

WCCCD asks for permanent millage

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

On November’s ballot, Wayne County Community College District is asking voters to approve a 2.25-mill permanent levy.

Currently, WCCCD levies three separate millages — two temporary millages totaling 2.25 mills and a permanent 1-mill millage.

The proposed 2.25-mill levy would replace the two temporary millages and set the total levy at 3.25 mills permanently.

“It is not an increase,” said Mary Ellen Stempfle, WCCCD Board of Trustees chairwoman and District 1 representative.

Stempfle told Farms council Monday, Oct. 8, the millage

would be used to continue the college’s building projects, expand the tech center on Vernier and for operating costs.

“The millage is the largest portion of the money that we get,” she said.

Stempfle said the college is looking to establish the permanent millage “because it takes a lot of time, it takes a lot of resources and a lot of energy to constantly go out to the public for a millage.”

She said WCCCD has always had clean audits and residents should feel comfortable entrusting the college with their tax dollars.

“Wayne County Community College has gone through multiple state and federal audits and we’ve always come up

clean,” Stempfle said. “Every building project that we’ve had in the last 20 years has been on time and on budget. We are very fiscally accountable.”

WCCCD has approximately 70,000 students — 8,000 full-time equivalent — and operates six campuses throughout Wayne County, said Stempfle.

The permanent mill would be the largest for an area community college. Stempfle said Macomb, Oakland, Schoolcraft, Monroe and Washtenaw community colleges all levy permanent millages; however, Macomb’s is 1.41 mills, Oakland’s 1.55 and Schoolcraft’s 1.78.

Councilman John Gillooly said he appreciated all the hard work and dedication Stempfle has put in the 24 years as the

Grosse Pointes’ representative.

And while Mayor Louis Theros agreed, he said he wasn’t comfortable with such a large permanent millage.

“Once it’s permanent,” Theros said, “I don’t know who’s going to be here in 10 years. We won’t be here forever. You won’t be there forever to do the great stewardship and guarding our monies that you’ve done and that Chancellor (Curtis) Ivery has done. So my concern about making something permanent is I don’t know who’s going to be in your chair 10 years from now. ... That’s why a temporary one allows the school to prove itself every decade, to say we have been good fiscal stewards with your money, so please renew it for another 10. Rather

than now it’s permanent and I think some accountability might be lost once a new administration, once new board members get in.

“It’s remarkable, it truly is, what you guys have done to educate the people of Wayne County in all the different areas,” Theros continued. “But, I always worry about what comes after.”

The two, current temporary millages expire in 2020 and 2022 respectively. If the proposal fails, Stempfle said the college would come back to the voters with temporary millage proposals.

“I share your concerns about accountability,” Stempfle said. “Every government entity should be held accountable and I understand.”

Vernier Road resurfacing planned for 2019

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — During Monday’s meeting, city council approved moving forward with the bid-solicitation phase of a project to resurface Vernier

Road from Morningside to Fairway.

“The project has been approved, or at least the design phase is ready to go forward to bid this project out,” Department of Public Works Director Frank Schulte told council.

“We know it’s been approved. We just didn’t know when it would be,” said Mayor Robert

Novitke, “if it would be this year, next year or the following year.”

Schulte confirmed Vernier Road resurfacing would be done in 2019.

The bid-solicitation green light required council’s approval of a design services agreement not to exceed \$78,000 with engineering services by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick.

In a memo to the city dated Oct. 8, 2018, AEW Executive Vice President Scott Lockwood projected total project cost at \$1.3 million.

On Dec. 12, 2017, the city learned the Federal Aid Transportation Improvement Program approved covering 80 percent of the projected construction cost of \$1.040 million. The city’s

portion will be \$260,000 for construction, with total project cost to the city expected to be \$520,000, including other non-construction costs.

Resurfacing Vernier Road was included in the city’s 10-year pavement capital improvement plan, discussed during city council’s committee of the whole meeting March 19, 2018.



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Gillooly states. ... We love what you’re doing to the building. I think everybody in the community is thankful you are doing it. We all appreciate it. ... But I think there are just too many unanswered questions that by the time you come back to Terry (Brennan), or want to come back to us, you’ve got to be comfortable with what you are willing to put out there and then make us comfortable with what we might have to contribute to that.”

With a general OK of the plan, Garmo and Vitale are now tasked with refining the concept and coming back to council with a tighter plan and a better idea how much it will cost.

The plan can be found in October’s council packet at grossepointefarms.org.

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Pointer makes state Senate bid

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Republican candidate for Michigan Senate District 2 — which comprises the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Highland Park, Hamtramck and parts of Detroit — has an uphill battle.

During the last presidential election, the district voted 77 percent Democratic. But, that isn't deterring Grosse Pointe resident Lisa Papas.

"A lot of the Republicans seem to be putting a name on the ballot just so there's somebody there and kind of accepting that it is a Democratic district, which is why we keep getting the same politicians," she said. "I don't think the other party is necessarily always putting forth the best candidates."

For Papas, her run for state Senate isn't about adding to her resume.

"It (has) nothing to do with the title of senator," she said. "I'm really comfortable sitting at home. I'm really comfortable being really anonymous. I like to read books. I like to go home and put pajamas on, sit with my husband. I'm not looking for

glory. I'm not looking for a title. I'm looking to change things and it was my kids wondering what kind of future they were going to have."

A choir teacher in Hamtramck and mother of six, Papas said seeing firsthand how decisions by school systems affect students, from cutting arts programs to constant testing, motivated her to run for office.

"What can I do to make a difference in this?" she said. "I can't continue to be a cog in a dysfunctional system. Somebody has to try and that's where it came from. That was my impetus to run."

She said common core standards are harming students' ability to learn with age-inappropriate lessons and removing context from instruction. She also said a "one-size-fits-all" approach to education is not effective or in the best interest of the students.

"I'm not raising my children to be common, personally," she said. "I don't think anybody in Grosse Pointe or Detroit or Hamtramck or Harper Woods wants their children to be common. We want our children to be unique. We want them to

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DRONE PHOTO COURTESY OF SKY TECH

This drone image shows a portion of breaches along the Lakeshore seawall.

Seawall repairs await next steps

GROSSE POINTE SHORES AND FARMS — Although Shores and Farms managers received a commitment from Wayne County in August to correct the deterioration of the county-owned seawall along Lakeshore, they continue to wait for word on next steps toward that resolution.

Last month, road technicians with the Wayne County Department of Public Services filled sinkholes near the shoreline in the Farms, housing their front loader more than a week on the property of the Shores Department of Public Works.

Repairing the breaches

in the seawall itself, they told city managers, is beyond the scope of their road services.

Filling the sinkholes with stone and crushed concrete was part of the short-term resolution decided during an Aug. 21 meeting between Wayne County Public Services Director Beverly Watts and members of her staff and Farms Mayor Louis Theros, Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber, Shores Councilman Robert Barrette Jr. and Shores Public Works Director Brett Smith.

Smith said since then he has had no contact

with anyone from Wayne County, other than the road employees who left the front loader on Shores property.

After filling sinkholes in the Farms, he said, the county employees removed the front loader without filling sinkholes in the Shores.

U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence said her office is working hard to secure federal funding for repairing the seawall.

"This project has been a priority since I became elected to represent this district in 2015," she said. "We have been actively working with city managers, Army Corps of Engineers,

County Commissioner Tim Killeen and the Wayne County Executive's Office on solutions. The process is long, but we are working consistently to protect the Grosse Pointe seawall."

The estimated cost for repairing the seawall is close to \$3 million. During the August meeting, Wayne County committed to obtaining refined estimates to seek federal funding.

At press time, Wollenweber said he had not received a response or date from Wayne County DPS for a follow-up meeting.

— Melissa Walsh

Asker named to 'Notable Women in Marketing' list

Clayton & McKerverey, an international certified public accounting and business advisory firm, recently announced Grosse Pointe resident Denise Asker,



Denise Asker

on career accomplishments, involvement in civic and nonprofit activities and mentorship of others in the field.

At Clayton & McKerverey, Asker is responsible for ensuring the firm's leadership teams and staff achieve their marketing goals. Since joining the firm in 2015, she has introduced multiple new marketing programs, leads the firm's professional development efforts as it relates to marketing training, coordinates the efforts of multiple exter-

nal marketing agencies on behalf of the firm and retained and manages the firm's outside sales coach.

Prior to joining Clayton & McKerverey, Asker was director of the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Asker is active in civic and professional activi-

ties, including the Association for Accounting Marketing. She also is a member of PrimeGlobal's marketing industry group. Asker has a Master of Management degree from Walsh College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations from Wayne State University.

The Week Ahead

- FRIDAY, OCT. 19**
◆ Hob Nobbin with Goblins, 6 to 8 p.m. at Lake Front Park, 23000 E. Jefferson.
- MONDAY, OCT. 22**
◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
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Council approves Milk River drain levy

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — During Monday’s meeting, city council approved the recommendation by City Treasurer Cathrene Behrens to adjust the Milk River Drain levy to 3.32500 for the winter 2018 tax bill, up from 2.607.

With the transfer of the Milk River Intercounty Drain operation from Wayne County Department of Public Services to the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District, members of the Milk River Drainage Board were advised during their September 2018 meeting that funding for the construction project underway has a budget shortfall of approximately \$2 mil-

Community	Operations & Maintenance	Debt
City of Grosse Pointe Woods	60.50%	51.28%
Harper Woods	35.11%	45.11%
St. Clair Shores	0.42%	0.31%
Wayne County	1.67%	1.21%
State of Michigan	2.30%	2.87%

Cost sharing among the five voting members of the Milk River Drainage District.

lion. In response, Behrens added the Woods portion to correct the shortfall to the city’s millage rate to be funded over a period of three years, to coincide with the expected completion of the project. “I received a tentative budget from Wayne County for the Milk River/Grosse Gratiot

Drain authority,” Behrens said. “They’re in a transitional phase right now as Wayne County is moving everything over to Southeast Macomb Sanitary District.” Milk River Drainage District expenses are split among the five voting members: Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores,

Wayne County and the State of Michigan. The Woods is responsible for 60.50 percent of the cost of operations and maintenance and 51.28 percent of the debt. The Woods already levies a millage to collect its share of the operations and maintenance costs. Three years ago the drain authority took out

a loan for \$37 million for a construction upgrade project. “We just learned that by the time construction is finished, they’re going to be over \$2 million short,” Behrens told council. “In an effort to fund that \$2 million and have it available at the time construction is completed, (Wayne County DPS) recom-

mended that the municipalities that collect on the Milk River Drain pre-collect their portion of that money.” Behrens reminded council the first bond payment for the project is due next year. “During the budget process next year, my recommendation to you will be to use the fund balance (of \$2.4 million) to pay down some of these debts in order to ease the millage rate up,” she added. “Because it was 4.607 when I initially came here. I backed it down to a 2.607 because we’re not supposed to collect for debt until we actually incur the debt. So that’s why we backed it down. And we’ve been doing fine, but now we have to creep it back up a bit to cover that \$2 million shortfall.”

Gun found in Lakeshore median

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — It wasn’t long after Shores Department of Public Works employees found a gun in the Lakeshore Road median that public safety discovered how the gun got there. When the DPW employees found the loaded .38 Smith and Wesson revolver while cutting the grass, they immediately contacted public safety. The weapon’s serial number led to a report of it being stolen in Grosse Pointe Farms days earlier. A St. Clair Shores man reported the gun stolen from his vehicle hours after attending a memorial at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church on Lakeshore Friday, Sept. 28. A summary of the report appeared in “Public Safety Reports” in the Oct. 4 edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

The man told Farms public safety he secured the gun in the center console of his vehicle before entering the church just before 10 a.m. He said he noticed the gun missing later that day and did not know if it was taken in Grosse Pointe Farms or St. Clair Shores. However, Shores public safety uncovered evidence the gun was lost in Grosse Pointe Shores, concluding it fell from the roof of the man’s vehicle. In footage from a Lakeshore surveillance camera, a silver 2014 Ford Fusion traveling on Lakeshore at 9:37 a.m. Sept. 28 was spotted with a gun on its roof. Images were turned over to Farms public safety. —Melissa Walsh
Anthony Viola contributed to this report.

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- Bonds cannot be used for maintenance or repairs; they are used for building, replacing or demolishing.
- Our historic schools need restoration and repair— interest-free Sinking Funds can be used for repairs.

GPPSS itself stated in recent years that “...to repair/restore older buildings, ...a Sinking Fund is a more financially efficient model [than a bond] because it does not incur long term service debt.”* What has changed to make debt the preferred funding mechanism?

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OUR VIEW

Right bond, right time

Contrary to what you may have read elsewhere, the \$111 million proposal by the Grosse Pointe Public School System on the Nov. 6 ballot is the “right bond” at the “right time.”

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools Bond Proposal on the ballot calls for borrowing not more than \$111,040,000 for defraying the cost of:

- ◆ remodeling and/or constructing additions, primarily additions for secure vestibules, to existing school district buildings, including security, roof, energy conservation and mechanical systems improvements;
- ◆ equipping, furnishing, re-equipping and refurbishing school district buildings;
- ◆ acquiring and installing technology infrastructure and instructional technology equipment; and
- ◆ improving and developing sites, including outdoor athletic facilities, paving, fencing and drains in the school district.

