meter placement on houses. Residents in the other Grosse Pointe communities have complained placement of the new gas meters is obtrusive and unaesthetic, especially when installed on the front of the house.

"The standard is the safest way is to put the meter on the outside where the connection point is on the inside," Whitteaker said. "That's the safest way to put it. We will work with the customer to see if there is a different location on the outside of the house that serves both the safety needs and the customer's desire to make it as aesthetically pleasing as possible. We will do what we can, but at some point we have to call safety as a priority."

Mayor Christopher Boettcher said DTE replaced his service lines approximately one and a half years ago.

"My meter is now on the front of my house so I had to add some additional shrubs to hide it," Boettcher said. "But, at the end of the day I know it's a much more state-of-the-art system, much more serviceable from the outside of the house, so you don't have to make special arrangements to come in to service the meter. So, at the end of the day, we work as best we can together and try to get the whole project done as soon as possible."

The electrical system upgrades will be less obtrusive.

Whitteaker said there are two projects planned for the City this year — proactive infrastructure upgrades and maintenance on targeted areas susceptible to outages.

"With those two programs, that typically means pole replacements, wire replacements, pole top repairs and tree trim," Whitteaker said.

Whitteaker said work will start soon and continue through the summer and fall. She said residents will receive letters with contact information in the mail approximately 30 days prior to DTE being in the area.

"If you are planning to do any landscaping in your front yard, in your parkway, you're planning to replace your sidewalk, it's probably not a good idea to do that because more than likely it will get ripped up," Dame said. "First, they are going to rip up the sidewalks and rights of way, then they are going to rip up all the way to your house where the gas meter is and they will replace your gas meters. They will restore it, but it's not going to be fun. But, there's no way around it."

Correction

In the March 22 article "Deeplands civil suit dismissed," the date of Deeplands Development Co.'s next appeal hearing should have been noted as Tuesday, April 17.

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

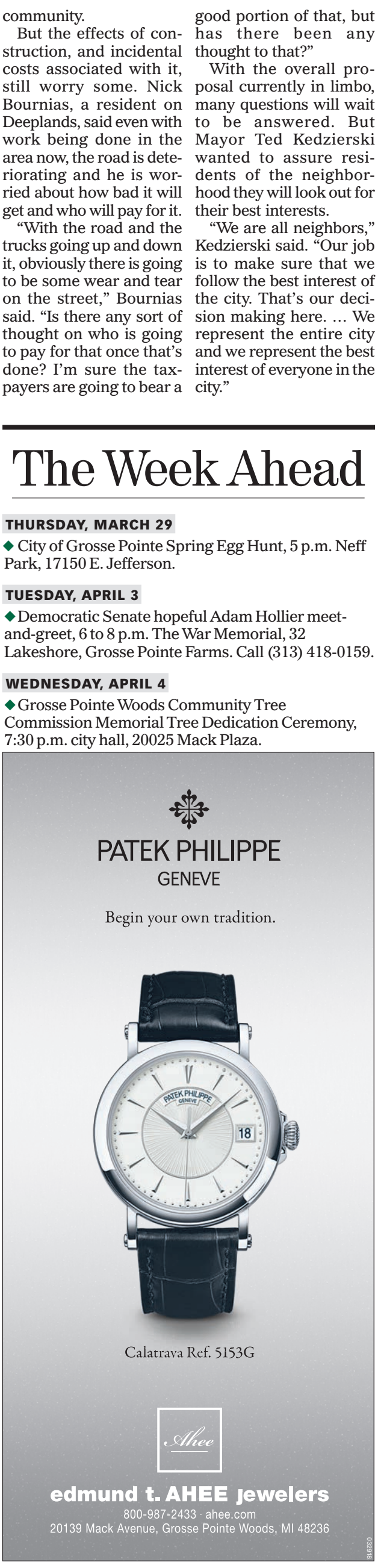
◆ City of Grosse Pointe Spring Egg Hunt, 5 p.m. Neff Park, 17150 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

◆ Democratic Senate hopeful Adam Hollier meet-and-greet, 6 to 8 p.m. The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 418-0159.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony, 7:30 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.



City woman leads the way helping others make ends meet

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Making ends meet when underemployed or earning minimum wage can be near impossible. In Detroit's 48215 ZIP code, 54 percent of residents live under the poverty level.

"It's a really demolished neighborhood," said Liz Witherell. "There are three or four houses on each block. We do a lot of work in that area."

Witherell, president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference based at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, has spent 10 years working with the less fortunate in Detroit and the Cabbage Patch area of Grosse Pointe Park.

"St. Vincent de Paul is an organization in the business of helping people who are living in poverty," she said. "It's a Catholic organization, but we help people regardless of their religion, on an emergency basis, with their rent payments, their utility payments, food, clothing and beds."

The City of Grosse Pointe resident estimated 95 percent of the conference's work is done in the 48215 area, which encompasses Alter to Conner and Warren to the Detroit River. People call the church or sometimes the church gets referrals and, "they tell us they need help in some way. Then we do home visits, which is why I was so attracted to St. Vincent de Paul. That personal touch is very important. We meet and try to figure out the best way to help them."

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN WITHERELL

Liz Witherell

Sometimes help means paying rent, other times providing food vouchers. Witherell said about 25 percent of people they help come and go, but St. Vincent de Paul has a steady base of around 400 to 500 people it regularly serves.

"The people we work with over and over, we get to know them," she said. "You know what they're going through. They're underemployed or working minimum wage jobs. Anything that goes wrong — a car breaks down, emergency medical expenses — they need us. We won't pay bills month after month after month, but we want to make sure they're sustainable on a monthly basis and try to keep them in their homes."

Witherell started volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul in 2008, at the recommendation of a friend. She started making home visits after attending a few meetings. It wasn't always a comfortable scenario.

"It was hard going on home visits at first, having to ask embarrassing questions," she recalled, "but I learned to treat people like I want to be treated. I learned to put them at ease. I make it social, because they're not at ease either."

At the time, she said, volunteers averaged five or six home visits a week. Now, 10 or 12 home visits are the norm.

"Part of the reason is we've expanded the area we're working with," she said. "To do that, we needed more donations."

St. Ambrose hosts an annual spaghetti dinner to help cover costs, but the conference also got involved with the Friends of the Poor walk on Belle Isle.

"That's been very successful for us," Witherell said.

The St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. Ambrose includes 30 people, 16 of whom are "active members," performing day-to-day operations and home visits. They include nurses, social workers and even a CPA who does clients' taxes free of charge.

"It's a talented group of people who know a lot about what resources are available," Witherell said. "We have a guy with a used appliances connection. ... We give food vouchers to Parkway Foods at Conner and Jefferson. St. Vincent de Paul runs thrift stores and we get vouchers to give people so they can get clothes and household items. And we give them beds. That's a big thing. People move in and a lot of times have absolutely nothing. The very least people need is beds."

The outreach ministry isn't something Witherell imagined when she entered the working world decades ago as a teacher in Detroit. After five years, she decided she needed a change. She went on to earn a master's degree in computer science from Wayne State University, which led to a 25-year career as a computer programmer, first for ANR Pipeline, then Digital Equipment Corp., which became Compaq, which became HP.

"I took an early retirement, but decided I can't be retired," she said, "so I joined St. Vincent de Paul."

Witherell has used her programming background to the benefit of the organization. Since becoming president six years ago, she helped computerize records, "to produce better reports for donors," she said, "so we're accountable for the money and (donors) feel comfortable giving us money."

Witherell, who hails from Massachusetts, has lived in Grosse Pointe since 1984. She and her husband, John, have one daughter and one grandchild. Around the time she joined St. Vincent de Paul, she also decided to get a nursing degree, which she earned from Macomb Community College in 2009, though she hasn't used it in a clinical setting.

Witherell said the outreach ministry has been as much a blessing to her life as to the people she helps.

"It makes me realize how very, very lucky I am on a daily basis," she said. "So many people in our community recognize that — in our conference, in our parish. People are so generous, but we are also so fortunate. We're not worried about the roof that's falling down or having our electricity shut off. Things like that would be a constant stress. We're not living under constant stress, so I'm thankful for that.

"And the people we help are so grateful," she continued. "They say they feel blessed — blessed to be alive, blessed to have children and spouses. It reminds me that there's a lot more to life than material things."

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2016, dropping from 14 larcenies and seven burglaries in 2016.

The 15 total Part I crimes puts the Shores just over the five-year average of 14. The lowest Part I crime-rate occurred in 2014, with five total reported, and 2016 saw the most at 25.

According to the report, Part II crimes, considered less serious by the FBI, also were down in 2017.

"Grosse Pointe Shores is reporting a reduction of 36 from 155 in 2016 to 119 in 2017," Schulte said. "Part II crimes are identified as activity largely generated by officer-initiated activity. Many of them are OWI and narcotics arrests."

Both operating while intoxicated and narcotics arrests fell in 2017. Officers made 54 OWI arrests, down from 77 in 2016, and 12 narcotics arrests, down from 28 the previous year.

Fraud and identity theft was the third largest Part II crimes reported at 24, just under 2016's 25.

According to the report, Shores officers issued 54 more hazardous or non-hazardous violations from 2016, totaling 1,745 in 2017.

According to Schulte, those violations generated more than $400,000 in fines and related costs. The department also recovered $87,300 in funds for the city through special event details, OWI arrests, towing fees, donations, federal grants and forfeiture.

"In the area of emergency medical services, our run volume in 2017 was down seven medical calls for service from 166 in 2016 to 159 in 2017," Schulte said.

The most frequent run, 68 percent, was for medical or cardiac calls, with 31 percent for trauma and 1 percent for psych calls.

Schulte said also in the report he expects the number of EMS runs, specifically mutual-aid runs, to continue to decline because of the neighboring communities' change to Medstar EMS service.

Before Medstar, the Shores' EMS often would be called if there was a back-to-back run. Now, Medstar will use its own ambulances for the second run. Because of this, Schulte said, the Shores will see a "significant drop in our total mutual-aid runs out of the village, along with the loss of revenue associated from billing on these runs. However, our professional medic services will remain more available for Grosse Pointe Shores residents and several in the village have responded favorably to this."

Schulte said the Shores reported five structure fires in 2017 and responded to six mutual-aid fires out of the city. Total fire loss in 2017 was $73,300.

Councilman Matthew Seely said he was very impressed with Schulte's report.

"I read this cover to cover and it's a beautiful report," Seely said. "The amount of effort that went into this, it's very impressive and comprehensive in every level. My compliments to you for your thoroughness and professionalism. This is outstanding."

Seely did, however, bring up the issue of overnight parking citations and other violations he said residents have been calling him about. Seely said he has received 11 phone calls about parking citations since he was sworn into office in December. Seely said many residents do not feel public safety is looking out for them and now there is an adverse relationship.

"The overnight parking on the streets is a real issue," Seely said. "Saturday night on Lochmoor Street, one of my neighbors, they've got four teenagers, they've got five cars now at the home and not enough driveway to accommodate all of the cars. From time to time, you're dealing with teenage kids. If they don't remember to make the phone call or Mom or Dad falls asleep and they forget to make the phone call, they are getting peppered with parking citations. They feel as though they are being harassed."

Seely said ticketing Shores residents for parking on the street was not good public relations and asked Schulte if there was any way to give warnings instead, especially for cars parked in front of homes to which they are registered.

"Interesting enough, when we don't enforce the overnight parking, I get calls that we are not doing our job," Schulte said.

Schulte said the overnight parking ordinance assists the midnight shift in determining which cars belong in the neighborhood and which don't, but, if council wished to rescind the ordinance it was within its purview.

"We enforce the ordinances, we think we do it fairly and we think we do it across the board," Schulte said.

The 2017 public safety report will soon be available on the city website, gpshoresmi.gov.

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worked there at age 90.

Chris Coderre, who has worked at the store 34 years said, "My dad worked here, too."

"We're really lucky to work where we live," said Dave.

"We don't have to check traffic reports in the morning," added Jay.

"We don't get too many snow days though," said Barb Smith, who has worked there 35 years and is Coderre's sister-in-law.

The four floral stylists — Jay, Dave, Barb and Chris — each bring their own design specialties and make arrangements for regular clientele. Often, Dave explained, the floral stylist taking the order also arranges it.

Customers may dip into the candy dish consistently full on the service counter, an offering begun and enforced by Grandma Irene Charvat.

Charvat The Florist is located at 18590 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"We'd catch hell if it was empty," Jay said of his grandmother's influence.

Dave's dog, Finnegan, works at the store as a greeter and Charvat The Florist ambassador. Regular customers pay him with dog treats.

"The dog helps if you've had a bad day," said Dave.

About being in a family business his entire career, Dave admitted, "Working with family you're going to have flareups, but this kind of business is fun.

"We could get an MBA and find out we've done everything wrong," he added, "but 125 years later we're still here. You just got to treat people right."

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A Michigan State Police investigator takes photos of the house where the fire began. The house was under renovation.

FIRE:

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were deemed a total loss.

Hot spots remained well into Tuesday morning.

At press time, the cause of the fire was undetermined.

Eight municipalities responded to the blaze, including all of the Pointes, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and Detroit. Michigan State Police arson investigators were on scene Tuesday morning.

Calls for comment from City first responders went unreturned.

— Anthony Viola

POLICY:

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register post May 1 and your grade level is open, you get to go there automatically. ... But if you enroll at the school post May 1 and it's closed, we'll put you on a waiting list and we'll place you if we can via the waiting list."