Under state law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance or repair costs or other school district operating expenses.

The school bond request did not come lightly or hastily. It came after intense study by Plante Moran Cresa that found the district required some \$167 million in critical needs, deferred maintenance and property enhancement spending.

The school board decided to limit its bond request to cover only those “critical needs” items, defined as those necessary to keep the school buildings “safe, warm, dry and connected”; those beyond their useful life or in danger of failing in the next 1 to 3 years, and those that require more resources than in-house maintenance staff can address.

Such critical needs items include paving, roofing, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, security, technology infrastructure and furniture. They do not include personal computing devices.

Few dispute this work needs to be done. The argument is how to pay for it.

Opponents think a sinking fund is the way to go. Currently, the school system levies 1 mill toward a sinking fund to pay for capital improvements. The state limits sinking funds to 3 mills, which would raise about \$7.5 million a year.

Except the same consultants say we should budget \$10 million a year just for critical needs, not counting deferred maintenance and updates.

No, the sinking fund approach would fall short and would increase taxpayer debt service by 2 mills instead of the 1.5 mills proposed for the school bond proposal on the ballot.

We said this is the “right time” for a bond because borrowing is still cheap. Interest rates are still low. The district estimates interest on the bonds to be 4.5 percent. Currently, 20- and 30-year mortgage rates are about 4 and 4.5 percent, respectively. It’s a good time to buy a house AND a good time to invest in our schools.

We urge you to vote YES on the GPPSS Bond Proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot and lock in those lower interest rates now.



Grosse Pointe past

August Allard with his wife, their two granddaughters and the girls’ great-grandfather, LaForest, in front of the family home on 410 Rivard.

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OUR VIEW

7 vie for 3 school board seats

Three seats on Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education are up for election on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. Two of the seats are filled by incumbents who seek to remain on the board. The third seat is open due to Ahmed Ismail’s decision to not run for re-election.

The incumbents seeking re-election are President Brian Summerfield and Vice President Margaret Weertz. Traditionally at the Grosse Pointe News, we have endorsed incumbents in local elections out of recognition for their time spent in public service. We see no reason to deviate from that practice in regards to Mr. Summerfield and Ms. Weertz.

While there may be some policies and decisions we have disagreed with over the past couple of years, by and large the board under the current president and vice president have done pretty well considering the difficulties they face — i.e., declining enrollment, uncertain funding and deteriorating buildings and infrastructure.

Under current leadership, the board has developed a strategic plan; grown the fund balance to 10 percent, which assures favored lending rates; earned a clean financial audit; developed a detailed, multi-year plan to repair and upgrade our schools and infrastructure; and, lastly, authored “triggers” for school closings should we have to go down that path.

Because of these positives, we believe Mr. Summerfield and Ms. Weertz deserve re-election to the board.

For the vacant seat, we have an interesting cast of characters — an orthopedic surgeon, a retired deputy superintendent of the GPPSS of 37-plus years, a government attorney and two engineers.

While all the candidates have professional backgrounds that would be compatible with serving on the school board, we favor the former deputy superintendent, Christian “Chris” Fenton.

Over the past several years, we’ve seen large turn-

over in administrators, largely due to retirements, such as Mr. Fenton’s. While change — “new blood,” new ideas — is good, we must be careful to not lose the “institutional knowledge” of how we got here and why. We need someone who remembers our successes and failures. Someone who can say, “Yes, we tried that 15 years ago and it didn’t work. This is why.” Or to say, “Yes, we should have done that 15 years ago. Let’s move on it!”

With his nearly four decades with the GPPSS, most of those as deputy superintendent of business affairs, we believe Mr. Fenton is just that person.

Further, if the \$111 million school bond proposal is approved by voters, we could have no better person on the board to help see these projects through than Mr. Fenton. He went through this in 2002. He knows how to deal with contractors and construction — not to mention his knowledge of myriad things impacting the school district, including finances, enrollment and residency.

For these reasons, we ask voters to elect Christian Fenton to the third seat on the Board of Education.

Lastly, we would like to thank Mr. Ismail for his many years of service on the school board. Altogether, Mr. Ismail has served some nine years on the board. He was first elected to a four-year term in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. In 2009, he resigned due to health issues. He ran again for the board in 2014 and won the four-year seat.

Serving on the board of education is one of the toughest, most time-consuming tasks a resident can undertake. The meetings are frequent and long. The subject matter — curriculum, residency, finances, athletics, buildings, technology — is diverse and challenging.

For that we wish to thank Mr. Ismail for his service to our school district and commend all those who have taken the time to run for and serve on the board of education. A public school system cannot survive without your sacrifice.

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Former board president opposes bond

To The Editor:

As a former Grosse Pointe Board of Education president, I am disappointed that the current school board has allowed this ill-conceived bond proposal recommended by the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration to advance to the voters.

The bond is egregious in its face amount and is flawed with vagaries and expenses that will ultimately be detrimental to the community. In fact, it incorporates most aspects of the ludicrous

“Tech Bond,” absent the personal devices, that was soundly defeated by G.P. voters just a few years ago.

One example of waste is the fact the current board has voted to allocate 1.5 percent of proposed bond proceeds, or approximately \$1,665,000, to Plante Moran Cresa for construction oversight and acting as owners agents. Construction oversight (assuring proper documentation is in place prior to and during construction) has always been performed internally by previous GPPSS administrations.

Assuming the bond funds will be spent over

a five-year period, that 1.5 percent (\$1,665,000) is equivalent to paying Plante Moran Cresa more than \$6,400 weekly for the entire expense time period.

The administration has projected and continues to project a substantial decline in enrollment, which will cause a loss of foundation allowance revenue. As a result the GPPSS will need to reduce its facilities footprint.

Passing a bond to renovate facilities before deciding which buildings will need to be closed makes no sense. You don’t repair or improve buildings you might need to sell or close.

As a former board of education president/trustee, I am well aware of the costs associated with running the GPPSS. I am not opposed to a bond that is necessary, well written and fiscally responsible.

However, if the proposed bond passes, the only thing you can be absolutely sure of is that the administrators who brought it to you will be

long retired.

All parents want to see their children have the facilities, tools and teachers necessary for success, and most community stakeholders are willing to pay additional taxes for that to happen — this is just the wrong bond at the wrong time.

And one last thing: Please take a good look at the backgrounds of the candidates running in this year’s school board election well before you vote. This is not some high school popularity contest; this is an election for a board that oversees the management of a \$100 million a year business.

Corporate boards don’t look for members that are just nice, well-meaning individuals. They look for individuals who can actually read/understand a balance sheet, have solid business skills and backgrounds, know about cost reduction analysis and are prepared to make tough decisions.

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I SAY By John Minnis

Boomers, Gen Xers, millennials



At a recent meeting of our Advisory Board, whose members are listed on the bottom left of the Opinion page, we had a rousing discussion about Millennials and how to attract them to newspapers.

Before getting into that, there was some debate about what birthdates encompass Millennials.

For the record, accord-

ing to the Pew Research Center detailed in a March 2018 report, Generation Xers were born 1965 to 1980, while Millennials were born 1981 to 1996. Post-Millennials were born 1997 to present day.

It is generally thought Millennials don't read newspapers — or books or magazines. Nothing in print. If it's not on their phones, they are not interested.

We certainly hope that's not true since we publish a newspaper and magazines!

Our niece, Lauren, a Millennial, is an avid reader. She has been all her life. In fact, she is now editor of our magazines.

True, she does not sub-

scribe to a newspaper (she gets hers for free!), but she is certainly adept at using them for research or going to them when she wants to find something out for herself. And, yes, she does know to check the quality of her sources.

Our hope as newspaper owners is that once Millennials and Post-Millennials get older, have children, buy houses, start businesses, etc., they will see the value in their local newspaper in keeping abreast of what is going on in their community, what's affecting their primary investment: their homes.

Meanwhile, let's not turn our backs on the GenXers and Baby Boomers, the latter of

which I am a member.

GenXers are in their mid-careers, raising families, sending kids to college and, thus, contribute much to the local economy.

Boomers, of course, are retiring or close to it. Yet we still have a lot of spending power.

We recently visited The Villages, probably the largest 55-plus community in Florida, if not the world.

The Villages, which grows to some 150,000 residents in the winter, supports its own daily newspaper, monthly magazine, cable company, cable channel and even its own radio station.

The Village Daily Sun's Thursday paper rivals

our dailies' Sunday paper. The amount of advertising in the newspaper and magazine makes us drool!

The Village also supports three "downtowns" with retail stores and restaurants. Two more downtowns are planned.

The Villages also warrants a Sam's Club, two Walmarts, Kohl's, a handful of hotels, two bowling alleys, two major country clubs, a dozen smaller golf clubs and scores of executive courses — not to mention restaurants and coffee shops. Most of the major chains are represented.

And these are all supported by retirees!

So as we concern ourselves with appealing

and adapting to the Millennials, let's not forget the "older folks" who have supported this newspaper and our local economy for decades.

We should do more to facilitate empty-nesters who seek to downsize. We definitely don't want them moving out of Grosse Pointe and taking their disposable income with them!

We should also look at building more apartments and condominiums for active, independent seniors. And, of course, more assisted living facilities will be needed as Baby Boomers age.

It is an exciting time to be living in Grosse Pointe and running a newspaper. Get onboard!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CREATED BY FARMS: Following a discussion of the Farms Village Council in September, the finance committee recommended creation of a department of public works to expedite village services to citizens and reduce overtime payments to employees.

The committee recommended consolidating the highway, garbage, sewer and maintenance departments into one department of public works.

VOTING LIST CUT IN HALF: Grosse Pointe Farms Clerk Harry Furton reported at a council meeting he sent out 2,151 cards to voters in the Farms who, according to the voting record, had not voted at the last two elections.

An examination of the Farms voting lists showed there were 4,490 names carried, but of this number, nearly half had not voted in two years. According to elections law, these would be excluded from voting at the next election unless they signified their desire to be kept on the list by signing and returning the postal card.

BE ISSUED: According to the director of pupil personnel of the Grosse Pointe schools, residents of Grosse Pointe will again go to the schools for their new ration books.

Residents are asked to go to their nearest elementary school.

Applicants must present their Ration Book III in order to receive their Ration Book IV.

1968

50 years ago this week

GIRL DIES IN AUTO TRAGEDY: Farms police are looking for the driver of a car and his two passengers for questioning in the death of a 13-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods girl.

The girl died as a result of head injuries received when she fell off the automobile.

Several girls were guests at a birthday party on Moran road. They climbed atop the rear deck of a car. The driver took off suddenly, throwing the Woods girl to the pavement where she struck her head severely. Another girl rode the vehicle to the corner before she jumped off. She was not hurt.

The driver of the auto never stopped, leading police to believe the person behind the wheel

was not aware of the injured girl.

VANDAL DESTROYS DECORATIVE TREE: Grosse Pointe Park police were extremely upset when a scout car officer reported the top of a blossoming Japanese cherry tree on Kercheval had been sawed down leaving an ugly 4-foot stump.

"Some varmint with a warped mind and a sharp saw or, perhaps, a drunken vandal destroyed one of those beautiful cherry trees in front of 15200 Kercheval," groaned a tree-loving Park police official.

"We're out looking for him and we hope we find him. A nut like that shouldn't be running loose."

BURNING LEAVES HARM ASPHALT: The Farms public service department is making its annual plea to citizens to not burn leaves or debris on new asphalt pavement or any pavement in the city.

The heat from the burning materials causes

premature failure of the asphalt substance in the pavement mix and considerably shortens the life of the pavement.

Obituaries: Joseph LaPere, Adolph J. Zieske, Lyle Beeman, Freda Simple, Martha C. Balow, Carl DeBuigne, Joseph V. Portera

1993

25 years ago this week

SCHOOLS ON STRICT TIMETABLE TO CREATE DISTRICT LIBRARY: Grosse Pointe's public library system faces a dilemma: If it stays under the jurisdiction of the public schools, it will draw education dollars away from the students and if it breaks away to form a separate library district, it faces a different set of challenges.

The urgency of the issue increased when the legislature in July eliminated property taxes as a source of revenue for public schools.

Since Grosse Pointe is one of 30 school systems

in Michigan supporting a library, the legislative action means as of 1994 schools will no longer have the authority to levy a millage for the library.

FURTHER DELAY SEEN ON TEACHER CONTRACT: The president of the union representing teachers and librarians in the Grosse Pointe school district predicted no further progress toward a contract settlement will be made until November.

The 530 members of the Grosse Pointe Education Association local chapter of the Michigan Education Association-National

Education Association, have been working without a contract since Sept. 1.

The issues of salary and cost containment have kept the GPEA and school board from reaching an accord.

Following a deadlock in September, both sides agreed to bring in a mediator from the Michigan Department of Labor Relations. The mediator, however, was unsuccessful in bringing both sides to an agreement.

In early September, both sides agreed to bring in a factfinder. State law

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extremely weak in all those capacities and they have brought forward a bond proposal that is worse than the “Tech Bond” proposal defeated several years ago.

The next board will need trustees with the guts and skills to stand up to the “tax and spend” mentality of the current administration.