Exploring triangulation was among budget parameters approved unanimously at the Jan. 22 regular meeting of the board. The purpose of the new policy, proposed at the Jan. 8 meeting, was as a cost-saving measure. In the past, when late enrollees resulted in a class size exceeding the cap, administration opened new sections, resulting in late hires and unanticipated costs. Typically this occurs in kindergarten, where class size is lowest.

The policy committee met Jan. 31 to review the policy, which proposed a regional grouping of schools with Ferry, Mason and Poupard elementary schools on the north end; Kerby, Monteith and Richard elementary schools in the center; and Defer, Maire and Trombly elementary schools on the south end.

Subsequent meetings of the board and policy committee resulted in six versions of a draft administrative guideline, according to Dean. The final version, revised March 19, allows parents "a choice of school within the groupings if available. In the event the family wishes to attend a school other than the one assigned via this process, administration shall provide to the requesting family a list of each 'open' school at the desired grade level within the district." Parents also may apply for an in-district transfer.

Also included in the approved budget parameters is maintaining elementary class sizes at the existing caps. However, in a March 26 email to President Summerfield copied to all board members, Pangborn included removing "classroom size caps" among a list of budget suggestions, leaving "final decisions of class size to the professionals.

"This is not a widespread problem through the district," she wrote. "This usually effects (sic) just a few classes, if any. We should not use a blanket policy to solve individual situations."

Before voting took place, 14 community members spoke during public comments on action items to oppose or support the policy. Four of five people opposing the policy identified themselves as real estate agents. Nine people expressed support for the policy, in particular as an alternative to increasing class sizes.

Addressing the concern about people moving into the community, Summerfield said, "I think that it's a stretch to say we could ever have guaranteed a spot in any school. If schools are full, you have to do something. ... My view of this thing is there is no guarantee for any school other than that you are going to be going to a Grosse Pointe public school and all of those schools are fabulous and there's almost certainly a school close enough to you where you can go."

Weertz revisited the financial reasons the policy was proposed.

"Last year, after we sealed up a very, very tight budget, we were over enrolled in four areas," she said. "We had to hire four teachers at the last minute to a tune of over $400,000 that we had not budgeted for. This was not unusual because this happened in the last four or five years. This is a real problem and a real concrete answer is (Policy) 5120. That's why we came up with it. That's why we had five public meetings. We went back to the policy meeting three times to change language to make it easier and more palatable for latecomers to this school district. ... I feel that it's fiscally responsible and that's what I want to be."

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Beth Cueter, who initially opposed the policy, said while she doesn't "think it's necessarily a great policy," she understands the need for it.

"I guess time will tell how it affects people and their desire to move to the community," she said.

Her main concern was fairness and making sure all the Pointes are "on an equal playing field." After several meetings with board members and administration, she said, "They've addressed my concerns and as a homeowner, I think it's the best reasonable thing given the circumstances."

Public Safety

City of Grosse Pointe

Larceny

A Farms woman reported a larceny Friday, March 23, which occurred at the Neighborhood Club Wednesday, March 21.

The woman said she placed her wallet and other belongings into an unsecured locker in the locker room before working out approximately 1:45 p.m. When she returned at 2:30 p.m., she gathered her belongings and left.

The next day, she received a phone call from a janitor informing her he had found her wallet in a feminine hygiene waste box in one of the bathroom stalls.

Her driver's license, library card, insurance card, several gift cards, two credit cards and $30 in cash were missing.

The woman noted a teenage female sitting on a bench in the locker room when she left her belongings in the locker.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Penny for your thoughts

A resident in the 800 block of Michaux Lane reported a suspicious package sent to his house Sunday, March 25. The package was from "Santa Claus" at "123 Lucky Lane, Omaha, Neb." The resident said he was afraid to open it because of its weight and sound it made when shaken. He took the package into Shores public safety. Using USPS tracking numbers, police tracked the package to a sender in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The resident said he had a friend in that area and called him. The friend said the package contained 500 pennies, payment for a $5 bet the friend lost.

The package was opened and was full of pennies.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted home invasion

A 61-year-old Detroit man was arrested for home invasion 9:40 p.m. Monday, March 19. The man attempted to break a window with a rock in the 1400 block of Whittier. The resident was inside and called 911. Responding officers arrested the man a block away.

Lock your car

An unknown person stole $20 in change from an unlocked car in the 700 block of Westchester overnight between Monday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 20.

Catalytic converter stolen

An unknown person stole a catalytic converter and oxygen sensor from a vehicle in the 1200 block of Yorkshire between noon Monday, March 19, and 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 21.

Quick grab

Two 16- to 20-year-old male subjects stole a tip jar containing approximately $60 from a business in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield 8:50 p.m. Thursday, March 22, and ran north. One of them was wearing a white T-shirt.

Lawn season

Two men in a white sedan stole a lawn mower, trimmer, edger and floor jack from an unlocked garage in the 900 block of Pemberton between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22.

Not in the job description

A 45-year-old employee of a business in the 15000 block of Jefferson took a flatbed truck without permission and left it in Detroit 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 23.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Wallet swiped

A woman reported an unknown suspect took the wallet from her purse she left unattended shortly after arriving for her 10 a.m. shift, Wednesday, March 21, at a church thrift shop in the 20000 block of Sunningdale Park.

Drunken mischief

Approximately 11 p.m. Friday, March 23, officers arrested a 16-year-old male for operating a vehicle while intoxicated after he was spotted driving from a reported fight of 10 juveniles or more at Ridgemont and Canton.

Woods officers were assisting Harper Woods public safety dispatched to the brawl, when a Woods officer pulled over the driver, who was carrying four passengers in the vehicle.

After noticing the odor of alcohol and an empty bottle of vodka in the vehicle, the officer administered field sobriety tests to the driver and a preliminary breath test resulting in .113 percent blood alcohol content.

The youth was arrested and released to his father with an appointment for juvenile court.

Too drunk to drive

Officers responded to a report of a subject slumped over the steering wheel of a car stopped at Vernier near Morningside just before 7 a.m. Sunday, March 25.

Officers found the vehicle parked over the curb and partially on a lawn. They woke the 27-year-old driver, who told them she had been drinking and had gotten sick.

She underwent field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test measuring .161 percent alcohol content and was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Open window mystery

Officers responded to a reported breaking and entry of a house in the 1900 block of Broadstone at 6 a.m. Sunday, March 25.

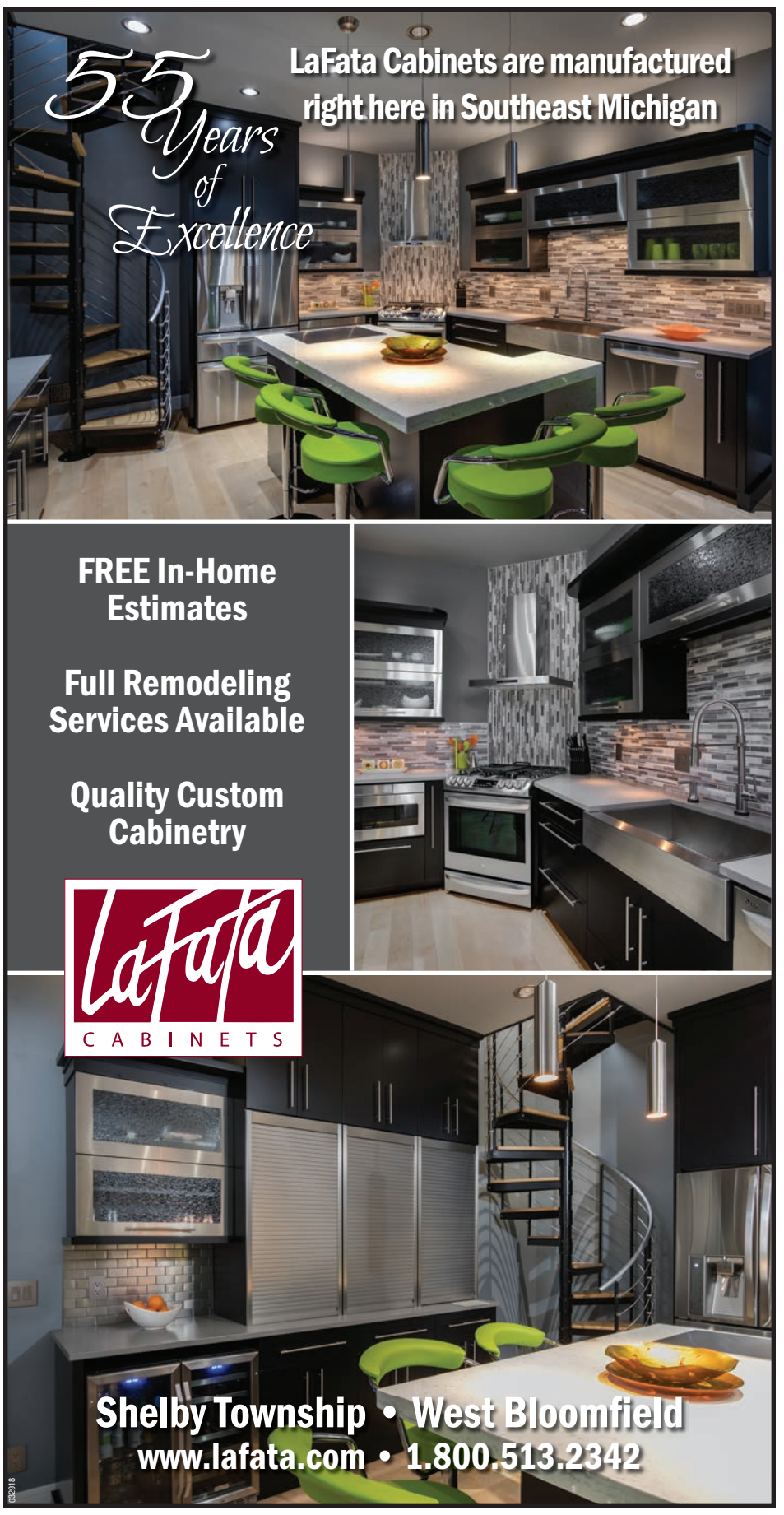
The occupants said they noticed a window of the house was wide open approximately 5:45 a.m., believing a home invasion occurred during the night as they slept.

An officer observed pry marks on the open window and the window crank assembly bent and detached.

The interior of the house was intact and nothing observed as missing.

— Melissa Walsh

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



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Pure Grosse Pointe

These recycling bins were stored in neat rows at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park March 16, where they caught the eye of resident Diana Langlois as she drove down Jefferson. The Woods has contracted with Green For Life the next five years. The red bins are being recycled and replaced by the green GFL bins.

OUR VIEW

Policy 5120 approved

While there may be many things to dislike about Policy 5120 approved by the Grosse Pointe school board Monday night, there is one immediate and lasting benefit — the saving of some half a million dollars a year.

Policy 5120 will allow administrators to place post-May 1 student enrollees in neighboring schools should classes in their neighborhood school be filled. Currently, class sizes in the Grosse Pointe Public School System are capped at 24 for kindergarten, 27 for grades 1-3 and 30 for grades 4-5. If enrollment increases above those caps, extra classes need to be added and teachers hired.

Last year, four classes needed to be added at a cost of $400,000 — $100,000 per class. Some years it is more, $500,000 for five classes added, etc. With enrollment dropping districtwide by 100 students a year and a resulting $1 million loss in revenue, adding classes takes away half again as much from an already declining budget. Clearly, something had to be done.

To remedy the problem, the school district's policy committee came up with Policy 5120, referred to as "triangulation" due to the geographic grouping of the district's nine elementary schools into clusters of three — Ferry, Mason and Poupard in the north end, Kerby, Monteith and Richard in the center and Defer, Maire and Trombly in the south end. If classes are already filled when school starts, new enrollees (after May 1) are sent to one of the other two schools in its grouping.

Through revisions, the policy committee added provisions for when siblings also are enrolled in the school, choice in which grouping school parents prefer (if available) and in-district transfer requests. Furthermore, even if a post-May 1 enrollee is sent to another school, he or she will be able to enroll in their neighborhood school the following year.

While almost no one was happy with not being able to promise all students room at their neighborhood elementary school, the school board wisely approved Policy 5120 by a 5-2 vote.

School board trustee Cynthia Pangborn, who voted against the policy, thought caps should be removed, leaving decisions whether to increase class size or add a classroom to the "professionals." We tend to agree with Ms. Pangborn that such decisions should be left to the professionals on a case-by-case, school-by-school basis, but the caps should remain as a guideline stronger than a recommendation.

Board President Brian Summerfield also made an interesting observation: "I think it's a stretch to say we could ever have guaranteed a spot in any school." He has a point. The only thing that can be truly guaranteed is that your student will be in a classroom in the Grosse Pointe school district.

A handful of Realtors addressing the board Monday night opposed the policy. They see the policy hurting home sales in that post-May 1 home buyers cannot be guaranteed their child will attend class in the neighborhood school in September. We understand their concerns, but those incidences where a child cannot attend her or his neighborhood school will be few and sporadic.

We think home purchasers are buying into our excellent school district first and a particular school second. And even if it is the latter, the hardship will only be for one school year. Besides, as we and others have pointed out, there was a time when not every elementary school even had a kindergarten, yet homebuyers still bought in those neighborhoods.

At the end of the day, we agree with the school board's adoption of Policy 5120. It was a tough decision. It is easy to belong to a board when there's plenty of money. It's quite a different matter when funds are tight and shrinking.

Correction: An Editor's note at the end of Ms. Pangborn's Letter to the Editor last week should have stated that she is a "former" real estate agent. We apologize and regret the error.

OUR VIEW

DPW, Detroit saga ends

The Grosse Pointe City Council and mayor have thrown in the towel on the purchase of the Detroit site for use as a department of public works, thus ending a frustrating — and expensive — attempt to work with Detroit. Not only are we out the $20,000 purchase deposit, we also spent an untold amount on architectural and legal fees and city time.

However, we do not find fault with the Grosse Pointe administration, attorney or mayor and council. The blame lies entirely with Detroit, specifically the mayor and corporation counsel. Based on our city attorney's opinion and that of Detroit's own building officials, the DPW use including overnight storage of garbage trucks is permissible under the property's general business zoning.

It was not until residents (many not contiguous to the property) complained, and well after the deadline for appealing the Detroit building department's approval, that the Detroit corporation counsel rescinded the earlier approval of the use. His claim that the use was not permitted under the zoning does not stand up to scrutiny. We further believe the corporation counsel's rescission was an overreach of authority.

True, we could challenge the decision before Detroit's board of zoning appeals and, ultimately, Wayne County Circuit Court, but our efforts to convince neighbors our proposed DPW use would not be detrimental fell on deaf ears. Hence, our council's decision to pull the plug on the Canyon property. That is a shame. Not only do we lose a viable location for our DPW operations in a commercially zoned area, but Cornerstone, as the Detroit area is called, is losing a $4.3 million investment.

Mayor Christopher Boettcher and council "took the high road" in respecting the residents' wishes and offering to continue to work with Detroit on improving the Mack Avenue corridor. While we commend our officials' ability to turn the other cheek, we suggest they take future Detroit promises with a grain of salt and we certainly recommend not investing our taxpayer money on the Detroit side of Mack Avenue.

We understand discussions are ongoing about how we partner with Detroit to improve Mack Avenue west of Moross. While we don't wish to damage those discussions, we certainly urge caution — especially where our purse strings are concerned.

In the meantime, Grosse Pointe officials need to move to Plan B on the DPW. Part of Mayor Boettcher's reevaluation of the Canyon property included plans by the architects to duplicate the Canyon building on the current Maumee site. Perhaps those plans can be developed further.

Officials from other of the Pointes have asked why doesn't Grosse Pointe hire out the garbage pickup like Grosse Pointe Park and Woods do? Good question. That would certainly eliminate the overnight storage of garbage trucks. However, Grosse Pointe taxpayers like their garage pickup of trash by their DPW using jitneys. Perhaps a private contractor would be willing to work with Grosse Pointe employees and their jitneys.

Just a thought.

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GUEST OPINION By Kathleen Carroll

A march for my generation

On Saturday, I joined more than 800,000 of my fellow Americans in Washington, D.C., for the March For Our Lives. Marching down Seventh Avenue and turning down Pennsylvania Avenue, the energy in the crowd was palpable. Nearly a million of us in D.C. and millions in other marches in 800 locations around the globe were united. I stood next to a woman who had grown up in Harlem and raised her own children there; her mother and brother had been shot dead. I met a woman, who grew up in Philadelphia and had graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, holding a sign with dates of fatal shootings across the nation; she pointed to three of them, three of her closest friends.

My generation has inherited America's gun problem. The majority of us were born after the Columbine school shooting. While we learned to read, we learned to hide from armed intruders. When I was 6 years old, lockdowns seemed like our "stop, drop and roll" procedures — something I would never need to use in a real situation. Over the years, as I've watched news of shooting after shooting broadcast across my country, it's become more apparent our drills are not merely liability insurance for schools; they are not a "just in case" security measure anymore.

My classmates and I have become increasingly aware of the possibility that a gunman will enter our school. I thought I had been alone in my fears about coming to school with a threat like this looming over my head, but the day after the shooting in Parkland, we had a discussion in my English class at South. A girl shared that she had a plan for how she would escape each classroom throughout her day in the event an intruder entered our halls. Several students in the class agreed. We proceeded to talk about what classroom windows on the second and third floors would be safest to jump from.

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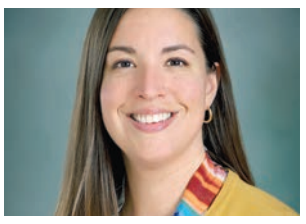
I SAY By Jody McVeigh

A lifetime of teachable moments



I've learned a lot from my mother-in-law.

I only met her once before she passed away — I never actually got to call her "Mom" — but I'm constantly inspired by the woman she was, through stories that are tributes to this woman who touched many lives.

Maureen McVeigh was a woman of unconquerable inner strength. Born in Ireland and raised in Scotland, she persevered through a childhood that included the death of her mother at age 4; being separated from her family — including six siblings — at age 7 when Scotland was evacuated during World War II; the death of her stepmother two years after she married into the family; the death of her closest brother, 18, by car accident; and surviving an alcoholic father whose disease forced the family into poverty.

Maureen moved to America as a teen, where she was raised by her sister, May, 10 years her senior. She got a job at Michigan Bell after high school to help support her family. Her life hit an upswing when she met and fell in love with her brother's best friend. They eventually married and had four children.

Apart from challenging circumstances, physical ailments marred Maureen's life as well. A childhood accident left her with a severely injured spine; she suffered back pain most of her life. She never complained, though, claiming it a bad confession to admit to her agony. When she was in her 40s, physicians told her surgery likely would leave her paralyzed, so instead she joined relatives on a trip to Oklahoma to meet with the Rev. Kenneth Hagin — a trip that would change her life.

Hagin healed her, she said, and sparked in her a desire to serve God. She became a born-again Christian and spent the rest of her life reading the Bible and sharing its message by example.

She once paid a stranger's $1,000 dental bill because God told her to do it; her family met the stranger and heard the story for the first time at Maureen's funeral.

When her son and a friend were suspended from high school, she showed up at the school to speak on the friend's behalf — not her son's — because the boy's mother had died and she felt he needed someone in his corner.

Random acts of kindness weren't a suggestion for Maureen; they were a way of life.

Her faith and acts of good will were unsurpassed, though her tenacity came a close second. Family members still laugh about her strong will and self-reliance, though back then they called it "being stubborn."

Like the time she walked to the corner store for cigarettes when no one would give her one. Fresh from the hospital after getting a stent to reopen an artery, she hobbled along the sidewalk with a cane. Unbeknownst to her, her adoring and equally stubborn husband followed her in his car to make sure she got there OK. He called their son John to pick her up when she was too tired to make the trip home — and kept an eye on her until John arrived.

Our family also chuckles about Maureen's cooking — it was awful! — and her fear of cars. She didn't get her driver's license until she was in her late 30s — and marched it right back to the DMV within the year. She also was terrified of lefthand turns; when friends would pick her up for shopping or lunch, they'd make a plan to reach their destination making right turns only.

A year after the stent, Maureen developed throat cancer, which she beat with treatment. The following year, the cancer returned, first to her lungs, then her brain.

That was around the time I met her, Easter 2003. As John and I sat together in the living room, she slowly inched her way toward an adjacent couch. She smiled at me and almost immediately apologized for not wearing her wig. Chemotherapy had taken much of her hair, but she'd gotten to a point where she didn't care about appearances. She was all about heart, anyway. Always had been.

She told me she'd heard a lot about me and while I'm not sure what she heard, I'm sure she heard a lot: John made a point to visit his mom daily after she got sick. He claimed it was to use her treadmill so he could get in shape, but after his "workout," the two would sit at the kitchen table and eat Nestle Drumsticks and chat for hours.

We had only been dating six months and I remember how quickly our date nights would change when he'd get that phone call from his dad: "Your mom fell in the kitchen and I can't pick her up." Or "The ambulance is taking her to the ER. Will you meet us there?"

She died June 2003, and though I only met her briefly, I think of her often, especially as Easter nears. I used to wonder if we'd get along, if she approved of me with her son, what I'd learn from spending time with her. Today, I'm confident I know the answers: Yes. Absolutely. A lot.

Hearing stories of her life, I've learned plenty from this woman I knew a few short hours. Her perseverance, faith, tenacity, good will and ability to laugh at herself are all attributes I admire and to which I aspire. Do I wish I could have personally gotten to know her better? Of course.

Then again, there's nothing quite like loving her through the eyes of her loved ones.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943
75 years ago this week

GROUP OF 35 OFF TO WARS: A group of 35 young men from the Pointes marched away to the war. The remaining 16 of the 51 inducted with the last draft will depart later.

In addition, Board No. 57 has ordered a group of 50 Grosse Pointe young men to report to the induction center next week.

YOUNGSTERS WARNED TO NOT REMOVE SWINGS: The caretaker at the Maire school reported to City police some youngsters were taking down the school swings and carrying them away piecemeal. The youngsters were only 12 years old and probably thought they would like a nice swing for themselves at home.

The police brought them in and after an earnest fatherly talk, sent them on their way.

1968
50 years ago this week

NATURE PLAYS QUEER TRICKS THIS SEASON: Official U.S. Weather Bureau instruments at the Farms Water Filtration Plan measured a total of nine inches of snowfall for Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23.

The weekend storm equaled the total amount of snow recorded during the entire winter.

PARK RESIDENT BATTLES ROBBERS: A Park resident who refused to surrender his wallet to two would-be unarmed hold-up men, put up a good fight when his assailants began beating him about the face. The hoodlums escaped without getting a cent.

1993
25 years ago this week

SCHOOL BOARD ADVISED TO SELL ST. CLAIR OFFICE BUILDING: The Grosse Pointe Board of Education should consider selling the school system's 87-year-old administrative office building at 389 St. Clair, said Superintendent Edward J. Shine.

Voters defeated a bond issue Feb. 4, 1991, for a proposed $7.7 million library to be built at Brownell Middle School.

If the bond issue had been approved, the administrative offices would have been moved to the Central Library building.

The school system has not targeted a new site for its administrative offices, but other school system facilities are being considered, possibly Barnes school.

2008
10 years ago this week

STUDENTS COMPETING: Robotics students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools are competing in a regional tournament at Eastern Michigan University this weekend.

OFFICIALS QUICK TO OK CONTRACTS: In a matter of minutes, two Grosse Pointe Public School System employee contracts were unanimously approved: one for the paraprofessionals and one for technology staff.

— Karen Fontanive

MARCH:

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This level of violence has become normalized the last 19 years since Columbine and that is why I marched. The fact students around the country I call home have to worry about making it through the school day alive rather than being able to prioritize their education is sickening. The fact children in inner cities, who have lost so many loved ones to gun violence, have grown up watching shootings on the street is sickening. I marched for every person from my generation living in mortal terror that they will be the next victim.

We marched on Saturday for every student, teacher, mother, father, brother, sister and best friend whose life has been lost to the senseless violence that plagues our nation, and has for decades. We marched for every person whose life has been cut short, their voice forever silenced, because a weapon fell into the wrong hands. We marched because we are tired of Congress taking no action to pass common-sense legislation to save the 96 people murdered with a gun every day in our country.

Each and every speaker Saturday reminded me that my generation has a voice and it's our duty to use it. We marched because this has gone on far too long. This level of violence is not normal and we can never accept it as normal. Never again.

Kathleen Carroll is a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

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ArtFest celebrates award-winning art

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South High School's ArtFest 2018 March 21 to 24 was a celebration of students' artistic expression. From drawing, painting and photography to sculpture, ceramics, fiber and metals, including jewelry, the showcase included artwork from the foundational concepts and materials class to advanced placement classes and independent studies.

Unique to this year's show was artwork created especially for the district's celebration of the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Grosse Pointe, exploring the question whether "The Other America" — the title of King's speech March 24, 1968 — still exists.

Also featured were winners of 2018 Southeastern Michigan Region Scholastic Art Awards, including three Gold Key portfolio winners — all seniors — whose work, included in an exhibit at the College for Creative Studies earlier this year, demonstrated the culmination of their years at South.

Gabby Grobbel won a Best of Show award for her portfolio, "Seascape Collection," inspired by her interest in marine biology. Grobbel plans to study marine science at Coastal Carolina in South Carolina, where she hopes to minor in art.

"I have always been fascinated by the ocean," Grobbel wrote in her portfolio reflection. "I like to think about its vast endlessness full of life and movement, how it's a completely different world from our own."

Having taken ceramics with Tom Szmrecsanyi each year since ninth grade, Grobbel attributed the success of her portfolio to her teacher.

"I wouldn't even have that portfolio without him," Grobbel said. "He really helped me to push through and finish all my pieces and allowed me to have this opportunity to do this. I'm really grateful to him and all the moms that have put in so much work to make this show happen."

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Top, ceramic sculptures by Riley Lynch. Above left, photo, "Hot Dog," by Katie Dotson. Right, "The Great Auk," made of stoneware, twine and wire, by Gabby Grobbel.

Above, ArtFest 2018 featured the best in student artwork for the year. Right, Evan Nguyen displays his signature dragon steins.

Gold Key portfolio winner Riley Lynch also acknowledged the hard work of "amazing volunteers," including her mother, Michele Lynch, who co-chaired the event along with art teacher Emily Wolfe.

"She's been working tirelessly and so have all the other volunteers," said Riley Lynch. "They're all incredible donating their time to make this art show happen. It's a crazy amount of work. ... They all do incredible work and everybody in the art department is so grateful to them."