JOHN W. STEININGER
GPPSS Board of
Education Trustee
2008-2011
GPPSS Board of
Education President
2010-2011

Support our
community,
our schools
To the Editor:

I grew up in St. Clair Shores during the 1970s and '80s when there was minimal support in that community for school millages. As an unfortunate consequence, programs like art, music and gym were eliminated from the curriculum and field trips also ceased to exist.

Disgusted by this I vowed I would raise my children in a top-notch school district so they could have every opportunity to be successful. That is the main reason why my husband and I moved to Grosse Pointe 22 years ago.

We are in our third home here and we have two children who are currently attending Grosse Pointe North. We have been thrilled with the education they have been receiving throughout their educational careers in our school system and are very thankful we made the investment we have in our home and community.

That said, I am extremely disheartened to see signs in our community opposing the

school bond that will be on the Nov. 6 ballot.

When you purchase a home, you expect to “invest” money in it from time to time to keep it appealing to future purchasers. So why would you not expect to “invest” money from time to time to keep our schools appealing to future home buyers (especially given the fact this bond will only cost homeowners approximately 50 cents/day)?

I have closely followed the steps the school board has taken in developing this bond over the past several years. I believe the board has been extremely transparent and has thoroughly done its due diligence in order to develop a fiscally responsible plan.

Many fellow G.P. parents that I have met over the years also attended our wonderful schools and chose to move back to G.P. to raise their families. If we stop making “minimal” investments in our schools, and thus our communities, why would young families want to continue to raise their families here?

My husband and I will probably seek to downsize within the next five to 10 years, but I am concerned that if our community fails to continue to support our schools, our home values (that have finally been on the rise over the past few years) will take a terrible hit.

Please join me in supporting our schools, community and home values.

ANDREA ROGOS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Not this bond

To the Editor:

I am proud of the success of our school system, but that doesn't mean I don't expect that system to exercise the same fiscal restraint and responsibility G.P. families need to exercise every day.

Meet the STAFF

Kenneth Schop

PRODUCTION MANAGER/GRAPHIC ARTIST

- ◆ **Years at the Grosse Pointe News:**
16 years total.
- ◆ **Describe your position at the paper:**
I am a liaison between the various printer companies we work with for the various products we publish. I create advertisements, have done page layouts and even did editorial cartoons for seven years at the Grosse Pointe News.
- ◆ **Hobbies, favorite things to do when NOT at work:**
Besides art, I love playing and writing music. I play the piano, guitar and bass guitar and have played in bands on and off since I was 10 years old. I also collect artwork, comic books and Hot Wheels.
- ◆ **Tell our readers a bit about yourself:**
I feel like the luckiest person in the world when it

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comes to family. I've been married 26 years to my best friend, the best wife in the world, and we have three wonderful children (with my youngest being a senior) and one dog.

◆ **Favorite thing about working at the paper:**
With all of the deadlines of different products we publish and the fast pace, the hours go by very quickly, the days never drag and I never get bored.

The board hired Plante Moran Cresa consulting at the tune of \$40,000 and their recommendation was to address the shrinking enrollment (1,000 lost students last 10 years) by reducing the district infrastructure size and/or do another “sinking fund” to address the specific physical plant needs and restructuring costs.

The board rejected that professional advice and now wants us to approve bond debt of \$180 million, in addition to what we still owe from the 2002 bond (\$30 million), which would make our debt \$210 million.

Nearly 50 percent of our property taxes go to our schools today and we still have debt? Enough is enough.

The Tech Bond failure was an example of bureaucratic overreach and this is no different.

Bring a bond or sinking fund with targeted and impactful items that address our need to consolidate.

Please say NO to THIS bond and send a message that we want to support the system, but in a more responsible, measured way.

MURRAY SALES
Grosse Pointe Farms

athletic director are happy with ruining a very successful football program at Grosse Pointe North. You should all be ashamed.

For that “small” parent group, I hope you have a student on the football team experiencing the worst season in Grosse Pointe North history.

Do you miss Frank Sumner yet?

MIKE BALLEW
St. Clair

Seely no
joking matter

To the Editor:

Mr. Seely should resign from your city council. He has embarrassed himself and his community and possibly re-traumatized some sexual abuse survivors with his childish social media posts.

I am a longtime Grosse Pointe resident and a child advocate for 25 years in Wayne County Juvenile court. Every week we see multiple cases of sexual abuse of children and teens.

These victims are understandably traumatized and require years of sexual abuse counseling. Hundreds of our attorneys and jurists have undergone intense training to learn about the long-term consequences of sexual assault on young people.

One of the expected results of sexual abuse is that the victim may be unable to process the

events or speak of them for many years.

I assure you that this is no joking matter. Mr. Seely's posts show a level of immaturity that is appalling and a lack of empathy that is chilling.

LAURA DUNBAR
KELLETT
Michigan Children's Law
Center

I know
Matt Seely

To the Editor:

I have known Matt Seely for quite some time. It is deplorable what they are doing to him.

He is a good, kind,
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allows a school district to use a factfinder when mediation fails.

IS POINTE POPULATION RISING OR DECLINING?: Is the Grosse Pointe population going up or down? It depends on whose figures you use.

According to the 1990 U.S. Census, the population of all five Grosse Pointes was 49,195.

The most recent Grosse Pointe school census, conducted May 1992, showed Grosse Pointe's population to be 50,351.

According to July 1992 figures compiled by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the population of the Pointes is 48,764.

Obituaries: John R. Birch M.D., Bradley Erik Blomquist, L. Forrest Geary, Wesley Henry Hoffman, the Rev. Lee J. Laige, Emily W. Seegert, Flora Hodgman Temple, James Wilson Wardell

2008

10 years ago this week

LARCENY SUSPECT ARRESTED: Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man for one of many larcenies from automobiles he's suspected of committing in four of the five Grosse Pointes.

The man was arraigned on two felony counts for stealing golf clubs from an unlocked Jeep parked on Beverly.

CAR-IN-LAKE STORY

DEEMED FISHY: Grosse Pointe Shores police aren't buying a woman's story of how her Subaru wound up in Lake St. Clair.

The car's owner, a 25-year-old Monroe woman, told investigator's her black, 2006 four-door vehicle was stolen the night before it was discovered. The woman claimed she was car-jacked in Detroit.

A passerby found the car a few feet off the breakwall near the foot of Clairview. Its windows had been rolled down. Had the car settled somewhere other than in the 4 1/2-foot shallows near shore, it may have stayed unnoticed longer, police said.

The car was insured and the woman made a claim with her insurance company.

DOG ORDINANCE REVISED: The welcome mat is back out for all dog breeds in Grosse Pointe Park.

A revised vicious animal ordinance that clearly defines unacceptable dog behavior was passed by city council. This one, however, is not breed specific.

After complaints from animal behavior specialists and residents who own pit bulls, council suspended the ban and directed the city attorney to rework the ordinance.

The revision eliminated the pit bull ban, but listed several breeds as “suspect” for bad behavior.

Obituaries: Brett Justin France, Emil C. Grob, Palmer Kalajian, Ellen Maki Longo, Birginia I. Rogers

—Karen Fontanive

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GUEST COLUMN By Pete Waldmeir

Straight talk on Nov. 6 ballot



Grosse Pointers headed to the polls on Nov. 6 would be wise to bring a chair and pack a lunch. And maybe dinner, too. Hey, a sleeping bag might not be a bad idea. The bedsheet ballot you are being tasked to dig through resembles one of Ma Bell’s old telephone books. (You remember the home telephone, right?) The multi-fold, 20-inch

absentee ballot that landed in my Grosse Pointe Woods mailbox a few days ago listed no less than 78 candidates for 24 national, state, county and local elected positions, many of whom you’ve never heard of and probably won’t ever hear of again. And check this out. This November there’s an added hurdle for Pointers who like to race to the polling station after work, pull one lever or darken one little oval to select a team of candidates, then dash on home before dinner gets cold. For the first time in 127 years, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that straight-ticket voting in

Michigan on the partisan portion of the ballot is deadlier than last year’s Thanksgiving turkey. No joke, folks. For the first time in none of our memories, this November and henceforth millions of Michigan voters who trek to the polls or pour over absentee ballots on their kitchen tables will have to figure out for themselves who’s who, then fill each little oval alongside each favored candidate’s name. Of course, one benefit of this new ballot is now you can jump back and forth between political parties if you choose. Or you can leave any or all ovals blank. Always

remember, they’re from the government and they’re here to help you! In the past, if we so chose, partisan voting could be one size fits all. Even if we couldn’t spell candidates’ names or know what they stood for, all we had to do was pull one lever or darken one oval and presto! Mission accomplished! This year, however, prepare for ballot hopscotch. And maybe even writer’s cramp. The bulk of candidates are represented by seven political parties: Democrat, Republican; Libertarian, U.S. Taxpayers, Green, Natural Law and Working Class. The

Whigs and the Mugwumps apparently are sitting this one out. On the flip side of my Grosse Pointe Woods ballot are no less than six local big-ticket bond and millage proposals and Michigan constitutional amendments, each of which takes several minutes to read and even longer to ponder. Three bonding props put forth by the Grosse Pointe public schools, Wayne County Community College and the Grosse Pointe Public Library, two in the multi-million dollar class, all require more than a brief scanning in the voting booth while the line forms outside.

The statewide proposals also demand more than a cursory reading. They involve legalization of the growth and sale of marijuana, removing partisan political influence from voting redistricting and rewriting voter registration rules and regs. That third, ironically, deals with a return to straight-ticket voting. Incidentally, I’ve already voted at my kitchen table. But I’ll gladly lend you a folding chair for the polls. Lunch not included. Retired Detroit News columnist Pete Waldmeir is a member of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame.

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very thoughtful man who cares about people, the community and society and is very compassionate to those who are less fortunate. I hope the Grosse Pointe Shores council does not succumb to the pressure to force the resignation of Matt Seely. This is a directional pull to complete control of a person by a dangerous faction. It surely seems they will go to any means not only to destroy a reputation but create a totalitarian society of the elites and the powerful. These factions are mimicking the historical treatment of the Salem witch trials. If not cautious we will be repeating the history of what our forefathers and ancestors ran from. These progressive movements will destroy anyone who is against their beliefs. They are taking away freedom of speech, controlling, reprimanding speech unbecoming to them, as exists in Communist countries. We can’t even express frustration through humor. These progressive movements are turning back the clock, dissing due process of innocent until proven guilty and now instead one is guilty as charged.

These movements want to take away our Constitutional rights and run a society of puppets. If something is not done to counter these destructive tactics, what will be the next maneuver to prohibit our freedom. We cannot even post a joke and these movements seek out to destroy a person’s reputation and livelihood. BEVERLY BALLEW St. Clair Shores (Longtime Grosse Pointer)

Thank you!
To the Editor:
Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe wishes to thank these restaurants who so generously donated gift certificates to our 10th annual Dine-Around-Town raffle. We couldn’t do this fundraiser without you. We profited \$7,655 to fund Soroptimist awards and projects. We invite you to visit our website: grossepointesoroptimist.org or Facebook: Grosse Pointe Soroptimist to see

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Steps of kindness

St. Ambrose St. Vincent de Paul conference took a leisurely three-mile walk on Belle Isle Sept. 29, to raise money during the annual Friends of the Poor Walk. About 16 walkers from the St. Ambrose conference walked with other local conferences to raise money to help low-income people with food vouchers, rent, furniture and heat throughout the year. This walk and the church’s spaghetti dinner Friday, Nov. 16, are its biggest fundraisers.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

- Side Street Diner
 - Sierra Station
 - TCBY
 - Telly’s Place
 - The Hill Seafood & Chop House
 - Luxe Bar & Grill
 - The Whiskey Six
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Stocking up

A 20-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested for shoplifting two cell phone chargers, face cream and three condoms 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at The Village CVS.

Employees said they saw the man, wearing flip flops and a Lions sweatshirt, picking up items and putting them in his pocket. At one point, the man went into the bathroom. After he exited an employee went in and found packaging from a cell phone charger. An empty condom package also was found on a shelf which matched the brand and type of condom found in the man's possession.

Officers waited outside the store and detained the man when he left. He admitted to stealing one of the chargers, but claimed the other items were his.

Scrapper payload

Two 12-foot steel I-beams were reported missing from a house in the 800 block of Fisher Friday, Oct. 12. The contractor working on the house said the two I-beams were delivered 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, and left on the curb lawn in front. The contractor said the homeowner

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

called him late afternoon Thursday to report the beams no longer were there.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Missing ring

The son of an 83-year-old woman residing in an assisted-living facility on Cook Road reported the theft of his mother's diamond wedding ring to Woods public safety 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 8.

He noted no known suspects, but said the ring was taken between January 2018 and July 2018.

The value of the ring is approximately \$3,000.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Swervy driving

An officer pulled over a vehicle crossing the center line of Lakeshore sev-

eral times shortly after midnight Sunday, Oct. 14.

During the traffic stop at Lakeshore and Webber Place, the 44-year-old Harper Woods man had difficulty following commands.

He showed the officer a Michigan identification card, but no driver's license and admitted having a few drinks earlier.

After failing field sobriety tests, the driver refused a preliminary blood test.