Lynch's portfolio, "Morphology," reflects "the changing ideas behind each inspiration and the shifting tides of what I've been feeling throughout high school, what influences me to create art and the different emotions I've felt while creating," she said. "Each one represents a different little phase in my life."

Lynch has taken four levels of ceramics and sculpture and two independent studies. As an AP Studio Art: 3D Portfolio student, Lynch will submit a portfolio of her work to the College Board in lieu of a test, according to Szmrecsanyi.

"The course is rigorous," Szmrecsanyi wrote in an email. "The College Board requires students to meet certain criteria by submitting a portfolio in three separate categories: breadth, concentration and quality. Portfolios are reviewed by highly trained 'readers.' Teachers of AP Studio Art have attended AP training workshops or institutes in preparation for teaching the course. GPPSS offers four different AP Studio Art courses covering drawing, design, photography and 3D art."

Lynch said her artwork has evolved from obvious themes to more open interpretations.

"I wanted the audience to have that experience of deeper thought and not just have the piece scream out what it's about," she said. "I think that's what art really is about; it's about a deeper level of thought."

While her 3-D artwork, in particular her smaller, "handheld" pieces, show an intricate detail, patience is something with which she struggles.

"I just want to move on. My mind moves a mile per minute and it's hard for my hands to keep up with what my mind is doing," she said.

Lynch's 2-D portfolio, "Monotonously Mundane," depicts "average human activities with a twist of color highlighting those little beautiful moments in life that are so boring, but so universally practiced that they should be celebrated," she said.

These moments include eating a Popsicle, getting a nosebleed, sharing a kiss, riding a skateboard and looking in the mirror.

Julia Rapai's Gold Key award-winning portfolio, "Where We Once Were,"

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Michigan social studies student of the year

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Camille O'Mara

Pierce Middle School seventh-grader Camille O'Mara was honored as the Middle School Social Studies Student of the Year at the Michigan Council for the Social Studies 2018 conference March 23, based on her performance in class, according to social studies teacher, Jeannie Brousseau.

Brousseau, a former MCSS president, nominated O'Mara for this honor and submitted a portfolio of her work from social studies class. O'Mara is the first student Brousseau has nominated.

"We're very excited for her," Brousseau said, adding O'Mara is "not only gifted academically, she truly loves social studies and is curious about all people and places of the world. She's been an inspiring student who is already an effective citizen. She connects meaningfully with everything new she learns and incorporates it into her ever-expanding web of knowledge.

"Camille actively engages in activities such as diversity club and (the National Junior Honor Society), she is a medal winner from the (Daughters of the American Revolution) and she is kind to everyone," Brousseau continued. "She is sincere and humble and I'm positive she will have an important future."

Brousseau accompanied O'Mara to the recognition luncheon held at the Macomb Intermediate School District's Education Service Center in Clinton Township.

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Weatherman predicts reading success for Mason students

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

First-grade teacher Kari Krausmann enjoys inviting WDIV-TV meteorologist Brandon Roux to Mason Elementary School not just because he's a television personality or because his demonstrations on how clouds and tornadoes form tie in with the students' yearlong study on weather.

"He loves kids," Krausmann said. "That's why I love having him here."

This year Roux returned after his weather presentation to the first grade to read to the entire school as part of March is reading month.

"I think that we on TV can be impactful to the kids, gaining some interest or an increased interest in reading," Roux said. "I love it. Part of my job is to entertain. There's a lot of death and destruction in the news and I always find it fun to help people leave their house with a smile on their face. So it goes hand and hand with coming to schools and reading and being gregarious and playing the parts and commanding their attention, which is not always easy. But when you're loud and in charge, you can get away with it."

Roux read "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" — an appropriate choice for the weatherman. But more important than his lively reading of the book was the perspective he shared with students on the importance of reading.

Roux described to the students how his day starts at 2:30 a.m. so he can arrive to the station early and read up on the day's events before that morning's forecast.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Brandon Roux entertains students at Mason Elementary School with a lively reading of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs."

"I think we live in the greatest weather place of all time," he said to them. "I've worked all over the country in the news business and it really is fascinating to see all of the crazy changes that the Michigan weather brings. And in order to be prepared for that, I spend an hour before we go on the air reading. I'm reading websites. I'm reading forecast discussions about things that are happening in other parts of the country and other parts of the world. If there's an earthquake in Japan, I'm not going to know very much about it until I read about it and then I relay that story on the air. It is not easy. I've been doing it 20 years so it gets easier and easier, but every day I'm reading. Did I love reading growing up? No.

"The key is finding something you like to read about, finding something you enjoy," he continued. "Sports, mysteries, science. Whatever it is, I guarantee you (reading) will be a little easier if it's something you care about."

Roux said he selected "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" not just because of its weather relation and great pictures, but because "it is a simple idea or story that three movies were created out of. That says a lot about where your imagination can go and where it can take you when you're done."

Reading takes you "to places you never thought you could go to," Roux told the students. That day they traveled to Chewandswallow, the small town where "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" is set.

"The ideas are endless," Roux said. "You can take an idea and go anywhere you want to when you're reading."

Teacher of THE WEEK

Brian Stackpoole

COURTESY PHOTO

School: Grosse Pointe North High School
Years at North: 19
Grade/Subject: Grades 9-12 TV production
Nominated by: Kate Murray, principal
Principal's quote:

"Brian Stackpoole is an outstanding instructor and teacher leader. His TV production program has launched many students into incredibly successful careers in the field. Brian's vision, dedication and leadership were instrumental in the development and implementation of the district-wide career and technical education program."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I enjoy the relationships that I am able to make with students. I believe that building relationships with students is key to helping students achieve. I love that I get to work with students over multiple years of their educational career. I am also appreciative of the subject that I teach. I teach a unique subject matter that encourages students to be innovative, creative and collaborative. I enjoy seeing the growth my students make over their time in my class and how they overcome obstacles, problem solve and take ownership of the work we produce.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.

My goal for students is to become critical viewers of media. I want to change the way they look at movies, TV and video. I am most proud when a former student comes back and talks about how my class has helped them find their career path.

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

I love reading, but it is a movie that really changed my future and impacts what I do on a daily basis. "Strangers on a Train," directed by Alfred Hitchcock, changed the way I view movies and impacts my classroom.

Favorite quote:

"There are two things you can control: your attitude and your effort." *— Brian Aulph, a Parcells teacher who passed away in 2013*

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is an exploration of self through one's personal history.

"By understanding where we once were, we can more fully understand where we are now," she wrote in her portfolio reflection.

Her inspiration for her collages was her sense as a young person she was "a small part of someone's life who was the entirety of your entire life." Her pieces are built out of vintage family photographs — mainly from her grandfather — providing an element of realism. Turning these images into surreal collages represented how viewers insert their "own preconceptions about the past and the lives of other people."

Rapai grew interested in computer graphics after taking concepts and materials as a freshman. Since then she has studied under Micki Buksar-Cecil every year and described her as an "awesome teacher" and her primary influence.

"She's really patient and creative and it's been really, really fun to get to work with her every year since I was a freshman," she said.

Rapai hasn't decided where she will attend college, but knows she will not pursue art.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet, but I'm going in with an open mind," she said.

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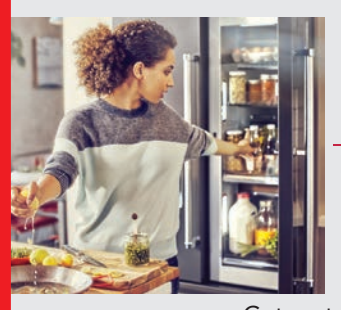

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Libraries saving lives

St. John donates AEDs to GPPL

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

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From left, Beth Vernon, Louis Saravolatz M.D. and Jessica Keyser hold the AEDs donated to the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Jeremy Millikin of ZOLL Medical Corp. explains the components of an AED to a class of library staff and administration.

One AED was donated to each of the three library branches.

Mary-Kay Reno, who works in circulation at Ewald, practices CPR. "I am glad I get to practice because it has been 26 years since my first daughter was born and I took a class back then at The War Memorial," she said.

Patrons visiting the Grosse Pointe Public Library branches are a little safer these days thanks to the donation of three automated external defibrillators from St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

The donations were secured by the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, which reached out to St. John for help.

"The foundation contacted me looking for a community partner to help purchase AEDs and provide training for all three libraries," said Anne Nearhood, coordinator of mobile unit programs at St. John. Nearhood found such a partner in AED manufacturer ZOLL Medical Corp.

"This is a regularly visited area and a public location," Nearhood said. "This (AED) is a life-saving device. Sudden cardiac arrest comes at unexpected times. We need to be prepared for it. All of this aligns with our mobile heart and vascular screening center to help us bring awareness to the community."

The AEDs were presented to the library by Louis Saravolatz M.D., chief of medicine at St. John.

"Sudden cardiac death occurs a substantial amount and results in an estimated 300,000 deaths per year," he said. "Putting AEDs at libraries is smart."

Saravolatz said a brain begins to die after 5 minutes without oxygen and it takes the average EMS unit 12 minutes to respond.

"If you wait 12 minutes, it's too late for most people," he said. "AEDs in libraries, in airports, in community centers, where you have people at risk, is estimated to save 40,000 lives a year. The library's a good place to have it.

"St. John Hospital is committed to the community and this is part of our outreach," he continued. "We want to make sure the population stays as healthy as possible. Prevention is key and this is part of prevention."

Each GPPL branch will have its own AED in a designated area. When asked about the risk of the device being mishandled or misused, Saravolatz said the AEDs only discharge electricity when the subject does not have a heartbeat, so there's no way it can be used as a toy among curious library patrons.

Additionally, several library staff members received proper training when the AEDs were delivered by ZOLL Medical Corp.'s Jeremy Millikin, hospital territory manager for Michigan. He explained the device's built-in safety mechanisms, maintenance and instructions for use.

"Let's look at it like an insurance policy," Millikin said. "Hopefully nobody has to use it, but now you have the tools to use it. The sooner you act, having this technology, you're saving more lives. Even if something happens down the street, you know there's an AED at the library, you can help."

Other training sessions were planned for interested staff.

"Our goal is to get as many people as possible at each branch trained and ready to take action if needed," said Jessica Keyser, GPPL director. "We're really excited to have these machines at all three branches. Hundreds of people come through here every day — staff and customers. In the event of a heart attack, now we'll be able to assist and increase the chance of survival. It's a great service to the community and it's in line with our mission to serve the community."

Added Beth Vernon, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, who initiated the process, "We have great partners in the community; this was a simple process with St. John's help.

"The American Red Cross says you should be less than 4 minutes away from an AED at all times," she continued. "It's hugely important because of the population we serve and the ranging ages of patrons. I don't see any difference between having this and having first-aid kits."

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Dan Roma, St. John Guild president; Sean Lane, dinner vice chairman; Gregory DeMars, dinner chairman.

St. John Guild dinner is May 23

The 58th annual St. John Guild Dinner takes place Wednesday, May 23, at the MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third, Detroit. The annual fundraiser begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. and entertainment by comedian Bobby Collins at 9 p.m.

Fox 2 Detroit's Roop Raj serves as master of ceremonies.

This year's dinner co-chairmen are Gregory DeMars and Sean J. Lane, who hosted a kick-off party for the event March 21 at Churchill's Bistro and Cigar Bar in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Each year, the Guild honors four people for their service to the organization, the hospital and the community. The 2018 honorees are:

◆ Physician of the Year — Louis Saravolatz M.D.

◆ Philanthropic Services Award — Michael T. Timmis

◆ Lifetime Achievement Award — John E. DeWald C.P.A.

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The first litter of fabricated pups is complete. The chamber still seeks sponsors and artists for the 2018 street art project, "Dogs Unleashed."

Sponsors, artists needed

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce seeks sponsors and artists for its "Dogs Unleashed" street art project.

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

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PFLAG

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

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, April 2 to 23, "For the Love of Music — History of the Orchestra," with instructor Jean Curtis Demeulemeester. Learn how the orchestra is placed and how different instruments sound. Cost is $16 and registration is required.

◆ 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays, April 2 to 23, "Writing through Grief and Loss," with facilitator Nancy Kelley. Cost is $16 and registration is required.

◆ 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, "Cooking Demonstration — Low Sodium Cooking for Blood Pressure Control," with registered dietician Nancy Weiss and Chef Dan Kellogg. Reservations are required for this free program.

◆ 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11 to June 13, "Play for Fun — Beginning Piano Lessons," with Evola Music. Cost is $49 for 10 weeks, plus $20 for the book. The book charge is payable to the instructor the first day of class. Registration is required.

◆ 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11 to June 13, "Play for Fun — Continuing Class for People who took the First Session," with Evola Music. Cost is $49 for 10 weeks, plus $20 for the book. The book charge is payable to the instructor the first day of class. Registration is required.