Following the driver's arrest, the officer received a warrant for a blood draw at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

Hard stop

Responding to a report of a motor vehicle accident at Lakeshore and Stillmeadow shortly before 6 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, an officer found a 2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee collided into two utility poles. The 43-year-old St. Clair Shores man who had been driving the Jeep was uninjured and walking around the vehicle.

Nearby a car was parked with the man who called in the report. He told the officer he observed the Jeep swerving before driving over

the curb and crashing into the utility poles.

The driver of the Jeep told the officer he fell asleep while driving.

He confirmed having consumed alcohol earlier and failed field sobriety tests. He also had a .11 percent blood alcohol content following a preliminary breath test.

When the officer arrested the man, he found an empty bottle of cognac and half-empty bottle of cognac in the Jeep.

Hunter noise

An officer was dispatched to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House for a report of gun shots fired nearby shortly before 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

At the scene, the officer observed two hunters in a boat on Lake St. Clair approximately 30 feet from shore.

The officer noted the subjects in the boat were hunting legally and cleared the location.

Stolen plate

Officers arrested a 36-year-old Clinton Township man 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, after a check of his license plate, which showed the

plate was stolen.

During the traffic stop at Michaux Court and Michaux Lane, the driver admitted having no driver's license, valid insurance or vehicle registration.

Presenting his Michigan identification card and the vehicle title, he told the officer he was using a plate that belonged to a former employee.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Warrant arrest

A 31-year-old Woods man was arrested on a Wayne County Sheriff's Office warrant 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, on Mack at Roland. An officer spotted the man driving a vehicle with a non-functioning brake light on northbound Moross. When a LEIN search revealed the plates expired, the officer pulled the man over. Another LEIN search of the driver showed the warrants and the man was arrested. He also was issued a citation for

the expired plates.

Unregistered vehicle

An 18-year-old Woods man was pulled over 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, on Lakeshore at Provencal after officers found his vehicle unregistered. The driver was issued two citations for driving an unregistered vehicle and having no insurance and released at the scene. The car was impounded.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

No license

A 47-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, on Mack at Devonshire. He was pulled over for driving a vehicle without a license plate.

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

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achieve things for their lives to be successful in their own way. And we all know, kids are not widgets in a factory."

She said the best approach is to allow

teachers the freedom to instruct their students free from rigid textbooks and a federally mandated curriculum.

Because she is a choir teacher, she said her class does not fit into the common core standards, which is beneficial for both her and her stu-

dents. When she teaches a song, she can discuss its context in history and make up lessons to fit her class.

"(We're) not sitting and reading an informational text devoid of any connections and that's what common core is," she said.

Her ability to design her own curriculum resonates with students, she said, and many are given an education the current system hasn't given them.

Despite her background in teaching and education, she said she is not a one-issue candidate.

"I'm talking about auto insurance, talking about roads, talking about

infrastructure," she said.

She would like to see taxpayers' dollars spent responsibly to protect resources and ensure residents' safety.

At the end of the day, she said, whether Republican or Democrat, everybody wants the same thing.

"I was going around this community and I'm hearing the same conversations and we have the same issues," Papas said. "The media likes to polarize us on a couple of the big, big issues. When it comes down to it, we have so much in common that crosses party lines. Everybody wants good schools, everybody wants good education, everybody wants clean water, everybody wants to lower the auto insurance and everybody wants to fix the roads and infrastructure. It's not a party issue. It's issues that affect all of us ... and we all want the same things."

Short joins Certified Senior Solutions, Hope Senior Home Care

Alexandra E. Short LLMSW, has joined Certified Senior Solutions Inc. and the Hope Senior Home Care Client Services Team as a gerontological social worker. In this capacity, Short will serve as a key member of the social services outreach, maintaining and facilitating relationships with clients and their families, as well as providing social and assessment services to clients.

"We are thrilled to welcome Allie on board," said Terri Murphy, president and board chair of Certified Senior Solutions and president of Hope Senior Home Care. "Allie will be a key factor in supporting the growth of Certified Senior Solutions, Employer

Eldercare Assistance Plan and she will be instrumental in positioning Hope Senior Home Care to become one of the first senior home care organizations to provide clients with access to social services. ... Allie has demonstrated a commitment to the senior community and we are looking forward to having her as part of our family."

Short earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree, graduate certificate in gerontology and Master of Social Work degree from Wayne State University. While attending WSU, Short held prestigious internships with Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe Farms, as well as Critical Signal Technologies in Novi. In both capacities, she assisted with case coordination and management, as well as community outreach, resource allocation and client relations. Short also served as a facilitator for the SOC Brainstorm Workshop created in unison by WSU and the Institute of Gerontology.

Short is a resident of St. Clair Shores and graduate of Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights.



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Council approves new generator at The Helm

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — To better serve the community’s seniors in the event of a power outage, The Helm at the Boll Life Center, formerly known as Services for Older Citizens, is installing a new generator.

“(It) will power the services in our entire building,” Peggy Hayes, The Helm executive director, said. “We will be a warming and cooling center for the seniors and we will be able to maintain the services we currently offer.”

Monday, Oct. 4, Farms City Council approved the installation of the new generator on the front yard of The Helm. The permit was originally denied by Director of Public Services Terry Brennan because city ordinances prohibit mechanical equipment from being installed in front yards, sending the request to council.

Because of technical impracticalities, The

Helm cannot install the generator on the side of the building, said Brennan.

“We met repeatedly on site to find a more suitable location,” Brennan said. “This seems to be the best spot.”

The 150-kilowatt, natural gas generator will be shielded by existing

arborvitae and housed in a sound-attenuated enclosure.

According to Hayes, it will be exercised once a week.

“It obviously will be during the day because that’s when most people are away from home,” she said. “It will run for a short period of time during hours, for example in the summer when our lawn crew is already there mowing the lawn.”

The new capability will

allow the center to provide services — such as oxygen services or showers — in the event of a power outage. Hayes said The Helm can help a couple hundred people if needed.

Formed in 1978 by a group of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents, The Helm now serves more than 9,000 seniors in the community.

From providing door-to-door bus transportation through Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services to delivering hot meals through Meals on Wheels, The Helm strives

to ensure seniors in the area can continue to live at home as they grow older.

The Helm also provides help with minor home chores, Medicare counseling, tax preparation, medical equipment loans, language and ballroom dancing classes, bingo and card games “and a wide range of other services and programs designed to encourage social interaction, health and wellness and recreation to people over the age of 60,” said Hayes.

For more information, visit helmlife.org.

PENSION:

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finance committee for a second review and recommendation. It was the tentative agreement for the command group to be approved by the city council. It was already recommended by the chief and by the city manager.”

Rohr said he introduced the proposal during negotiation of the command structure’s three-year contract with the village, with “one item left pending.”

“We signed a tentative agreement leaving the (DROP) article open with the intent that we would settle it before the contract was up,” Rohr said.

“We removed it from the agenda, maybe I removed it from the agenda, because we didn’t have the cost of implementing the plan,” said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. “We needed to know the cost. And we had posed questions to our outside actuary to address the cost of adopting the DROP plan.”

Rohr said two command staff are eligible to retire. Before the command staff contract is up, an additional four will be eligible.

Because public safety employees do not collect Social Security, Rohr explained, retirement benefits are a critical component of contract negotiations.

“The whole point of the DROP plan is (the benefits) are exactly what we’re entitled to receive upon the completion of our 25 years (of service) at age 50,” Rohr said. “So what we’re asking is to continue working for the city while banking what we’re entitled to earn so we don’t have to go work somewhere else.”

Kedzierski said, “What Scott wanted to do — and I don’t blame him — right now we require all employees, collective bargaining or not, to pay 20 percent of their health care. And that pays some \$90,000 a year. That’s a big number. That’s recurring. When you go into the DROP plan you’re basically saying, OK, you’re no longer an employee. So now you go into the health care fund. And when you go into the post-retirement health-care fund, you pay zero. There’s no contribution. We pay 100 percent.”

Rohr said if Shores command staff retire and “go work down the street,” the village would continue to pay 100 percent of their retirement benefits anyway. In addition, the public safety department would incur the cost of hiring and

training new staff.

Rohr said the village “has already embraced a similar type of structure for other administration within the city. Our city finance director, our city public works director and a supervisor within the city have all retired and are currently contracted employees with the city. So they receive a contract wage while receiving their retirement benefits.”

Kedzierski said those employees are working under an agreement that is not a DROP plan.

“We had a DROP plan about 10 or 11 years ago for the former manager,” he explained. “That’s the last DROP plan that I remember. And that DROP plan was very expensive to the city.”

He said the retired employees working for the village were contracted following a 30-day break in employment, according to Department of Labor rules.

“It’s not a plan,” Kedzierski said. “A deferred retirement option plan has to be a written plan.”

For public safety staff, a DROP is required to work for the village post-retirement. Union employees are bound to certain agreements and structure, Rohr said, which include disallowing a contract employee to replace a union employee. There would be no separation of ser-

vice and benefits would be frozen. The pension does not accumulate because the deferred-retired employee no longer pays into it, though it continues to accrue interest.

Rohr projects that offering DROP would avoid a 50-percent turnover in the department, which does not hire part-time officers.

“This is a modification to the existing pension plan,” Kedzierski said, citing concern with how it would impact unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

Kedzierski said Michigan Public Act 202, “Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act,” which went into effect Dec. 20, 2017, added pressure on village council to watch carefully its actuarial accrued liability.

PA 202 was established as a means of “protecting local government retirement and benefits,” providing “the powers and

duties of certain state and local agencies and officials” and creating “a municipal stability board.”

If a municipality is underfunded, it must apply for a waiver with the state treasurer, specifying how it will correct its underfunded status.

Kedzierski said PA 202 “requires every local government offering a benefit pension or a health insurance plan to report on their systems, I guess you’d say, funding levels and budget proportion for those legacy expenses within six months at the end of their fiscal year. All cities have a fiscal year of June 30.”

He said a January 2018 report showed the village’s health care fund at \$2.2 million with liabilities in excess of \$10 million.

Though Kedzierski admitted there are some good benefits with DROP, he’s concerned the DROP would immedi-

ately increase the village’s actuary liability and is waiting for the actuary’s final calculation of its required annual contribution.

“We wanted to talk to our actuary to determine what the cost would be,” Kedzierski said. “Scott (Rohr) said (DROP is) revenue-neutral. But our actuary said it could cost us up to \$100,000 to implement this plan.”

Rohr’s request came in May, when the PA 202 report card was released to state municipalities, prompting concerns over

the village’s actuarial accrued liability.

Kedzierski said if city council had a calculation of cost not showing a threat of retirement health care being underfunded — what he called the village’s “weakest fund” — council would have adopted it.

In November, at the earliest, he expects to discuss with council an audit report released early this month, stressing council members are fiduciaries first.

“This isn’t our money,” he said.



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Deanna Arendoski, dressed as a princess, sells a raffle ticket to Jean Kennary.

A glamorous evening

The Helm, formerly Services for Older Citizens, hosted its annual gala auction Oct. 11. “Once Upon a Time: An Enchanted Evening of Glitz, Glam & Giving” was sponsored by Ascension St. John Hospital.



The event honored longtime The Helm donors Marlene and John Boll.

Ed Russell, auction committee chairman, shows off the lining of his pirate-themed tux.

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Susan Sisk watches as William Giovan purchases outright a Grosse Pointe Italian Dining Tour.



HELM:

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took the reins at the center, which will informally be called The Helm at the Boll Life Center. Much of the process was in place long before she arrived. “There was a lot of research prior to putting this together,” she said. “I came into this when it was already well underway. Hopefully I was able to add value with what I contributed. “We’re at a crossroads,” she continued. “Americans are changing; seniors’ needs are changing. It’s time to take stock of who we are, what we offer. Plus, it’s our 40th anniversary year, which is a good time to take stock. Since I came in, I’ve had not one minute to catch my breath.”

The name

Perhaps the most noticeable change is the name. The Helm, Hayes said, better reflects the organization’s mission. ““The Helm’ gives the connotation that you’re taking charge of your life,” she said. “And we’re taking charge in the community of leading

the way in senior services. It gives an expanded view of what we can do now and in the future.” When it was formed 40 years ago, SOC stood for “Seniors Onward for Change,” Hayes noted. “I love that the word ‘change’ is in that name. We are changing, indicating that with the name change. We hope this calls attention to our services and what we do. We’ll still offer the same wonderful services — plus.” Through use of a marketing consulting group, internal meetings and focus groups, several names were suggested, Hayes said, but The Helm at the Boll Life Center resonated the most. “Instead of focusing on the sickness of aging, we’re talking about longevity,” she said. “Americans are living longer than ever before. We want people to live and experience the most out of life, no matter what stage of their life or physical ability. “No one wants to go to a place with ‘senior’ in the name,” she continued. “We have 80-year-olds coming in to volunteer with ‘the old

people.’ I love that spunk. People have an image of coming through the doors and seeing old people in wheelchairs. That’s not at all the case. So we wanted a new name to reflect that.” The new name also continues to recognize John and Marlene Boll, who were the lead donors of the campaign that funded the building’s remodel. “They’re the most charming, wonderful people you’d ever want to meet,” Hayes said.