◆ 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, April 12, April birthday celebration. Members with April birthdays are treated to lunch, birthday cake and a keepsake photo. Reservations are required.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Library

The Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper, welcomes Grosse Pointe Farms resident and author Elizabeth Weigandt 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 3. Weigandt will discuss and sign copies of her book, "Queen Bee: A honeybee's quest to save her dying hive." All ages are welcome. Call (313) 343-2575.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts arborist Gary Eiden at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Eiden's presentation is "Insects and Diseases Homeowners Often Miss and Oak Wilt in Michigan." Learn about insects and diseases affecting popular tree species and what homeowners can do about them. Admission is $5 for members, $10 for non-members. Reservations are requested. Call (313) 499-0743 or email gpgardencenter@outlook.com.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, April 6. Brother Jerry Johnson, executive director of the Detroit Capuchin Soup Kitchen, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is $7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

100 Women

100 Women Who Care, an organization that donates directly to a chosen charity, meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at WaterMark Bar & Grill, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Visit 100womenwhocare-grossepointe.org.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House's Collectors Series continues 6 p.m. Thursday, April 12, with "The Fords: A Legacy of Art Collecting." Tickets are $15 for members, $18 for non-members. Call (313) 884-4222 or visit fordhouse.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, sponsors a day trip to the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport Wednesday, April 25. Cost is $20 for Woods residents, $25 for non-residents, and includes motor-coach transportation and admission to the museum, which provides unique and educational experiences through aviation, military and homefront history, such as the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant. Lunch at Cracker Barrel Restaurant is additional. Reservations are required by April 18. Call (313) 343-2408.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents its Art After School program 3:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offering artists of all ages the chance to work together and share ideas. Call (313) 881-3454.

Senior Ladies

Groups of ladies are invited to join the Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Club for lunch and card games 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is $13. Call (313) 881-5931.

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Paul Treder, past president of the St. John Guild, and John DeWald, Guild board member and one of this year's four honorees.

GUILD:

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Motor Village and a suite at Comerica Park donated by Kem-Tec.

Proceeds are designated for the purchase of five surgical tables for St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

Tickets are $300 each. Generation Next tickets, for ages 21 to 35, cost $175 and include a complimentary one-year membership to the Guild.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 343-3674 or visit stjohnguild.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Sara Martin M.A., CCC-SLP

Concerns over speech-sound issues

The Family Center
ASK THE EXPERTS articles

Q: I understand my 4-year-old daughter well, but others don't. She uses sounds incorrectly. She becomes easily frustrated. My friends keep telling me not to worry. I'm not so sure. Should I be concerned?

A: The short answer is yes, you should be concerned. By age 3, the majority of a child's speech should be intelligible to strangers.

The immediate concern is determining why your daughter is not well understood by others. Her "incorrect use of sounds" likely indicates she has a speech-sound disorder. An assessment would be appropriate to determine the nature of the impairment: phonological, articulation, apraxia or another type of disorder. By 4 years old, most sounds in the speech-sound system should be developed or emerging, meaning they are present in some positions of words, but not necessarily all positions.

The longer-term concern is the impact the speech-sound disorder may have on literacy acquisition for your daughter. Children with speech-sound disorders are at a higher risk for literacy acquisition struggles and those with persistent speech-sound disorders are at an even higher risk. An underdeveloped phonological system will lead to challenges during the stage in which children receive phonics instruction — the marrying of oral speech sound awareness to print association and awareness.

Research has identified that children's phonemic awareness skills at 5 years 8 months are a good predictor of literacy development (2002—Nathan, Stackhouse, et al). Given this critical window of learning, seeking out an evaluation earlier is better.

Sara Martin M.A., CCC-SLP, is an ASHA-certified speech-language pathologist in private practice in Grosse Pointe. She specializes in treatment of speech-sound disorders, literacy impairments, early childhood language delays and orofacial myofunctional disorders. Contact her at (313) 815-7916 or speechwithsara.com. Martin is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

SAVE the DATE

"Don't Let the Cuteness Factor Fool You: Speech and Reading Skills in Children"

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms

Register for this free program online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 447-1374.

The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

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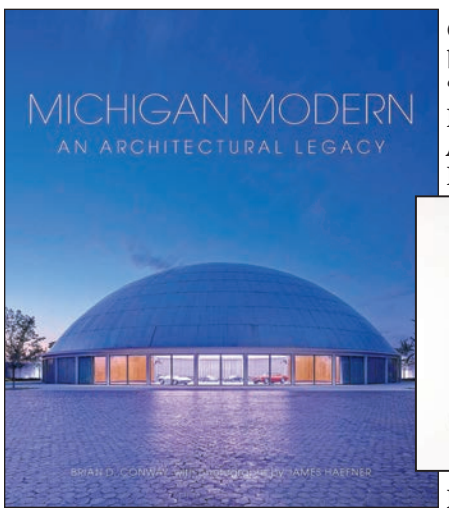


Conway's book, "Michigan Modern: An Architectural Legacy."

Brian Conway

State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway, an internationally acclaimed authority on mid-century modern architecture, speaks as part of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's 2018 Your Old Mansion series at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

He also signs copies of his book, "Michigan Modern: An Architectural Legacy."

Registration is required at grossepointeartcenter.org/events.

The W. Hawkins Ferry house, Grosse Pointe Shores, is featured in the book.

Moross Greenway events near

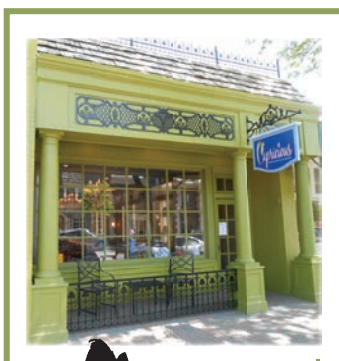
Moross Greenway hosts two events in April — a pruning workshop and clean-up project.

◆ Board member Mil Hurley, from A Southern Gardener, presents a free, hands-on pruning workshop 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 7, on the islands. Participants are asked to bring loppers, hand pruners and gloves and dress for the weather. Hurley will demonstrate proper pruning techniques and explain pruning to empower people to go home and take care of their own gardens.

Those interested should meet at Moross and Chester, near the traffic light. Registration is required as a limited number of spots are available. Email morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com.

◆ The Moross Greenway Community Clean-Up is planned 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21. Volunteers meet at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the seven islands that make up the greenway. Water and trash bags are provided. Participants should dress for the weather and wear sturdy boots and gloves. Those who'd like to help care for perennials should bring hand pruners, hedge trimmers or rakes.

For more information, email morossgreenwayproject@gmail.com or visit morossgreenway.org.



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GPCM presents season finale April 8

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents its final concert of the 2017-18 season at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program includes several musicians from the Detroit Medical Orchestra performing a variety of chamber music groupings. Works by Johann Joachim Quantz, J. S. Bach, Robert Schumann and Bela Bartok are featured. Several local artists offer selections as well.

Michael L. Cher M.D., chairman of urology at Wayne State University-School of Medicine and chief of urology at Karmanos Cancer Institute, also a clarinetist, performs "Contrasts" by Bartok. Medical students Jordan Huang, violin, and Danni Feng, piano, complete the ensemble.

"Contrasts" is based on Hungarian and Romanian dance melodies. The work was commissioned by American clarinetist Benny Goodman.

"The Piano Quartet in E flat major" by Schumann is performed by Pat Laurence, violin; Jody Stanton, viola; Russell Hastings, piano and Krista Black, cello.

Refreshments and a cash bar are available at intermission and following the program.

Individual tickets are $14; students, with picture ID, are admitted at no charge.

This year marks the 54th season of Grosse Pointe Chamber Music. Performance on the series is open to amateur and professional musicians. In addition, GPCM invites high school students to perform on the series throughout the year.

For information, call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org/gpchambermusic/.

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10:00 – Solemn High Mass
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Saturday after Easter
April 7 @ 5:00 PM
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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Ray McGee

A pastor's ponderings

As I embarked upon writing something of worth for this month's "Pastor's Corner," I was reminded of a lunch meeting I had with a colleague some time ago. The name, church and even the denomination in which this person serves will remain private — it's really not that important, as you will see. This friend had been raised in a church (a child of a pastor), serving in all the positions one might expect. Upon graduating college, they decided to dedicate their life to serving God as a clergy person, entered seminary, completed that and embarked upon a life of pastoral ministry.

During our lunchtime conversation, I discovered a person who struggled with a sense of loneliness due to the "walls of isolation" that had been built even while engaging in various ministries. It seemed as though the more this person "lived into" their call to ministry, the more isolated they felt. Each new endeavor, each new position, brought with it a real or perceived need to protect one's image until today, this person, this friend, this colleague and even more important, this sacred child of the living God, feels lost and lonely.

My question is this: Is this really what God intended when Jesus called the disciples to go into the entire world and be witnesses for a greater good? Has the church, as an institution of God, forgotten the example of Jesus himself, who was willing to make himself vulnerable to lift another from their sin, hurt or isolation? Or has the church, over the centuries, created an isolated and isolating fraternity that discourages a person from realizing the full potential God intended for each person?

In our churches, synagogues and other houses of worship, one might — and maybe should — find this sentiment:

"Primary for us is the understanding that all persons are important — because they are human beings created by almighty and therefore loved, guided and cared for by our loving creator and not because that have merited significance."

So, our task, as a faith community and as individuals is to:

◆ See ourselves as loved and accepted.

◆ See others as loved and accepted.

◆ Work to create an environment where all are welcomed by God and God's people.

My prayer for each of you is that God bless you abundantly and this season be filled with wonderful blessings. But most of all, I pray each of us finds ourselves loved and loving to all persons.

McGee is the senior pastor at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

Church Events

St. Clare, St. Philomena

St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, and St. Philomena Parish, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit, offer Holy Week services. Holy Thursday, March 29, St. Philomena hosts Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 p.m. with adoration until 10 p.m. Good Friday, March 30, St. Clare hosts a Passion of our Lord service 12:30 p.m. and Stations in the Street take place 3 p.m. at Kercheval and Fisher. St. Clare hosts Holy Saturday services, including Blessing of the Easter Baskets at noon and an Easter vigil at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 1, both churches host Mass at 9 and 11 a.m. Visit stclarem.org or stphilomenadetroit.org for information.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Worship Services

Grosse Pointe **Congregational Church**
(United Church of Christ)
Maundy Thursday March 29, 7:00 pm
Worship Easter Sunday at 10:00 am
Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver
An Open & Affirming Church
240 Chalfonte G.P. Farms
313-884-3075
www.gpcong.org

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
800 Vernier Road (Corner of Wedgewood)
(313) 884-5040
9:30 am - Early Service with Holy Communion
9:30 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Late Service with Holy Communion the 1st and 3rd Sundays
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Good Friday, 3/30, 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, 4/1, 9:30 a.m.
Breakfast served after the Sunday service
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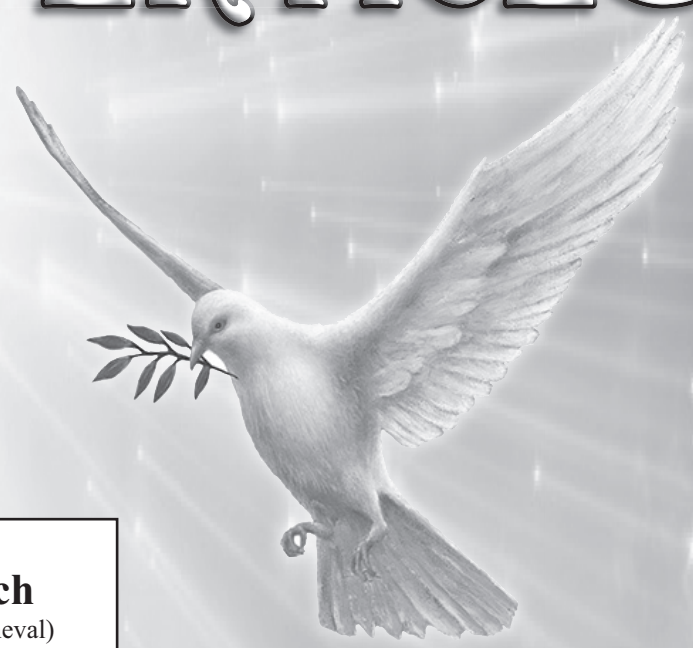

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Saint James Lutheran Church
170 McMillan Road (at Kercheval)
Grosse Pointe Farms | 313.884.0511
www.stjamesgp.org
Maundy Thursday – March 29
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Good Friday – March 30
7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Cross
Easter Eve – March 31
8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Day – April 1
The Resurrection of Our Lord
10:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Denise M. Grant
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9:30 a.m. - Bible Study
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School
MONDAY
7 p.m. - Worship Service
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month
WEDNESDAY
10 a.m. - Bible Study
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Holy Week & Easter 2018 at St. Ambrose Parish
SATURDAY, MARCH 24
Palm Saturday Mass at 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Palm Sunday Mass – 8:30 a.m.
Procession and Mass – 11:15 a.m. beginning at the Academy building
THURSDAY, MARCH 29 — HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church until midnight
FRIDAY, MARCH 30 — GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon in the church
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.
Ecumenical Stations in the Street - 3:30 p.m. beginning on the ARK plaza
Lenten Dinner in the ARK - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 31 — HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Food - 12:00 noon
The Great Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, APRIL 1 — EASTER SUNDAY
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 11:15 a.m. – Hospitality after both Masses in the ARK
St. Ambrose Catholic Church is located at 15020 Hampton in Grosse Pointe Park, one block north of Jefferson and one block east of Alter. (313) 822-2814 • www.stambrosechurch.net

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211 Moross Rd.
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Maundy Thursday, March 29-7:30 PM
Good Friday, March 30-12:00 PM
Easter Sunday, April 1
Sunrise Service & Breakfast 8:00 AM
Worship Service 9:30 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:30 am
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:45 am 4 yrs. - 5th Grade
11:00 am Adult Sunday School
Nursery & Toddler Care Provided
Rev. Dr. Ray McGee
Rev. Keith Lenard, Jr.

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.

Rod Villeneuve

St. Clair Shores resident Rod "Skip" Villeneuve, 87, passed away Sunday, March 11, 2018. He was the former owner of the Press Box Restaurant in Detroit.