The services

Apart from a new name, The Helm will offer new and expanded programs and services to the community. However, that does not mean it will stop offering services it already provides, including Medicare counseling, free tax assistance, home safety inspections, a medical escort program, Meals on Wheels and Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services. Last year alone, the organization delivered 18,000 Meals on Wheels and gave 20,000 PAATS rides to members of the community. Additionally, it offers academic classes, trips, group activities that promote camaraderie, support groups, exercise classes and volunteer opportunities. “In our newsletter, there’s hundreds of programs and things you can take advantage of,” Hayes said. “Our goal is doing a better job of getting the word out on what we do. People are amazed we do so many things and the variety of things we do.” Hayes said while some people have come to love what The Helm offers, it’s making others aware of those programs that’s been challenging.

“When people come here, they love it,” she said. “But not everyone knows we’re here in spite of the fact we’ve been here 40 years.” The Helm serves seniors age 60 and older and hopes to expand to serve unmet needs it has yet to discover. It plans to reach out to the community to learn what more it can do with the goal of allowing seniors to age in place with dignity, as well as to inspire and enable residents to enjoy longevity, living healthy and meaningful lives as they age. “We want to connect people in the community with resources they need,” Hayes said. “Now we’re also looking at how do we expand our programming. What does the community want? For example, we’re looking at expanding our hours. ... What can we offer late afternoon or early evening to allow people who still work to come in?”

The look

Aesthetically, The Helm takes on a new look in the form of logos, newsletter, website and other items. “We wanted to give a nod to the community,” Hayes said. “We’re a lake community, so we wanted to evoke nature. We’re a senior center, not a yacht club, so we didn’t want a ship’s wheel, but we wanted to give a nod to the beautiful community we’re in and we did that with different colors and textures.” Blue swaths beckon to Lake St. Clair and green leaves reflect the community’s parks and nature. The new look is reflected in The Helm’s new website — helmlife.org — and other materials. “The January/February issue of our newsletter

will be updated and changed,” Hayes said. “We’re turning everything around as fast as we can.” The Helm features the new tagline, “Life’s a journey. Find your way here.” SOC email addresses will work for the next year, Hayes said, but new email addresses have been issued, including the organization’s main email, info@helmlife.org.

The future

With any transition, Hayes doesn’t expect to flip a switch and have everything in place. These things take time, she said. “We’re collectively working on bringing these changes to fruition,” she said. “It’s not just a name change. We’re working to make a difference. “But there’s a fear of change,” she continued. “People think all the good stuff they like is going to go away. That’s not going to happen. The good stuff is going to stay and we’re hoping to expand on that. Change is good.” Hayes said part of the strategic plan is to form more partnerships with groups in the community that also provide services — hospitals, senior groups, service organizations and nonprofits. “We’re already working with some of them, but how can we better partner to further our services in the community?” she asked. Another goal of The Helm is diversifying its sources of income, Hayes said. “We provide a lot of these activities at no charge to the community, but there’s a cost to us,” she said. “How do we tap into other resources?

(The Helm) is one of few agencies not run through a municipality. ... How do we change that a little? We provide important services to each of these communities — the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.” Hayes said people often are misled regarding funding sources for The Helm, a 501(c)3 non-profit. “We are on a hospital campus,” she said. “They own the building and we lease it from them. People think we own such a nice building so we don’t need any money, but we rent and maintain it. That’s not cheap. “With no money, we can’t provide services,” she continued. “We appreciate everything we get from our generous donors. We need it to continue in order to do what we do.” According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the area’s senior population will double in the next 20 years. “Seniors are living longer than ever before and their needs and interests are changing. So are ours,” Hayes said. “We now have a new name, and updated logo and website, to better reflect those needs and interests and convey how The Helm is a place they can return to again and again to create friendships, learn, laugh, heal, share a meal and feel safe.” Hayes said The Helm’s staff is excited their big secret has finally been revealed. “We hope people understand why we’re making the change,” she said. “Change is good.” The Helm at the Boll Life Center is located at 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

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Many of the Grosse Pointe North football players wore names on the backs of their jerseys in honor of those lost to cancer.

Tons of team spirit

A little rain couldn't dampen the community's spirits during the annual North/South Tailgate and football game Oct. 12.



Grosse Pointe South students stand and cheer on their team in the rain.



WDIV-TV Channel 4 meteorologist Brandon Roux knew he was in trouble when someone threw the ball while saying, "This is for all the times you were wrong about the weather." The dunk tank raised money for the American Cancer Society.



Mike Albrecht grills burgers in the rain while Mark Lucchese and Chris Buchta help get them ready for sale. Proceeds benefited the booster club.

Grosse Pointe North student Isabella Cusumano won a school raffle allowing her and two friends to sit on their field side of the fence during the game. From left are Isabella Cusumano, Sidney Brumme, Grace Haynes and North Principal Kate Murray.



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South varsity dance team makes debut

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A lot needs to happen for a high school to add a new varsity team to its athletic offerings. The athletic director, administration and parents must support the team. Students need to demonstrate interest. And a coaching staff needs to be in place.

All this and more aligned for Grosse Pointe South High School's new varsity dance team, which made its debut at South's home football game Sept. 7. Subsequent performances at the homecoming pep rally and football game Sept. 28, continued through football season. Auditions took place in May, with 26 prospects narrowed down to a team of 17 by a panel of independent judges. The girls learned choreography in early August.

Adam Gapczynski, who coaches the team along with his wife, Tracy Halso-Gapczynski, credits Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Christopher Booth for making this opportunity possible for the dancers.

"He was a big proponent (of the team)," Gapczynski said. "The credit should go to the kids, but the opportunity



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Back row from left, Paige Bearse, Lizzy Stapleton, Sofia Smith, Alexandra Ostrowski, Audrey Calcaterra, Audrey Turner, Abby Blyth, Anabel Sweeney and Maya Reeside. Center row, Claire Graff, Ally Carswell, Natalie Gormely, Lilly Morgan, Ellie Kaess and Shontarra Wilkins. Front row, Raegan Rybicki and Tori Huffman.

is totally all Chris. If it wasn't for the athletic director, there wouldn't have been the opportunity for those kids to be athletes in school."

Gapczynski — known in the dance community as Adam Gap — approached Grosse Pointe South about the possibility of a dance team four years ago, when he and his wife opened their studio — Kercheval Dance — on Kercheval in The Village. “Because of the sched-

ule and I think just the understanding of how much work it might be, it was turned down," he said. "But with Chris, he's just so much more open-minded and has giving kids opportunities in mind."

It was the word "opportunity" that sold Booth on the idea after he was approached last May by "two go-getters," Marica Ostrowski and Melissa Smith, both mothers of dancers, about the idea of starting a dance team at

South. Ostrowski and Smith knew about Gapczynski's previous offer and decided to test the waters with the new athletic director.

"If you play a sport, you play your sport," Smith said. "If you sing and dance, you do that for that fabulous choir. But if you just dance, there's nothing (at South) you can do."

Booth said they persuaded him there was a lot of interest and impressed them with

their level of organization. But first, he wanted to meet the coach.

When he asked Gapczynski why he wanted to start a team, "he gave me the perfect answer," Booth said. "It's providing another opportunity for kids."

"For me, it was as easy as convincing people to make it happen," he added. "We got it going and they're doing a great job so far."

Being part of a team, competing, wearing school colors — the team will participate in a high school dance competition in November — and being recognized by peers as athletes is all part of the opportunity South is now providing, Booth said.

The latter was evident by the response among the crowd Spirit Week during homecoming.

"You should have seen the reaction at the pep rally," Booth said. "Not only were (the girls) awesome, they were well organized. ... They're tremendously talented. It's been nothing but a positive experience."

Gapczynski agreed. "When the kids performed at the pep assembly, I felt for a lot of them that was probably the biggest performance of their life because it was

for their peers. If you can put yourself into that teenage perspective, that's a big deal."

For sophomore Raegan Rybicki, who has been dancing since she was three, spending many hours after school in the studio as a competitive dancer precludes participating in other sports offered at the school.

"When I heard there was going to be a dance team at school, I was really excited because it was an opportunity to represent my school," she said.

On the other hand, while she performs regularly in front of audiences and judges, dancing in front of South students was nerve-wracking.

"I think our whole team was very nervous, especially to do the pep rally in front of our peers," she said. "We were very afraid of how they would take it and how they would like it. But I think they ended up liking it a lot because they were very energetic and enthusiastic about the performance and after. ... The energy was super high."

Another benefit of the experience is new friendships. While the team is studio neutral, many of the girls, like Rybicki,

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Denby seeks alumni for 50th reunion

Ticket deadline is Oct. 23

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It can be entertaining, to say the least, getting Denise Ryan and Margie Kosmack in the same room together.

The Grosse Pointe Woods residents and class of 1968 graduates have spent the last year fine-tuning the details of Denby High School's 50th reunion. And while plans are coming along swimmingly for the Nov. 2 event, much of their time together these days is spent reminiscing on their high school years.

"We were the breaking generation — the second half of the baby boomer generation," Ryan said. "Culture was changing so much. We broke a lot of the rules."

Added Kosmack, "That was after the Detroit riots, which happened in the summer of '67. There was a lot of tension in the area. But at the same time, we were protected by our parents and teachers. We didn't realize the full impact of that until

college."

What filled their days as teens were rebellious attitudes and hanging out with friends — both bringing fond memories to the pair, who were in glee club together.

"We had to wear skirts to school," Kosmack said, "even when it was 50-below zero and we had to walk to school."

"I wanted pants," Ryan added. "I had to walk home from school after swim practice in the winter. ... As part of student council I had a standing appointment with the principal. The topic of discussion every month was ... that the dress code should be completely abolished. Boys couldn't wear pocket-patch pants and we had to wear skirts. I said children should have more autonomy to make their own decisions on what to wear."

While she didn't get her way while at Denby, the year after she graduated girls were allowed to wear pants.

Ryan said their genera-



HISTORIC PHOTOS FROM THE 1968 DENBY HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

1968 Denby High School graduates will celebrate their 50th reunion Nov. 2 at Assumption Cultural Center.

tion was the first raised with television and while they watched with their families while eating dinner on TV trays, they also had plenty of fun out of the home. Places like Blazo's, The Grande Ballroom and The Hideout sprung to mind, as did Eastland Mall — "when it was open air" — and dances at Notre Dame High School.

"The Hideout was the hotspot," Ryan said. "You stood shoulder to shoulder and pretended to dance."

Added Kosmack, "You had to wear old shoes because you'd stick to the floor."

The ladies reminisced about the musicians who played there, from Bob Seger to Susie Quatro. They noted that the music at their reunion will reflect the era.

"It'll be a '60s party with music and dancing and food," Ryan said. "The music will defi-

nately sound better than the music that's out now."

Added Kosmack, "We sound like our parents."

The reunion, which takes place 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marder, St. Clair Shores, includes dinner, a deluxe bar, food by Marchiori Catering, music by Party Rockers Entertainment, a photo booth, roving photographer and roving magician.

Kosmack said she's planning a few displays as well.

"My mom was very into news and current events," she said. "She saved magazines — Life, Post, National Geographic — and newspaper articles about Detroit and the riot."

Ryan and Kosmack have done their best to contact as many of the 650 June graduates and 260 January graduates as they could, but they know more people are out there.

They're opening the

reunion to include people who may not have graduated from Denby in 1968.

"With the two classes, the January class also was invited to the reunion," Ryan said. "And anyone else who didn't graduate in 1968 and wanted to or friends — anyone is invited. ... The parochial schools, too — De La Salle, Regina, Dominican, Austin, Notre Dame, Lutheran East, St. David. I had a lot of friends who went to The High (Grosse Pointe High School). They're welcome to come to the reunion, too."

Both women said they look forward to connecting with more former classmates.

"I hope to touch base with as many people as I can," Kosmack said. "I hope to get a glimmer of that feeling — nostalgia. It would be nice to go back for an evening, to see a lot of people I don't get to see anymore. Not to sound maudlin, but this is our last big party."

Members of the class of 1968 are now 68 years old, the women noted. They were born in 1950 and are celebrating their 50th reunion.

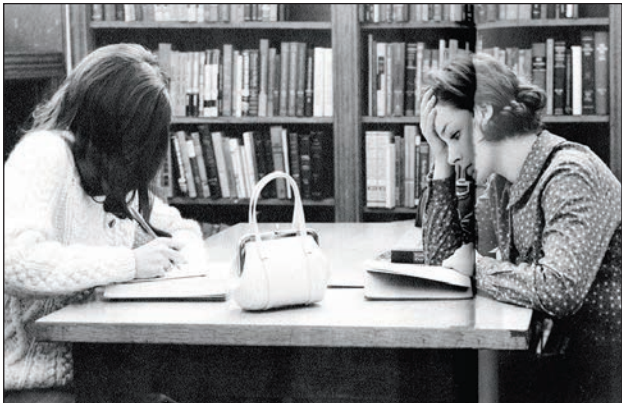
"It was a great school experience," Kosmack said. "Detroit Public Schools did a fantastic job educating us and getting us ready for college."

"It'll be fun to get back together after decades," Ryan said. "We were culture warriors ... on the cutting edge of society evolution."