Skip was predeceased by his wife, Charlene, in 1993, and longtime companion, Susan Mumford, in 2009.

He is survived by his children, Mark (Ana), Scott (Cyndi), Lee and Suzanne and grandchildren, Branden (Jaimarie) and Bryanna.

Per his wishes, there will be no service.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan at hom.org.

Mary Alice Bridget Higbee

Mary Alice Bridget Higbee, 91, passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018, in Venice, Fla.

Bridget was born June 18, 1926, in Detroit, to Harry and Alice Cavanaugh. She grew up in Grosse Pointe and was a 1944 graduate of St. Paul Catholic School. After graduation, she joined the FBI in the Detroit office and was later transferred to Washington, D.C., where she met her first husband, F. Bryan Melvin, who was attending law school at George Washington University. Bridget and Bryan were married and settled in Grosse Pointe in 1949. After her two sons graduated college, she joined the family title agency, First Title Corp., where she served as a director and office manager more than 20 years.

Her first husband passed away in 1986 and Bridget was introduced to Edward Higbee through mutual friends at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. In 1994, Bridget and Ed married at Star of the Sea.They lived in Grosse Pointe and after retiring, split their time between Grosse Pointe and Venice, Fla.

Bridget was active in the Republican party and was a former president of the Woman's Republican Club of Grosse Pointe. She served on numerous committees and held leadership positions in Our Lady Star of the Sea parish and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. She was a former member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Detroit Curling Club. Bridget was a current member of the Venice Golf and Country Club.

The eldest of seven children, she hosted many holiday gatherings at her home for the large family. Bridget was a talented artist and enjoyed painting and calligraphy. She loved to travel and enjoyed trips to Ireland, England, Paris, Canada and Mexico.

She is survived by her husband, Edward H. Higbee Jr.; sons, Bryan Melvin III (Rachel) and Mark C. Melvin; grandchildren, Bryan Melvin IV (Mirissa), Dillon Melvin and Gregory Melvin; siblings, Sr. Sarah Cavanaugh OP, Joseph F. Cavanaugh, Suzanne Cavanaugh and Patrick H. Cavanaugh.

She was predeceased by her first husband, F. Bryan Melvin; grandson, Benson McClain and brothers, John Cavanaugh and Michael S. Cavanaugh.

A memorial service will be held noon Saturday, June 16, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

Donations in her name may be made to the Adrian REA Dominican Literacy Center, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221.

Lawrence Fisher Drummy

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lawrence Fisher Drummy, 70, died Thursday, March 22, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Joan Griffith Drummy. Together, they raised Lawrence Jr. (Alexandra) and Karen Ferguson (Justin). Larry was the beloved grandfather of Anne, Beatrice, Charles, Dylan, Elizabeth, Eloise, Nicholas and Vivian. He also is survived by his siblings, Thomas (Mary), Sarah Verlinden (Michael) and Brian (Linda).

He was predeceased by his parents, John Leonard and Sarah Ann Drummy and siblings, Mary Ann Merikoski, John Drummy Jr., Mary Virginia Copley and Gloria Lorton.

Larry graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1966 and then served in the Air National Guard. He graduated from the University of Detroit in 1973. He co-founded Perry & Drummy Inc., an insurance agency, in 1986.

Larry loved playing music, especially bass guitar and piano, and played in a band most of his life. He was an avid boater, loved hunting and traveled extensively. He enjoyed visits to Rome at Christmas, sitting on the porch at Pointe Aux Barques and holding court at the Detroit Athletic Club Tap Room. Larry was confident, generous and a load of fun. He never let his illness, lymphoma, define him.

Denise Marie VanAssche

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Denise Marie VanAssche died Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Born May 16, 1930, in Roeselare, Belgium, to Gerard and Martha (nee Kerrinckx) Calmeyn, she married Noël VanAssche May 9, 1951, and together they immigrated to the United States. Denise became an American citizen in 1956. A 50-year resident of Grosse Pointe Park, she was a bookkeeper at the Grosse Pointe Public Library 22 years.

Denise is survived by her husband of 67 years, Noël; sisters, Eliane Calmeyn and Simonne Roseeuw and their families; daughters, Rita VanAssche Bueter, Colette VanAssche Davlantes (John) and Nicole VanAssche; grandchildren, Elise Hamilton (Ryan), Claire Bueter, Stephen Davlantes (Athena) and Ryan Davlantes.

The family wishes to thank Kaylene Dalman and Carol Fabiano for their years of devoted caretaking and Michael Liberato for his support, assistance and Eucharistic ministry.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 28, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, East Lansing.

Donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation at michaeljfox.org or American Parkinson Disease Association at apdaparkinson.org.

Dan Pressler

Dan Pressler, 92, passed away peacefully Monday, March 19, 2018.

Born Aug. 8, 1925, in Cleveland, to John and May (nee Hejda) Pressler, Dan graduated from Parma High School in 1943, and soon thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served with the 542nd Paratroop Battalion and later with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Dan graduated from Fenn College (now part of Cleveland State University) after completing military service. He met Ruth Kolibar in 1943, and they married Sept. 9, 1950. They were happily married 63 years, until Ruth's passing in 2013.

Dan was the vice president of manufacturing for WLS Stamping Co., a position he held until his retirement in 1988.

Dan is survived by his sons, Jeff (Beth) and David (Kris) and grandchildren, Alexandra Brandner (Adam) and Daniel (Dana). He was the brother-in-law of Nancy Kolibar and the late Elsie Kelley, James Kelley and Richard Kolibar; cherished uncle of Karen Kelley, Jamie Kelley Angunoby (Jason), Ric Kolibar (Lisa), George Kolibar, Peggy Kolibar Hart and Larry Kolibar (Laurie) and great-grandfather of Damon, Darci and Marcus.

A memorial service will be held at a later time.

Donations may be made to National Kidney Foundation, Finance Dept., 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016 or Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301.

Elizabeth Van Hee

Former Grosse Pointe resident Elizabeth "B.J." Van Hee, 74, passed away Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, at her home in Clinton Township.

Born May 3, 1943, in Detroit, B.J. grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended Grosse Pointe High School. After high school, her career took her to California, Mississippi and back to Michigan. Although retired, some highlights of her career include her job as executive assistant to George Simon, founder of U.S. Equipment Co. B.J. enjoyed many years with the Simon family and involvement with the hydroplane races, since the family owned the Unlimited Hydroplane, Miss U.S.

B.J. also worked with the Ilitch family during the Fox Theatre renovation, exciting accomplishments of the Detroit Red Wings and many other significant events. She was treasurer for the School of Government and a board member for the Schultz Estates in Clinton Township.

B.J. enjoyed spending time with friends and family, traveling, boating trips and many trips to Florida to visit family with her two Brussels griffons.

B.J. is survived by her sister, Valerie Horton West (Dean); niece, Heather West Mennenga (Patrick) and her faithful companions, Chewie and Bella.

She was predeceased by her parents, Jeane and Buzz Horton.

A special thank you to B.J.'s friends and caregivers; the Dobreff family; and lifelong family friend, Connie Edel Messina, for her loving care during B.J.'s final days.

Donations may be made to the Macomb County Animal Shelter, 21417 Dunham Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48036.

Elizabeth Ann Simpson

Former Grosse Pointe resident Elizabeth "Beth" Ann Simpson passed away peacefully Thursday, March 15, 2018, surrounded by her family, following a sudden stroke. She was 76.

Beth lived in The Villages, Fla., since April 2011. She was a kind, considerate, intelligent and compassionate woman. In the Villages, Beth was an avid golfer and bridge player and participated in book clubs. She was actively involved in the local chapter of the P.E.O. women's group and was proud to have helped a young local woman win an educational scholarship.

Prior to retiring to The Villages, Beth was a pharmacist in the Detroit area, first at Kent Drugs in Grosse Pointe, and ultimately running all outpatient pharmacies for St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit. She also was the first woman to run for president of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Beth was active in the Junior League of Detroit and held various leadership positions, including corresponding secretary on the executive board.

Beth was born Nov. 11, 1941, in Weirton, W.Va. She graduated from West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in 1963 and later earned a master's degree from Central Michigan University in 2005. Beth married her husband, Jim, Nov. 8, 1963. They settled in Grosse Pointe in 1972, where they raised their children.

Beth is survived by her husband, James "Jim" L. Simpson; daughter, Mary Simpson; son, Jay Simpson; daughter-in-law, Jessica Davis and grandsons, Wyatt Simpson and Boden Simpson. She was loved deeply and will be missed dearly.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, at the New Covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Dr., The Villages, Fla.

Donations may be made to P.E.O. Foundation, P.E.O. Executive Office, Treasurer's Department, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312. Indicate "in memory of Elizabeth Simpson - Chapter IF" on the memo line.

Sherrin M. Shehan

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Sherrin M. Shehan, 70, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Born July 21, 1947, in Phoenix, to John and Betty (nee Christensen) Graham, Sherrin was retired from Detroit Edison having worked as a legal administrator. She loved playing sports, particularly tennis and golf, and was an accomplished player in both. She kept her tennis and golf games honed by spending winters in Palm Beach, Fla., and Naples, Fla. She was a member of the Indian Village Tennis Club and Detroit Athletic Club.

Sherrin loved life and made friends easily with her quick smile, engaging personality and sense of humor.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne and her parents.

Sherrin is survived by cousins, in-laws and a wide circle of loving friends.

A funeral service was held March 23 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Donations may be made to Reverence Home Health and Hospice at reverencehomehealth.org or American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

John Francis Staub

John Francis Staub, 88, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., formerly of Grosse Pointe, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018.

Born Aug. 10, 1929, in Detroit, to Ralph and Helen Staub, John graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School and the University of Detroit. In 1960, he married Justine Skiba and together they raised four daughters in Grosse Pointe.

John dedicated his career to health care administration and retired as the executive vice president of the St. John Health System in Detroit. John also was a longtime supporter and volunteer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, the Michigan Hospital Association and Hospice of Michigan.

John will be remembered as a sweet, kind and loving man who always had a smile on his face. John leaves his family and friends with a legacy that includes unwavering dedication, appreciation of the arts, passion for travel, a quick wit, loyalty and love.

In 1993, John married Eleanor Gemmer and they retired to Hilton Head Island.

John is survived by his wife, Eleanor "Ellie"; sister, Rosemary Jensen; daughters, Heidi Impellizzeri (Joe), Kristine Staub, Johanna Judson (Jeff) and Katrina Staub (Emily Shahady); grandchildren, Jamie, Justine and Jeffrey Judson, and Audrey, Katherine and Sarah Impellizzeri; Ellie's children, Laurell Pilkey (Robert), Linda Kahler (Mark), Leslie Stronati (Mark), Lawrence Pryg (Becky), LeighAnn Bishop (Terrance) and Lisbeth Murphy and an additional 12 grandchildren.

John was predeceased by his first wife, Justine and infant son, John Jr.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the Chapel at St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

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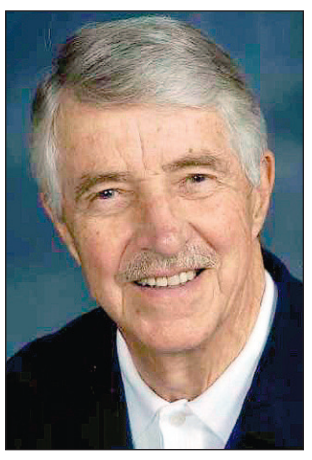

John Francis Staub

GPUC hosts Scarab Club performance

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club continues its 20th season with another program at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. This season features favorite performers and pieces from the previous 19 years of concerts, alongside newer works and artists making their CMSC debuts.

"A Feminine Approach IV" is performed 7 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

The program is devoted to works by women composers. Two of the three pieces are CMSC encore performances and include chamber music by Valerie Coleman, Dame Ethel Smyth and Grazhyna Bacewicz.

The Ann Arbor-based Stratus Ensemble makes its CMSC debut performing "Hair, Cloth and Thread" by Coleman.

Each piece will be introduced by a musician and the concert is followed by a reception.

Tickets are $25 at the door, $20 in advance, $10 for students. For tickets and more information, call (248) 474-8930, email chambermusic@scarabclub.org or visit scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

COURTESY PHOTO

Stratus Ensemble makes its Chamber Music at the Scarab Club debut.

Music in the Woods continues April 8

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes classical guitarist Jessica Julian for a concert noon Sunday, April 8, following the church's 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Julian earned degrees in guitar performance and music education from Oakland University. She primarily studies classical guitar with Bret Hoag and previously played for local and international guitarists such as Anton Baranov, Roberto Fabbri and Celino Romero.

In 2016, Julian was selected as a recipient of the 2017 Matilda Award for Outstanding Student in Instrumental Performance through Oakland University's School of Music, Theatre and Dance. In addition, she played in the Oakland University Guitar Ensemble, premiering works by composers such as Tony Lanman and James Hartway. Currently, she performs as a solo guitarist and as part of a flute and guitar duo. She also teaches privately at the Rochester Conservatory of Music, as well as in home lessons.

Jessica Julian

Entry to her performance is by donation only. Proceeds benefit the performer and the music department at St. Michael's.

For more information, call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

The Lake House hosts events, activities

The Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers a variety of programs for people who have been touched by cancer.

◆ De-Stress Day 2018 takes place noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 14. The day includes introductions to the programs offered at The Lake House.

◆ Laughs for The Lake House, featuring comedian Don Friesen, takes place 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Cost is $60 before April 23, $70 after.

◆ Drum Circle 2 to 3 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Instruments are provided, but participants may bring their own percussion instruments as well.

◆ Gentle mat yoga 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and chair yoga noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

◆ Knitting for beginner and intermediate levels 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month.

◆ Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support meets 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month.

For more information about these activities, call (586) 777-7761.

Beautiful Beginnings

WEDDINGS

Boisten Snapp

Bernd Dieter Boisten and Kelly Anne Snapp were married Saturday, March 3, 2018, in Chicago. A reception is planned for June at the Columbus Museum of Art. The couple's combined children, Laura, Niklas and Mark Boisten and Zoe Schechter, attended the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kathleen Snapp and David and Angela Snapp, all of Columbus, Ohio. The groom's parents, Josef and Agnes Boisten, of Germany, are both deceased.

The bride graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. She is a core account manager for Cardinal Health Inc.

The groom earned a degree in electrical and electronic engineering from RWTH Aachen University in Germany. He is a senior vice president at Robert Bosch LLC.

The couple are planning a summer trip to Europe.

Henrichs-Clark

Nicholas James Henrichs and Kristin MacKenzie Clark were married Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at St. Mary Hyde Park Church in Cincinnati. A reception at the Metropolitan Club in Covington, Ky., followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Tracy Clark of Schenectady, N.Y. The groom is the son of Tony and MaryAnn Henrichs of Grosse Pointe Park.

The bride wore a fit-and-flare ivory Essense of Australia dress with a sweetheart neckline and off-the-shoulder lace straps. She carried a teardrop bouquet of white and pink roses, burgundy dahlias, pink astilbe and seeded eucalyptus.

The bride's friend, Sarah Knight, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were friends, Darci Meiners, Olivia Robinson and Kari Balogh and the groom's cousin, Ellen Henrichs.

Flower girls were the bride's cousins, Sally and Jane Southcott.

Attendants wore burgundy Hayley Paige dresses in different styles. They held hand-tied bouquets of white and pink roses, burgundy dahlias and carnations, seeded eucalyptus and pink astilbe.

Kelly Anne Snapp and Bernd Dieter Boisten

Peter Cornillie, the groom's friend since third grade, served as best man. Groomsmen were friends, Christian Conway, Chris Arnette and Bo Czajka and the bride's brother, Matthew Clark.

The groom's cousin, Carson Thomas, was the ringbearer.

The bride graduated from Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. She is a flavorist assistant for Givaudan. The groom earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Xavier University. He is a planning coordinator for Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America.

Kristin and Nicholas Henrichs

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and reside in Cincinnati.

ENGAGEMENTS

Michaux-Solomon

Harold and Lynn Michaux of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Michaux, to Thomas Solomon, son of James and Pamela Solomon, also of Grosse Pointe Woods.

An October wedding is planned.

Miss Michaux is a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakland University. She is employed by Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons.

Megan Michaux and Thomas Solomon

Mr. Solomon is a 2003 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Michigan State University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. He is employed by Rivian Automotive.

Glenn-Miller

Nora Dennehy of the City of Grosse Pointe and Gary Glenn of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, Paul Glenn, to Mollie Miller, daughter of Emily and John Miller of New York, N.Y.

A May wedding is planned.

Mr. Glenn earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Dartmouth College and a Master of Information Management and Systems degree from University of California, Berkeley, School of Information. He is a senior data analyst for Vice Media.

Miss Miller earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Parsons School of Design and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Cornell University. She is a handbag designer for Trebbianno LLC.

Mollie Miller and Paul Glenn

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe presents awards

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe hosted an awards banquet at Assumption Cultural Center March 14.

SIGP awarded $3,000 to Kywanna Jefferson, winner of the Live Your Dream Award, which honors a woman who is the head of her household and attending school to improve employment opportunities. Jasmyne Robinson also was awarded a Live Your Dream Award of $2,000 as part of the SIGP Memorial Award Fund. Both women are taking courses in social work.

The Ruby Award, acknowledging women who have made a positive difference in the lives of women and girls, was awarded to Joan Richardson, one of three Ruby Award winners recognized for their work founding the Days For Girls Grosse Pointe Farms Team. Founders Sandy Mengel and Mary Garlough were not present. Their $500 award is being donated to their charitable organization to purchase materials for the creation of feminine hygiene kits for girls in third-world countries.

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From left, Marlene Ryan, Virginia Wagner Educational Grant winner; Joan Richardson, Ruby Award winner; Jasmyne Robinson and Kywanna Jefferson, Live Your Dream winners.

Marlene Ryan was awarded $3,000 as the winner of the Virginia Wagner Educational Grant, honoring a woman enrolled in a university degree program. Ryan also won an additional $500 from Soroptimist District III. Her application moves forward for judging in the Soroptimist Midwestern Region, where she could win an additional $2,000. Ryan will complete a Master of Arts degree in clinical mental health this year and plans to become a mental health counselor.

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization of women working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. SIGP has been a club in Grosse Pointe 62 years and is 63 members strong.

For more information, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org or find Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe on Facebook. Business meetings take place 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information, call Roseanne Horne, (313) 706-1801.

SOC hosts Creating Confident Caregivers workshop

People caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or memory loss are invited to Services for Older Citizens' Creating Confident Caregivers workshop to learn new information, skills and attitudes to manage stress and increase effective caregiving skills. Participants learn strategies to reduce caregiver stress, improve caregiver confidence, create a positive caregiving environment and manage behaviors caused by dementia and its effects on the brain.

The workshop is available to anyone providing care for a family member or friend at home who is experiencing symptoms of dementia. Caregivers assisting the primary caregiver also are eligible to participate.

The workshop takes place 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 5 to May 10, at SOC, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited, who has been trained by the Alzheimers Association, facilitates.

There is no charge for the workshop, but reservations are required. Call (313) 642-1122.

Celebrate National Library Week April 8-14

By Priscilla Burns
Guest Writer

April 8 to 14 is National Library Week, an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study. They're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

Libraries of all types have long been evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Resources like e-books, streaming movies, online classes and unique collections such as tools, seeds and book discussion kits are just a few ways libraries and librarians are transforming to lead their communities.

At the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the Friends of GPPL and the GP Library Foundation are once again offering coffee and doughnuts for all Tuesday and Thursday mornings during National Library Week. It's No Fines Day for overdue items returned Wednesday and a Free Video Buck with a video rental will be offered Friday.

Feeling crafty? An Amazing Paper Rose craft will be offered 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Ewald branch. Later that night, join us for an evening with local author and former sportswriter Cynthia Lambert as she speaks about her new book, "Power Play: My Life Inside the Red Wings Locker Room" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ewald branch. Lambert covered the Wings for the Detroit News 1986-98 and has some great stories to tell. There will be a book signing following the talk.

The Magic Bookshelf with Doug Scheer is an entertaining, special National Library Week magic show at the Woods branch 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Scheer's energy and enthusiasm will have every kid excited to pick up a book and dig in.

All week long, at all three branches, enter a raffle for a gift certificate to a Grosse Pointe restaurant. Trivia Night is a regular 8 p.m. Tuesday night feature at Atwater in the Park. This week only, test your library smarts with some library trivia, in honor of the week.

During the month of April, the library is holding a Love Your Library contest. Post three photos on Instagram during the month of April showing how you use your library card. Tag @TheGPPL and use the hashtag #gppubliblove and you might be the lucky winner of a Book Lover's Basket.

For more information, stop by any of the Grosse Pointe libraries or go to our website at gp.lib.mi.us. All special programs are free of charge, but registration is required by phone, in person or online.

Priscilla Burns is a Grosse Pointe Public Library librarian.

A stroll in the Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted an Easter egg stroll March 24, in which children and parents leisurely strolled through colored eggs on the ground, collected them and turned them in for candy. They also had a chance to meet with the Easter Bunny and make crafts.

Above, families strolled along the boardwalk to collect eggs and candy and visit with the Easter Bunny. Right, Gloria Brown, 2, brought her own basket to the stroll.

Above, Leah Marko smiles as the Easter Bunny gives her a wave. Left, Michael Jozefiak and Charles Molnar discussed which stickers worked best for the picture they want to create.

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St. Clair Shores Athletic Hall of Fame

Pointers earn spot in 2018 class

Griesbaum earns nod

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball coach Dan Griesbaum was part of the class of 2018 St. Clair Shores Athletic Hall of Fame.

The ceremony was Sunday, March 25, at Blossom Heath. Other inductees were Jenny Swalec, Jim Lewis, Brian Pochmara, Dean Schmitz, as well as the 2002, '03 and '04 Lake Shore girls varsity softball teams.

Griesbaum earned the honor thanks to his talents as a South Lake Cavalier baseball player in the late 1960s and early '70s. He made All-League three years, as well as Detroit News All-Metro First Team three years. This was before players made All-State.

"It's a nice honor, and I was fortunate to have some great coaches I looked up while I played high school and federation baseball," Griesbaum said.

Griesbaum played baseball on travel teams with notable guys such as Frank Tanana, Jim Saad and Dave Embry. He also played three years of varsity football at South Lake, as well as one year of ice hockey. He was a three-sport athlete, but baseball was his passion.

He was on a national championship team in 1969, coached by Tom Engel of the Detroit Federation League through Eastside Sporting Goods. This was when his baseball ability really caught fire. He had visions of playing Major League Baseball.

Griesbaum earned a baseball scholarship to Central Michigan University and didn't get the chance to play in the MLB.

Things worked out nicely for the coach, even though he got off to a slow start as a Chippewa.

"I didn't play at all until late my sophomore year," Griesbaum said. "I got a chance to play, and I went 3-3 with a home run against Ohio University. After that, I never came out. Coach Dave Keilitz gave me the opportunity to play and I appreciated it. I can't thank him enough. I was bummed I didn't get drafted, but things worked out pretty well."

He hit more than .300 his junior year and was the team most valuable player his senior season. He also earned a degree in physical education, psychology and health. He earned a master's degree in 1979 and was hired by the Grosse Pointe Public School System soon after.

During his time at Central, Griesbaum married high school sweetheart, Paulette Vitto. They settled in Grosse Pointe Woods and raised two children, a daughter, Kari, and son, Daniel. Both were outstanding athletes in high school.

"Paulette has been there every step of the way and I have to thank her, too," Griesbaum said. "She listens and adds an opinion, which has helped me a lot during my career. Both of our children have been very supportive, too, and it's great to have Dan on my coaching staff."

Griesbaum had the opportunity to coach his son during his four years at Grosse Pointe South. Griesbaum Jr. was a chip off the block and was an outstanding baseball player and went on to play the sport in college.

He earned a degree and returned to Grosse Pointe where he has been one of his father's long time assistant coaches, joining John Hackett and Matt Reno.

Griesbaum Sr. has coached at South since 1984. During his tenure at the helm, the Blue Devils won a state title in 2001, was runner-up in 2014, and made the Final Four as well in 1987, 1996, 2003, 2005 and 2015.

"I'm very proud of the kids I've coached and I want to give each and every player the best baseball experience they can have here at South," Griesbaum said. "All of the coaches at every level have made this a fulfilling experience and those involved with our Dugout Club have done a great job supporting the baseball program.

"In addition, my faith is very important to me. I treat people with respect and that is just the way I live my life."

Four of his players have gone on to play professional baseball: Chris Getz, Adam Abraham, Cam Gibson and Carmen Benedetti.

In fact, Gibson is in the Tigers' organization.

FILE PHOTO

Dan Griesbaum, far right, has led several Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball teams to the Final Four.

College news

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Hamilton honored

Senior defenseman Trevor Hamilton has been named the 2017-18 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year as announced by the league office.

Hamilton, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, was also named a First-Team All-Big Ten selection and becomes the first Penn State player ever to earn a major conference award, and it is just the second major conference award Penn State has received after Guy Gadowsky was named Big Ten Coach of the Year following the 2014-15 season.

Hamilton is also just the third Penn State player to earn All-Big Ten First-Team honors joining Casey Bailey (2014-15) and Vince Pedrie (2016-17). The senior leads the Big Ten and ranks tied for 12th nationally among blueliners with 29 points on the season having scored six goals with 23 assists.

Hamilton's 29 points are just one shy of Pedrie's single-season program record for points by a defenseman set last season, while Hamilton's 23 assists are a new single-season Penn State defenseman record.

The senior also leads the entire nation for the second-consecutive season in blocked shots with 104. His two-season total of 211 blocks is a new Penn State career record, while the 107 he had during the 2016-17 campaign is a single-season record.

The Grosse Pointe Farms native has 55 points on 12 goals and 43 assists in 76 career games as a Nittany Lion. His point and assist totals rank third all-time among Penn State defensemen while his goals place him fourth.

Penn State earned an at-large bid to its second-consecutive NCAA Tournament where as the host school they participated at the Midwest Regional in Allentown, Pa., playing defending national champion Denver.

They lost 5-1.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN HANNA

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Trevor Hamilton, right, earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors this season.

Belanger 2nd to none

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Cris Strehl Belanger was inducted into the St. Clair Shores Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018 last weekend during a ceremony at Blossom Heath.

She earned her spot in the hall of fame by coaching three consecutive Lake Shore Public School softball teams to the state Final Four in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

"It's quite an honor and something I didn't expect," Belanger said. "This isn't just about me, but it's about the entire Lake Shore community. The players, assistant coaches and families provided a tremendous amount of support. This honor is for all of those people who made it possible."