Tickets for the reunion are \$75 and must be purchased by Tuesday, Oct. 23. Checks, made payable to Denby 1968 Class Reunion, may be mailed to Lynn Frasier Rachwitz, 20901 Yale, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081. For information, email denby1968reunion@att.net.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE PROFILES

Seven candidates present their case why voters should select them to fill three vacant seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education at the ballot box Tuesday, Nov. 6. These profiles are based on interviews with and information provided by each candidate.



Christian Fenton
Age: 67
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: B.A., Hope College; M.B.A., University of Detroit
Occupation/Professional Background: Retired in 2016 as GPPSS Deputy Superintendent (37 years in public education finance)
Volunteer organizations: Active volunteer in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods; active member of Knox Church serving as an elder; Christian education teacher and choir member.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the school district?
The district is faced with program delivery decisions in light of declining enrollment and aging facilities. The Plante Moran Cresa group has forecasted a loss of about 100 students a year and that's going to affect decisions on how that delivery is going to happen. That includes a review of our facilities and how you're delivering the product you want given there are certain

optimum levels to offer a robust program.
We offer some great programs — arts, sports, sciences, technology — and we want to continue to do that to attract families and the best teachers. We have great assets — buildings, fields. Our biggest asset is our staff. We have great teachers and we want to make sure we can continue to hire great teachers. This can develop into a challenge if a prospective teacher sees us as a declining district.
How do you propose managing the challenges?
If the bond is approved, we need to go about the business of completing the projects as outlined. If the bond isn't approved, we need to repackaging it, looking at possibly a larger sinking fund. The sinking fund can only go up to 3 mills. If you were going to take one more mill over 10 years you've got \$26 million. You take that portion and repackaging your bond issue. Whether you go with a sinking fund or a bond, it's a tax increase. There's a core group, no matter what you do, they don't like a tax increase.
Selling buildings is a priority. I'm not in favor of closing the high schools or the middle schools. I am in favor of selling or leasing 389 St. Clair at a minimum. Even by selling 389 or negotiating a long-term lease, you're not going to save money immediately. You've got to relocate everybody. But I think it's the right step.
It's not easy to go

through this process. A lot of people say close a school, as long as you don't close *their* school. I think we need to study closing schools. The administration developed some guidelines and trigger mechanisms if the school hits a certain population and we need to continue to watch that. We also need to protect our green space and continue to offer programs that are challenging and enticing.
Do you support the bond? Why or why not?
I support the bond. I worked for the district for 37-plus years. I supported every millage, sinking fund and bond issue. If the voters say no, we can't wait two more years. We need to come out and take action and present a plan, whether a sinking fund or a bond. But whatever it is, there's going to be a tax increase. What I want to point out to taxpayers is their taxes for the general operations in this district have gone down. They have to go down because it's based on enrollment in the district; it has nothing to do with taxable value.
What makes you uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Education?
I get along with and can work with all kinds of people. I'm a lifelong resident of the Grosse Pointe Public School System with 44 years of financial experience and 37-plus years in public education finance, all of it in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. I am running because I offer a unique perspective to the Board of Education. I have an in-depth knowledge of the district in areas of budget, finance, cost controls, bidding, project management, construction, design, energy, borrowing, enrollment projections, negotiations and staffing. I have been directly involved in the development and/or oversight of our performing arts facilities, building use, "latch key" programs, preschool programs, enrollment projections, residency and long-term planning. I

know the details of the district's buildings and fields and the historic architectural importance of these buildings. The district's success is important to attract families and maintain or improve home values.



Christopher Lee
Age: 71
City: City of Grosse Pointe
Education: B.S., engineering, University of Michigan; M.D., Wayne State University Medical School; Orthopedic Residency, WSU; Orthopedic Fellowship, Stanford University
Occupation/Professional Background: 41 years as a practicing orthopedic surgeon. Full-time faculty, Wayne State University Department of Orthopedics; St. Clair Orthopedics, 1981-present; Chief of Orthopedics, St. John Hospital, 2008-2018; President, St. Clair Orthopedics, 2006-present.
Volunteer organizations: Support for Full Circle, Viet Nam Veterans of America, American Cancer Society, Grosse Pointe Old Devils, Racing for Kids and National Parks Foundation
What do you believe are the main challenges facing the school district?

The No. 1 challenge is our schools are in a terrible state of disrepair. It's my perception that for years, the administration was focused on education and turning out quality students. Year after year they were balancing budgets with textbooks and teacher salaries and paying the electric bill and meanwhile the boilers were getting older and more expensive to repair

and run. I think the current administration took a look at what's going on with the deferred maintenance on these schools. I went to one of the town hall meetings the district hosted and took a tour of the schools this past spring and was shocked to see the shape these boilers were in and how the schools had deteriorated. I think it's really important we repair these schools.
The second issue is declining enrollment. Most school districts are facing the same problem. In order to minimize this trend, we must make our schools more attractive to young families to get them to move into Grosse Pointe.
The third issue is safety. Currently many of our classrooms can't be locked from inside the classroom. Our admission buzzers and cameras are of poor quality. We need those secure vestibules as the safest way to let visitors in. With these national school tragedies, the importance is time. The more time it takes the police to get there and deal with the situation, the more tragedy you have.
How do you propose managing the challenges?
All three of these issues would be improved dramatically by passing the school bond on Nov. 6. All the alternatives have been looked at. The bottom line is, what is the taxpayer going to have to pay? An independent consultant has deemed a certain number of these critical needs that have to be taken care of in three years. For what it's going to cost — less than \$200 a year for most people — you'll get paid back a lot more than that in maintaining your home value and helping our enrollment by attracting new families, which will bring in more state funding. It's a fairly small increase in your taxes to keep our children safe and make our buildings safe, warm and dry.
My opponents are preying on people's fear that all of their money is going to disappear if they vote for this bond. We're not taking

all your money. We're taking \$200 a year and we're giving it back to you in maintaining your property value. The responsible residents I know are voting for the bond.
Do you support the bond? Why or why not?
I am passionately in favor of the bond as a way to solve these challenges. The administration has done the right thing to have the experts come in, assess what's needed and present it to the public. It's an embarrassment to have the schools so obsolete. I strongly believe the strength of our community lies in the schools. Without strong schools, our community is less attractive to new home buyers and our property values plummet. Strong schools will attract more families to Grosse Pointe, helping our school enrollment.
What makes you uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Education?
I have lived in Grosse Pointe more or less continually for 66 years. I've raised nine kids. Six of them have gone completely through the school system and my last three children are enrolled at Pierce Middle School. I believe in my years living here and raising children I offer a unique perspective. Moreover I was unanimously endorsed by all five school unions.



Wendy Saigh
Age: 51
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: A.A., Macomb Community College; B.S., Oakland University; J.D., Michigan State University Law School (formerly

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Detroit College of Law)
Occupation/Professional Background: Attorney
Volunteer organizations: Grosse Pointe Public School System Blue Ribbon committee; Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League; Monteith Elementary School (various activities over the years and Production Center); Brownell Middle School (various activities over the years and Clinic); Grosse Pointe North High School (various committees over the years and Parents Club).

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the school district?

Declining enrollment is an obvious one we need to address. Once we do that, we can address our other big problem, which is our aging buildings and the repair and maintenance that needs to be done.

How do you propose managing the challenges?

If the bond doesn't pass, what I would hope to happen is they need to get subject-matter experts in place to do an assessment, to look at the declining enrollment. There are a variety of different ways. This is going to take a lot of smart people, experts in the field, to figure out how to solve this problem. Maybe we need to reconfigure how we do schools. I don't have any preconceived ideas other than we have to do something and we need to get the experts in the room to help us figure out what that something is.

Once we figure out a plan for the declining enrollment, then we can decide which buildings to repair, get defined scopes of work and competitive bids. I think we should maximize the funds we already have.

Do you support the bond? Why or why not?

I'm not anti-bond. I'm anti *this* bond. I would support a bond that's well informed and that's gone through all these things — the declining enrollment, figuring out if we need to close buildings and, if so, which buildings, when do we have to close those. And we have to maximize the resources we already have. The sinking fund we have now is up to be renewed in 2019. We can go for the maximum sinking fund, do more of a pay-as-you-go approach, see what we get with that money and see what we get from closing or selling buildings. Let's figure out what we need to do moving forward and let's do it in the smartest, most

responsible way we can.
What makes you uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Education?

If the bond passes, I'm in a good position to ensure we're spending that money properly and we have the resource and subject-matter experts putting those estimates and a well-defined scope of work together, making sure contracts are well written and we hold the contractor to that scope of work.

Whether the bond passes or not, I will be able to take my expertise over 20 years of government contracting and business law to try and help. That's what I want to do; I just want to help and I think I can do that with my experience. I think I'm well suited. I have a good skill set to do that. I'm good at working in different functional areas and with a variety of different people. I have the ability to build a consensus and get all those people aimed toward the same goal.



Walter Schwartz

Age: 51
City: Grosse Pointe Woods
Education: B.S., engineering, University of Toledo; M.S., engineering, University of Michigan Dearborn
Occupation/Professional Background: Held a variety of engineering positions at Ford Motor Co. over 20 years, currently as a supervisor; formerly 7-year adjunct faculty member at Lawrence Technological University.
Volunteer organizations: Heavily involved with the Boy Scouts for five years. Currently in the process of starting up a brand new troop and serving as an assistant scoutmaster, treasurer and fundraising chair. Served four years on the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission.

What do you believe are the main challenges facing the school district?

I believe the main challenges facing the school district are aligning the critical needs of our schools, specifically safety and building upgrades and quality, and innovative educational programs

with the financial instability that we currently have.

How do you propose managing the challenges?

I believe a combination of addressing the structural enrollment issue, looking at ways to efficiently optimize spending and in parallel investigating innovative revenue streams to increase quality of education is a much more well-thought-out plan than what is currently proposed.

For example, the medical and automotive industries both have well-paying jobs that go unfilled due to lack of skilled resources. I know firsthand from being in the automotive world there are many skilled positions to be filled like machine programmers, robotic technicians and electricians. The administration should look at a collaborative partnership with businesses such as Ford and GM to develop these prep programs for which the business partner will likely help fund.

Do you support the bond? Why or why not?

I do not support the current bond in the current form. I believe both safety and building upgrades should be a priority and at some point — a year from now — a much more thoroughly planned and reduced revenue request could be proposed. I believe the amount of the requested bond is greatly inflated and will not benefit the students, teachers or community to the extent of the funding.

The main example I could provide is there are over \$27 million in fees contained within the bond with absolutely zero dollars actually going into schools. The breakdown is \$7 million in contingency fees; \$6 million in on-site project management; \$6 million in professional fees; and \$8 million in architectural service fees.

Another reason this bond is premature and inflated is we have not addressed the fundamental structural issue of declining enrollment and overall spending. The way this should be handled is to first establish a plan for how many schools we

need based on enrollment projections. If one or more schools need to be aggregated into the remaining ones, then the bond should likely not include funding for those schools that are no longer required. The claim the board approved a resolution with triggers simply amounts to saying when the schools reach a certain enrollment level the board will then start developing a plan. The schools are already well under their capacity levels; a plan should already be in place to address this.

What makes you uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Education?

I've been in the business world for a number of years. Delivering quality projects within the framework of a budget is a standard business practice, which in my view is in dire need within the context of our education system. My professional experience includes acting as project manager responsible for developing plant capital installation needs, associated budgets and the actual installation during plant shutdowns. This may prove to be valuable experience when it comes to upgrading the district's facilities with new capital equipment. As an adjunct faculty member at LTU, I have an understanding of how to prepare students for higher education.



John Shook

Age: 54
City: Grosse Pointe Farms
Education: B.S., mining engineering, Montana School of Mines; M.B.A., Case Western Reserve University
Occupation/Professional Background: Engineering

Volunteer organizations: Past president, Michigan Basin Geological Society; Publication manager and committee member, Grosse Pointe Young Life

What do you think are the main challenges facing the school district?

No. 1 is financial and accountability. Even though it's been said a majority said the bond was required, when you walk the schools, there are some needs, but it makes you wonder after a billion dollars of taxpayer money has been provided to the district the past 10 years — it's almost \$100 million dollars a year — where has the rest gone? That is, the balance that wasn't responsible for salaries, wages and benefits.

When they know a roof needs to be replaced in five, 10, 15 years, why isn't money being set aside? Why aren't these repairs being made? To see how this budget process unfolds and places an undue burden on one generation and possibly multiple generations under the guise of a \$183 million bond? It's not \$111 million. It's \$183 million of disposable income that will be coming out of the Grosse Pointes for 20 years. It takes away from people's savings. That is absolutely reckless.

How do you propose managing the challenges?

It's not my responsibility to make the cuts. It's the superintendent's responsibility to isolate and to enact policies, procedures and accountability. It is his job to properly spend the Wayne County enhancement millage and the sinking fund — a total of \$5.2 million. However the numbers shake out,

the school district has a budget this year of \$103 million. The superintendent needs to enact a cost-cutting, waste reduction of 5 to 6 percent to come up with the \$10 million they all claim is required to maintain our buildings.

As for deferred maintenance, you're going to have to make up. You're going to have to get back on track.

Do you support the bond? Why or why not?

The majority of the community is very concerned about sustainability of our education system. They are petrified of insolvency and having an emergency manager come in and have to straighten this place out. And look at what's happening. You have declining enrollment. There are business metrics that anyone can use to analyze what's happening in this district. The district needs to be proactive and plan for less enrollment. And they haven't even paid off the debt from the prior bond.

The lack of transparency and the lack of thoroughness is what's going to drag this bond down.

What makes you uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Education?

My 35 years of business experience as an engineer, project manager and project superintendent make me uniquely qualified. I've managed people in Ohio, Boston, Texas, California. I had my own construction company. If you're looking for somebody that is highly qualified to address these issues and lead, I'm your guy.

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School district receives clean audit, raises fund balance

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Plante Moran’s report on the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s financial statements included two major pieces of good news — an unmodified opinion on the 2018 fiscal year audit and an increase in fund balance to 10 percent.

An independent audit is required for the district to be in compliance with state law, according to Plante Moran Partner Lisa Vargo. The audit began after the books closed on the 2018 fiscal year ending June 30, and the auditors presented their findings at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Oct. 8.

“I’m very happy to announce that you do have an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that we as auditors can give you that your financial statements are free of material misstatements,” said Vargo.

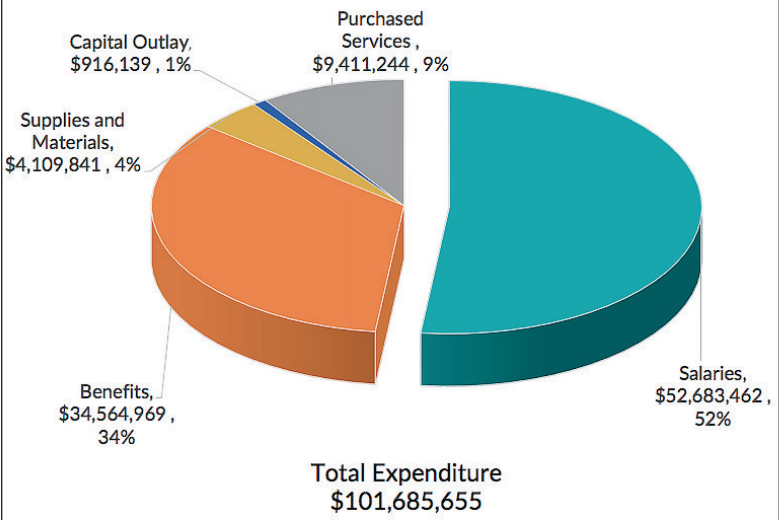
Revenue

According to Vargo, the largest portion of \$105.3 million in revenue — approximately 66 percent — comes from the state. This includes the state portion of the per-student foundation allowance as well as categorical funding. For example, included in the state revenue is \$7.8 million — including a one-time special allocation of \$1.3 million — in funding for the retirement system. This money, while reported as revenue, is immediately remitted to fund the retirement system.

The next largest component of general fund revenues at 23 percent is local revenue of \$23.9 million comprised primarily of property tax revenue. The inter-district revenue is \$6.2 million, or 6 percent, from special education funding from Wayne County RESA and the Wayne County enhancement millage revenue is \$2.6 million, or 3 percent, this year, compared to \$2.7 million the prior year. This is a five-year enhancement millage approved by Wayne County voters initially projected to be \$3.1 million each year.

Expenditures

General fund expenditures total approximately \$101.6 million. Total salaries are \$52.6 million, benefits \$34.5 million and “other expenses” —



defined as purchases, services and capital outlay — are \$14.4 million.

“As you would expect of an organization such as a school district made up of people, the largest component of the expenditures is the salaries and benefits,” said Vargo. “Salaries and benefits comprise 86 percent of the total expenditures. This would be comparable to last year and it is also comparable to other districts that we see. The majority of school districts would be between 80 percent and higher.”

Of a total employee benefit expense of \$34.5 million, the largest component is \$21.2 million for retirement costs. This includes approximately \$7.8 million provided by the state. The other largest portion are health care costs at \$9.3 million, followed by \$4 million for Social Security. Health care costs remained consistent with last year, increasing by approximately \$25,000, Vargo said.

Budgeted versus actual

According to Partner Laura Claeys, the final adopted budget approved by the board in June showed budgeted revenue of \$105.3 million and expenditures of \$103 million, with expected total revenue exceeding expenditures by \$2.1 million.

The actual audited results for the year ending June 30, 2018, showed revenue at \$105.3 million and expenditures of \$101.7 million, with revenue exceeding expenditures by \$3.7 million.

Fund balance

The district also added to the fund balance this year, as reflected in “a snapshot in time as of June 30,” said Claeys. Fund balance, also referred to as fund equity or a rainy day fund, is the difference between the district’s

assets and liabilities at year end in the general fund. Fund balance often is reflected as a percentage of the operating budget as a whole. The law requires school districts with reserve funds of less than 5 percent of their general fund budget to send reports to the state.

According to Board President Brian Summerfield, the district fund balance was at 1.97 percent in 2013 and “rebuilding fund equity to at least 10 percent has been a long-term goal for the district. It was only made possible by working together with the entire community, particularly our staff, over the last few years.”

Beginning the fiscal year with \$6.8 million in fund balance, the district added \$3,688,000 to end the year with a fund balance of \$10.5 million, according to Claeys. Taking pre-paid or assigned expenditures into account, the unassigned fund balance is \$10.3 million.

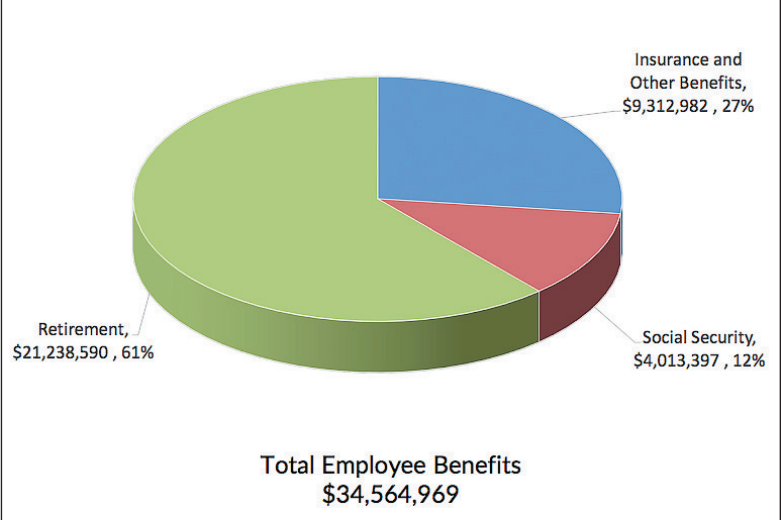
According to Claeys, Michigan School Business Officials recommend 15 percent fund balance to

provide adequate coverage if there’s a cash shortfall or changes at the state level. The statewide average as of June 30, 2017 is 12.79 percent.

‘Rebuilding fund equity ... has been a long-term goal for the district.’

BRIAN SUMMERFIELD
President, Board of Education

“You’ve always had a target of 10 percent,” she said. “There were many, many years that you were very far away from that percentage. Right now, as the year ended June 30, 2018, you’re at 10.4 percent. Ten million dollars seems like an awful lot of money and it really is, but to put it into perspective, if you took the total expenditures the district has of \$101 million, divided it by a weekly expenditure, if everything stopped and all you had left was the fund balance left to spend, the district would have 5.4 weeks of operational costs to cover that.”



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Looking ahead

Claeys noted with the enhancement millage set to expire in three years, those funds were managed “in a responsible manner.” She concluded her presentation by commending the administration and business office “in the work they’ve done balancing the budget this year and being very fiscally responsible,” in particular Lisa Abbey, deputy superintendent for business and operations, and Dee Ann Irby, director of business operations.

“I know Lisa and Dee Ann spent a lot of time working with each of the buildings and showing them what their budgets were, how it works, how to monitor the budget,” Claeys said. “I think that really helps ... because people are being very attentive to their budgets.”

For the future, Claeys recommended keeping an eye on what’s happening at the state level, potential changes in support with a new governor in place, and the resource allocation from the state for the retirement system.

“You’re required to participate in the system, (the state provides) some level of funding to support that, but it is an enormous cost for the district and something that’s important to monitor,” she said.

While this year reflected an increase in foundation allowance from the state, “what we have seen happening is there are statewide enrollment declines because the birth rate is lower,” she said, adding, “Even with those increases, it’s not keeping pace with the cost of education.”

She also recommended balancing capital needs with resources.

“You do have the sinking fund and you’ve used that judiciously. ... In your operations and maintenance area, this past year you spent about \$1.2 million of general fund money on repairs and maintenance within the district. ... No emergencies came up, but to the extent that those types of things come up, the resources for those types of things would come out of the general fund.”

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Members of South's Blue Devils dance team perform "Push It" at its first half-time performance Sept. 7.

DANCE:

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dance at Kercheval Dance. Rybicki said she has made "new friendships inside the dance team at school and carried that over into friendships at the studio."

Finally, Rybicki said she feels the dance team provides more performance opportunities in front of large crowds and an additional chance to compete outside of a studio setting.

"Every aspect of the dance team helps some way outside of dance," she said. "It helps us in school and everything."

Balancing school and their commitment to their dance studios is a priority to Gapczynski, who said many of the dancers are straight-A students.

"They take school very seriously, which is important," he said. His role as coach is "just trying to get the best out of the kids and push them to find it within themselves, because as adults and coaches you know there's a lot inside of them and they just have to find it."

As parent managers, Smith and Ostrowski do

Raegan Rybicki shows off the varsity dance team's new logo.

their best to make the experience fun by organizing traditional team activities such as pasta parties and T-shirt tie-dyeing.

"We do a lot of team building," Smith said. "We're trying to really mimic the experience of being on a sports team. We try to build that team camaraderie and make it a full, fun experience for these girls."

So far the experience for the dancers, "who took a huge leap of faith in joining this new team," according to Smith — and the reception from fellow students and community has been "over-

whelmingly positive." With its final half-time performance Friday, Oct. 19, the team looks ahead to the Dance Team Union Regional Competition at Grand Blanc High School Nov. 3. For more information about the high school dance competition, go to danceteamunion.com/regionals.

Smith credits pro-bono coaching and choreography from Kercheval Dance and funding from local sponsors and the Boosters club as instrumental to the team's success.

"A couple of moms and a dance studio and athletic director made this happen out of thin air with no money," said Smith. "All of the stars kind of aligned to make this happen."

Support the team by stopping by Bogart's Food and Spirits, 17441 Mack, Detroit, before or after the team's final performance Friday, Oct. 19, or Atwater in the Park, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, after 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, to celebrate the Blue Devils' first competition weekend. Both sponsors are donating a portion of their proceeds to the team.

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Dr. Joel Kahn

Joel Kahn, MD, is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine and practices cardiology in Grosse Pointe Farms. He is a clinical professor of medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is a frequent lecturer and author on the topic of heart disease reversal.

His book, The Whole Heart Solution, is available now and combines nutritional, Eastern, and Western approaches to preventing America's number-one killer. His newest book, Dead Execs Don't Get Bonuses: The Ultimate Guide To Survive Your Career With a Healthy Heart, discusses how your health and lifestyle are interlinked.

With the help of his wife, Karen and his son, Daniel, the Kahns opened GreenSpace Café, metro Detroit's first plant-based restaurant and bar inspired by health, as well as global culinary traditions and Detroit's exciting artisan food culture.

The Faircourt Dental Smile Mission will be accepting donations for their trip to Malawi, Africa over Christmas. They will be giving the gift of Maize as they are in desperate need of food.

Dr. Reza Dabir was born in Paris, France and currently resides in greater Detroit with his wife and two children. He studied medicine at the Dundee University School of Medicine in Dundee, Scotland and currently serves at Beaumont Hospital Dearborn as Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery.

Dr. Dabir's professional medical interests are focused on adult cardiovascular surgery, valve reconstruction surgery, complex coronary surgery, vascular surgery and endovascular surgery.

With more than a dozen publications, two inventions and several patents in his name, Dr. Dabir is passionate about the surgical field, but is equally interested in improving the tools and methods that surgeons use in the operating room.

Dr. Reza Dabir

Week Ahead

FRI.-SAT., OCT. 19-20
◆ Grosse Pointe South High School’s show choirs kick off the 2018-19 season with 7 p.m. performances Friday and Saturday at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The shows feature all four choirs: The Pointe Singers, The Tower Belles, South Singers and Sounds of South, as well as the extracurricular a cappella group, The Suspensions, and solo performances. Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org and Duffey & Co., 15210 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens. Gold Cards are accepted at Duffey & Co. and at the door. Visa, Mastercard and Discover cards are accepted and a 50 cent convenience fee applies to all on-line ticket purchases. Contact the choir office at (313) 423-3638 for more information.

A sticky situation



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Maire Elementary School Principal Ryan Francis promised students they could duct tape him to the wall if they met their fundraising goal of \$25,000 for this year’s Fun Run Oct. 12. Students and families raised this money in three weeks through Fun Run pledges. As a result, all students, from Young 5’s through grade 5, paired up Oct. 8, to stick it to their principal. Pictured are kindergarteners Piper Rumohr, on step, and Ava Schaupeter.