Of the three teams, the 2004 squad was the best, posting a 29-5 record. The Shorians made the state championship game, losing to Stevensville-Lakeshore.

The road to the finals was paved by district wins over Lutheran North, 8-0; Mount Clemens, 18-0; and arch rival Lakeview, 9-0; regional victories over Madison Heights Lamphere, 3-0, and state-ranked Richmond, 2-1; a quarterfinal win over DeWitt, 5-2, and semifinal victory over Pinconning, 1-0.

"This one loss cannot diminish the accomplishments of this terrific team, which posted a 29-5 team record and a school record with the most victories in a single season, 29," Belanger said.

The team was the first in Lake Shore history to make it to the state tournament three years in a row and tied a record in Macomb County for most regional championships, three. This continues to be the most successful team in Lake Shore softball history.

Belanger's assistant coaches were Maura Mittelstadt and Rick Seaman. Her team captains were Coley Seaman, Jackie Wysong and Kristy Augustyn. Earning Academic All-State was Coley Seaman, and making All-State were Stephanie Reveley, Jamie

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CRIS BELANGER

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Cris Belanger and her 2004 Lake Shore High School varsity softball team, which made the state championship game and won 29 games.

Opinion

North girls hoops = character

PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Gary Bennett has pointed his Grosse Pointe North basketball players in the right direction.

An older gentleman leaned over to me before Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball state quarterfinal victory over Detroit Martin Luther King a couple weeks ago and cleared his throat.

"You know," he said, placing his hand on my shoulder. "Coach Bennett has won over 570 basketball games in his career."

Admittedly, I didn't know the exact number, but I've been around this town, and along the sidelines with my camera, long enough to know there have been quite a few through the years for the longtime Norseman coach.

"I didn't know that," I said. "But I can believe it."

As the evening unfolded, and North turned into the Cinderella team of this year's postseason with a victory, I pushed the camera to my eye and snapped photos of the team as they celebrated their victory and resulting trip to the state's final four.

I brought the lens toward Bennett who shook a few hands, got a couple embraces from assistant coaches, then stood quietly for a moment, bringing his hand to his mouth.

I wondered where, among all the wins in the coach's career, this one ranked.

The Norsemen were the most unlikely squad to get there just weeks earlier, struggling their way through the opening few weeks of the season, looking somewhat uncomfortable even on the court at times.

Sure, they had a legitimate superstar in junior Julia Ayrault, and a budding star in freshman guard, Maddie Kohler, but the list of notables really stopped there.

The Bennett effect

I'm an admitted basketball junkie, amateur hoops historian and fan of the subtleties and nuances of the game.

When most watch the ball, I watch the movement of players off the ball.

When most cheer made shots, I cheer solid footwork on defense and determined cuts without the ball on offense.

It's a huge part of what makes me love my job so much. I've been blessed with the ability to do this night after night.

I've covered many coaches through the years, and each season I find myself looking forward to watching Bennett and the Norsemen girls play in particular.

It's not because I'm excited about their win-loss record, or their place in the division standings.

I just really enjoy watching Bennett coach.

He has an uncanny ability to coach a team to potential, which might sound easy, but in reality, it's very difficult.

It's not about X's and O's, or defensive sets, either — it's about heart and humility.

Bennett is able to identify what each player can contribute, figure out how that fits in the concept, then, most importantly, he's able to convince them how important that role is to the team's success, and to their own success as well.

The beauty of this is — it's a lesson these young ladies can carry with them throughout their entire lives.

This is an ability reserved to very few coaches, and, in an era where coaching has become more flash than substance — more theater than teaching, and been marred with ego, greed, scandal and self-promotion — it's a quality that is all but gone from the landscape, even at the high school level.

Regan, Maddie and Josie

My colleagues in the prep sports world love to base headlines on stat lines and quantifiable performance.

So-and-so scored this many, grabbed this many rebounds and blocked so many shots.

And that is all fine, and to an extent, well-deserved.

But I'm here to tell you about players like Regan Sliwinski, Maddie Mills and Evelyn Zacharias.

I want you to know about Josie Ciaravino and Christina Braker.

These five in particular made such an impact this year, yet at first glance, only few would ever know that they did.

Ayrault was the engine that drove the team, these players were the fuel.

Sliwinski, for example, slid into the starting lineup during the postseason and was quietly outstanding, always seeming to contest shots, keep rebounds alive and do what was asked of her.

Mills was a defense stopper, giving Bennett and the team solid minutes on the defensive end.

Zacharias was enough of a threat from the perimeter for teams to have to guard her, thus freeing up space for Ayrault to slash her way to the basket.

Ciaravino frequently got the ball down the floor against defensive pressure, made a good pass or played solid defense, while Braker seemed to have a nose for the ball in critical times all season long.

None of these things show up in a stat sheet. None of these things will ever be a headline.

But, without these contributions, this squad doesn't succeed.

And there's more too.

Rachel Liagre, Michelle Bodnariuk, Rachel Sexton and Cariele Humphries — these are teammates who challenge at practice day-in-and-day-out and work hard in the minutes when they do get on the floor to make the entire team better.

In today's game, too many teams simply sit back and watch superstars do their thing.

That is not Bennett's way. It is not North's way.

Champs

For those of you who don't know, the Norsemen went on to the state semifinals and lost.

So, there won't be another team photo with a state title trophy hanging in the gym this year.

You want to measure success in wins, losses and titles?

I, however, choose to measure it in life lessons taught, friendships forged, memories made and character built.

And this group of young women showed their classmates, their parents, their fans, the entire state for that matter, that there is still a place in high school athletics for teamwork, for humility, for sacrifice and for dedication to one another.

North's unlikely run to the final four shows there is still a place for a team where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

When I think back on this year, I'll remember this year's squad, and it's humble coach and his staff, as state champions.

— By John McTaggart
Special Writer

From the sports desk

Will Tigers be a flop?

Thank you for reminding me, it's time for Detroit Tigers baseball.

What can fans expect for the 2018 season?

To start, the Tigers have a new manager, Ron Gardenhire. He inherits a Tigers team with few veterans and many question marks, including pitching.

General manager Al Avila unloaded several veterans at the trade deadline last season and during this off season, including Justin Verlander, J.D. Martinez, Ian Kinsler and Justin Upton.

As of the season opener Thursday, March 29, at Comerica Park against the Pittsburgh Pirates, here are the starting positions: Miguel Cabrera, first base; Dixon Machado, second base; Jose Iglesias, shortstop; Jeimer Candelario, third base; Mikie Mahtook, left field; Leonys Martin, center field; Nicholas Castellanos, right field; James McCann, catcher; and Victor Martinez, designated hitter.

On paper this looks to be a less than stellar offense. Cabrera stunk last year and has been declining the past couple of seasons. If healthy, and he enters the season 100 percent, he will produce better numbers than last year.

Castellanos is a star and will put up solid numbers. Candelario has the potential to hit a lot of homers and drive in runs, but after that who will consistently get on base?

I think this lineup will get eaten alive by good pitching.

Playing in a division with Cleveland and Minnesota, who both have good pitching staffs, will definitely hurt the Tigers' chances of winning games.

Now we get to the pitching staff. The projected starting rotation consists of Michael Fulmer, Jordan Zimmerman, Matthew Boyd, Mike Fiers and Francisco Liriano. If Fulmer is healthy, he will be a factor, but after that it could get ugly.

Zimmerman stinks, and the trio of Boyd, Fiers and Liriano will have their good starts, but look for too many bad starts in between.

The bullpen is led by closer Shane Greene. He can get the job done, but getting to him with a lead is the challenging part. Alex Wilson, Joe Jimenez, Drew VerHagen and Daniel Stumpf make up the nucleus of relievers. They were mediocre at best last season, and they are back for more abuse.

For the fans in the outfield, a chance to catch a home run is possible each time one of them take the mound, so get ready.

At least Comerica Park will be a packed house for Opening Day. It is a holiday around here as thousands of fans will head downtown to partake in the festive mood. Hopefully, the weather cooperates because Opening Day is a reason to celebrate.

It's games two through 162 that have me worried. Will the Tigers be mathematically eliminated from playoff contention at the end of July?

Look for a few more veterans to get traded at the deadline this summer and more rookies to enter the lineup.

One potential bright spot could be the call-up of Grosse Pointe South graduate Cam Gibson. He is the son of Tigers great Kirk Gibson and starts the season in the Tigers' minor league system.

If injuries or trades occur, Cam Gibson might get called up to the Tigers this summer. It would be great to head to Comerica Park and watch "Gibby." I hope I get that chance and, hopefully, Cam is part of a rebuilding process.

I don't offer much hope for the Tigers this summer and I predict they finish 64-98, just like last year. If their pitching holds their own, the record is 72-90.

— By Bob St. John
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Smith and Augustyn. Coley Seaman was All-State Honorable Mention.

The other ladies on the team were Carrie Davis, Jennifer Santana, Toni Militello, Sandi Seaman, Alicia Socha, Gina VanderMarliere, Nikki Morsello and Audrey Samnanco.

Belanger's 2003 team finished 24-12 and beat DeWitt 4-2 in the quarterfinals. They lost to Comstock in the state semifinals.

Her 2002 squad was 28-9, beating Parma Western 5-2 in the quarterfinals before falling to Byron Center 8-2 in the semifinals.

Belanger's ability to get her players to buy-in to a team-first attitude was crucial to their success.

Belanger has spent most of her teaching career in the Lake Shore district, especially at Kennedy Middle School where she still coaches seventh-grade girls basketball.

Her undergraduate degrees are from Siena Heights University where she earned most valuable player in two sports, soccer and softball.

She recorded nine shutouts as a sophomore goalkeeper in 1988 to guide the Saints to a third-place finish in their first trip to the NAIA National Soccer Championship.

In 1990, Belanger posted 11 shutouts and was an All-Region selection on another third-place national championship team.

During her four-year soccer career, Belanger recorded a school-record 31 shutouts.

Belanger captained the Saints' 1991 softball team, which won district and bi-district titles and advanced to the NAIA World Series.

She was an All-Region third baseman and was named an NAIA National Player-of-the-Week during the Saints' championship season.

A finalist for the 1991 Outstanding Student Award, she was named to the '91 NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete Softball team.

She married Siena alum Mark Belanger, and they will celebrate 24 years of marriage in September.

She gave up her varsity softball coaching career to spend more time with her sons, Tanner, who is a junior in high school, and Hunter, a middle school student.

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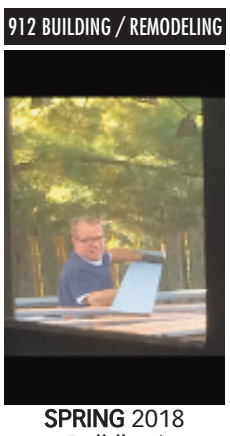

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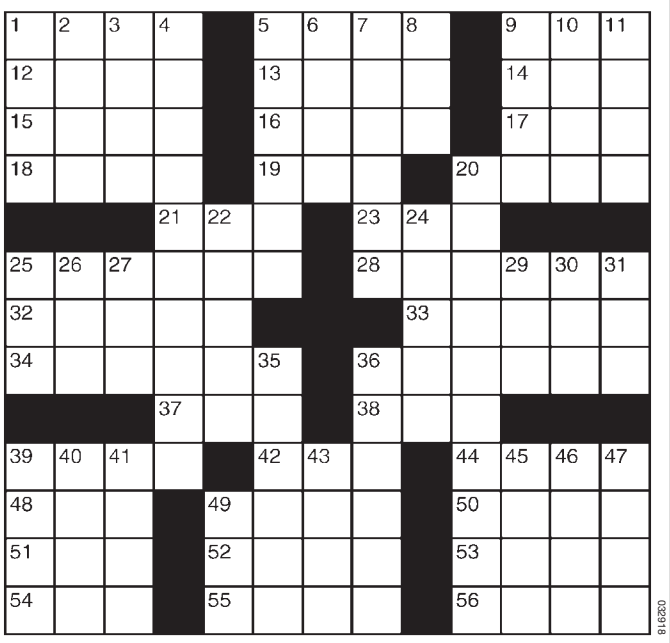
15 Options list
16 Shopping area
17 Raw rock
18 Long story
19 Japanese sash
20 Trade
21 Operate
23 Barrister's abbr.
25 Tools for duels
28 Poinsettia family
32 Downright
33 Wouldn't shut up
34 Trojan War hero
36 Siesta cover
37 Whatever amount
38 Victory sign
39 Put something over on
42 Shelter
44 Arp's style
48 Likely
49 Elliptical
50 Physical
51 Dog's doc
52 Rapid
53 Choir voice
54 Tokyo's old name
55 Start the pot
56 Welsh emblem

DOWN
1 Optician's selection
2 Vicinity
3 Jets or Sharks
4 One of a daily trio
5 Slot machine losers
6 Spirited horse
7 Tooth decay
8 "Guinness Book" suffix
9 Forehead
10 Emanation
11 Profound
20 Roosevelt program
22 City-related
24 Binge
25 Health resort
26 Hearty brew
27 Burger holder
29 Genetic abbr.
30 Red-staters' org.
31 Away from WSW
35 Forest-related
36 Slim and trim
39 Most popular, for short
40 Pundit's column
41 "Beetle Bailey" dog
43 Sunrise site
45 Wheelbase terminus
46 Birth certificate info
47 Uncontrolled
49 Son-gun link



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Solution Time: 24 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution for last weeks puzzle 3/22/18

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

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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