Blessings

With the help of the Rev. Craig F. Marion, second graders at St. Paul Catholic School made 125 sandwiches Sept. 28. “I was blessed to assist Mrs. Meyer’s and Mrs. Mansfield’s classes with making sandwiches for the poor last Friday,” said Marion, associate pastor at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, who added the sandwiches would be distributed from the Good Shepherd Church on Parkview in Detroit. “May God Bless Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Mansfield and their dedicated students,” Marion said. He also recognized the Knights of Columbus for their support.



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Addie Wrobel-Szkola, William Shore, Jake Campbell, Ellie Juip, Lily Winiarski, Grace Bieri, Matteo Marciano, Kishan Zelmanski and Evan Starrs with Father Craig.

Garage sale supports South’s choirs

The Grosse Pointe South High School Choir Boosters is hosting its annual mega-garage sale Saturday, Oct. 27, to Sunday, Oct. 28, in South’s choir room, 11 Grosse

Pointe Blvd. Doors are open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Donations may be dropped off in the multipurpose room Monday, Oct. 22 to

Thursday, Oct. 25. To schedule a donation pickup, contact the choir office at (313) 432-3638, Lauren Wilson at (313) 410-1686 or laurenwilson373@gmail.com.

NORTH:

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industry and leading to his first Broadway show, “The Visit,” also directed by Doyle and starring Chita Rivera and Roger Rees.

Abud began rehearsals with “The Visit” two months after “Allegro” ended.

“I saw the opportunity was there and I seized the moment,” he said. “Fortunately enough, (Doyle) took a chance on me again and put me in this Broadway show. I was only 24 at the time. That was spring of 2015. It was thrilling.”

“The Visit” ran about four months, not achieving commercial success due in large part to its dark tone, Abud said.

“I don’t think people responded to it, although I think it was an excellent show,” he said. “It was more of an artistic risk by the team.”



Current ad for “The Band’s Visit” on Broadway, featuring George Abud and Katrina Lenk.

Late in 2015, Abud was cast in an off-Broadway show at the Atlantic Theatre Company called “The Band’s Visit.” The production was such a hit, it moved to Broadway. “If a show is really liked off-Broadway, there’s a chance it can move to Broadway, meaning commercial producers invest enough money into it,” Abud said.

Performances started at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre Oct. 7, 2017, and the show officially opened Nov. 9, 2017, winning 10 Tony awards, including best musical, best music and best lyrics.

“It won one of the most amount of Tony awards any Broadway show has won in history,” Abud said. “Only six other shows have won 10 or more

throughout history.”

The show, about an Egyptian musical band, was a perfect fit for Abud, merging “everything I like to do. It merged acting with a character who actually plays Egyptian music. It was wild that this even existed.” As the character Camal, Abud played the violin. He also was involved in the development of the show, working closely with the composer, David Yazbek.

Abud left the show about a month ago. His contract was up and he decided, after three

years, it was time to take on a new project. He is now working with the Classic Stage Company on another off-Broadway show called “The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui” based on a 1941 play by the German playwright Bertolt Brecht and also directed by Abud’s idol, Doyle.

“After having admired this man my whole life, now I’m the male actor who’s done the most John Doyle productions,” Abud said. “This is my fourth show with him.”

The production is still

at the rehearsal stage, with performances set to begin Oct. 30.

Abud will not be playing the violin this time. After having gone from not wanting to audition for a musical as a high school freshman to performing in two musicals on Broadway as an adult, he has come full circle back to acting.

“It’s very nice to get back to my roots,” he said.

Contact Mary Anne Brush at mbrush@grossepointenews.com with recommendations on alumni to feature.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Jodi Stevens

School: Grosse Pointe South High School
Years at South: 8 (30 years in district; previously taught at Parcels Middle and Monteith Elementary schools)
Grade/Subject: Grades 9-12; Freshman English, Freshman Assist, American Literature and a semester English course called Critical Reading and Writing through Athletics
Nominated by: Moussa Hamka, principal
Principal’s quote:

“Jodi has been serving students with kindness, compassion and love for over 35 years. She is dedicated to working with our at-risk students and has spearheaded our Freshman Assist reading program at South. Jodi also developed the Reading and Writing Through Athletics course to leverage students passion for athletics to fuel greater engagement in English. Jodi is known for her smile and unwavering commitment to serving students.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I enjoy the challenge of figuring out how to get the best out of each of my students. I also enjoy the relationships I establish with my students and their parents. We have the best young people at South and their parents are so supportive.

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

Overall, I’m proud that I have sustained the ability to move most students from the new to the known. Specifically, I am proud of the Freshman Assist program I started at South. This is a program for students who need extra strategy instruction in reading. Each year, students in this class gain an average of three years of reading growth. This would not have been possible without administrative support; being trusted to work with stu-



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dents based on sound research practices instead of commercialized kits and boxes.

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

“Other People’s Children,” by Lisa Delphit. The book discusses how cultural mismatches in the classroom between teacher and student can create unintended bias and ineffective teaching. It also serves as a reminder that relationship-building is critical between teacher and student.

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FROM: John Shook

SUBJECT: Grosse Pointe Public School System \$111 million Bond Proposal

The GP school system is a great school district with legacy standing, great coaches and HOMEGROWN state champion sports teams. Our community enjoys the benefit of strong families with a foundation of faith and local churches.

It is our community. It is our home. We have raised our children here, and one day maybe our children will return to raise their children.

I am committed to strengthening our community and schools through thoughtful and intelligent insight, consistent with our values and the legacy with which we have been entrusted.

The only agenda I have is to preserve and sustain the Grosse Pointe Public School System, which is why my campaign is 100% self-funded, no donations from special interests.

The Past

If you voted “no” on the 2014 tech bond, you’ll want to vote “no” on this bond, too.

In February 2014, Grosse Pointe voters repelled a \$50 million tech bond by an overwhelming majority that would have invested in technology, which by most standards is already OBSOLETE.

A large bi-partisan group of generational, blue-collar, middle manager, and executive families along with many TEACHERS and GP business owners OPPOSE this bond. I encourage everyone to do the same for the FACTS presented below.

Where we are today

Rather than rely on news outlets to communicate my views, I have joined others to voluntarily invest energy and resources to bring you these FACTS. We do this because we love our community, our families, our neighbors and friends.

According to PLANTE MORAN, GPPSS’s current administration has not been able to manage to their budget in the last three years.

Major considerations for young families

Capital markets have begun to correct. The recent return of stock market volatility is a harbinger of a long overdue return to higher mortgage rates. The Federal Reserve will work to unwind over \$4 trillion in debt instruments on its balance sheet in the next handful of years.

Despite the GPPSS’s access to nearly \$1 billion taxpayer dollars over the last 10 years, multiple board majorities and administrations have allowed physical deterioration of OUR schools.

During these last 10 years our schools were SAFE, WARM, DRY and CONNECTED, and yielded tens of thousands graduates that have gone on to college, graduated and are succeeding in the REAL WORLD.

HOWEVER, nearly the same school board majority with oversight for facility repairs, maintenance, finance and budgets, NOW DECLARE OUR SCHOOLS are UNSAFE, COLD, WET and DISCONNECTED.

NOW TO SAVE FACE AND TO CORRECT THE PROBLEMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE, THE ADMINISTRATION AND BOARD MAJORITY WANT TAXPAYERS TO PAY FOR A \$183,000,000 TOTAL COST BOND to be repaid over the next 20 years.

Should this bond pass, it will send a dangerous precedent for many generations: it is OK to allow our schools and facilities to deteriorate, because we will be REWARDED WITH A BOND TO REPAIR them.

Did you know only \$5.1 million of the \$88.7 million has been earmarked for school security? Did you know there are almost 400% MORE DOLLARS earmarked for TECHNOLOGY THAN SECURITY?

Our student enrollment is PROJECTED TO DECLINE BY 500 students in the next five years alone. Compared to capacity, CURRENT ENROLLMENT AT OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS VARIES BETWEEN 54% at Poupard to 84% at Maire. Every parent we know wants the ABSOLUTE BEST educational facilities for their children so they can become MORE SUCCESSFUL than prior generations.

GPPSS hired a consultant to perform a critical needs analysis of school buildings. The accompanying table lists the stated bond focus and dollar amounts:

Consultant Critical Needs Analysis Summary		
Site	\$2.7 mil	Total Costs Total Construction \$88.7 mil Contingency \$7.1 mil Soft Costs \$15.4 mil Bond Proposal \$111.2 mil
Buildings	\$6.1 mil	
Interior	\$16.6 mil	
Plumbing	\$2.0 mil	
HVAC	\$31.6 mil	
Electrical	\$4.9 mil	
Security	\$5.1 mil	Interest \$72.0 mil Total Taxpayer Cost \$183.2 mil
Technology (incl. electrical)	\$19.4 mil	
Total Construction	\$88.7 mil	

As shown, interest payments of \$72 million result in \$40 of every \$100 going just for INTEREST! Only \$60 of every \$100 would be used for construction. Most disturbing, NOT ONE of the consultant’s estimates was based on a Scope of Work (SOW) analysis. This allows funds to be APPROPRIATED ELSEWHERE, PERHAPS TO BUILD FIBER NETWORKS?

Rather, all line items are mere estimates. And now we know the recent Maire vestibule, included as part of this program, will actually cost nearly 100% more than previously estimated.

The consultant’s other estimates could also be grossly IN ERROR leading to COST OVER-RUNS and fewer completed projects.

This bond provides NO GUARANTEE that all projects will be completed, and NO ACCOUNTABILITY.

Studies have recognized the GPPSS declining student enrollment, and forecast a continued decline of over 100 students per year for the next 5-10 years.

Per the consultants study, GPPSS operates 13 school buildings that are utilized to only 50-65% of their design capacity.

Along with past and present schoolteachers, staff, and school board members, I served on the recent Blue Ribbon Committee. We received data confirming the enrollment decline and underutilized buildings and their proposed roadmap for district buildings needing repair.

Despite the opportunity to review other options, the BRC concluded the only solution was to present voters with this \$183,000,000 total cost bond.

The Future Where Every Resident Would Share the Cost

Each resident will be affected, whether they own or rent in the GP’s. Taxes will rise and rents will INCREASE putting less money in our pockets to meet family expenses. Some have claimed the 1.5 millage rate is only dollars per day. However the TRUTH is far more IMPOSING. The ACTUAL BOND LANGUAGE places the first year millage rate at 1.82 mills—21% higher than claimed—and the average rate over the remaining 19 years is estimated to be 2.21 mills—47% higher than the 1.5 mills claimed.

Costs to be inflicted on GP residents and families are significantly higher than proponents would have you believe. Home values will be affected by a higher tax burden, especially when combined with higher forecast mortgage interest rates. Young families will have an incentive to seek other, more affordable communities.

Be advised that the \$111,000,000 bond listed on the November 6th ballot does not include the substantial interest payment required over 20 years. That interest expense alone will be \$73,000,000 or \$400 per every \$1,000 borrowed.

This bond, if passed, will REMOVE \$9,000,000 per year in disposable family income from our community—until the bond is paid off in 20 years! This is less money for our prestigious local businesses like Fresh Farms Market, Jerry’s, The Hill, Girlie Girl, Woods Wholesale, Starbucks, among many others. Costco will become the new place to grab a cup of coffee, nosh while you shop, and grab a pizza slice at the picnic table on the way out.

If this bond passes, IT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT RESIDENTS OF EVERY SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS—especially the most financially vulnerable.

If this bond passes, that \$183,000,000 total cost, combined with unpaid prior bond balances estimated to be \$35,000,000, will result in debt service of \$218,000,000 or nearly a QUARTER of a BILLION DOLLARS!

How we solve the problem – One Possible Solution

PLANTE MORAN recommended that GPPSS consider utilizing the sinking fund rather than raising debt to repair buildings.

Rather than belt-tightening, the current Board and administration has chosen the MOST COSTLY PATH for taxpayers by putting this \$183 million dollar proposal on the November ballot.

Fortunately, there is a solution developed with input from many of the community’s residents: mothers and fathers, teachers and engineers along with the brightest young and experienced business talent.

This is the aggressive, project management path:

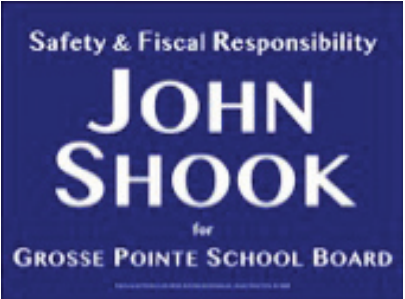
1. Review the critical needs and prioritize the most important & critical.
2. Develop Scope of Work for each project line item.
3. Pursue Design & Engineering or Design-Build Contract Opportunities with qualified firms.
4. Assemble a construction schedule and pro forma cost analysis
5. Pursue funding as follows:

Responsible Alternative	
Needs:	
Total Construction	\$88.7 mil
Less Tech component	-\$19.4 mil
Actual Critical Needs	\$69.3 mil
Annual Critical Needs	\$8.6 mil per year over 8 years
A Way Forward:	
Annual Critical Needs	\$8.6 mil
Less Current Sinking Fund	-\$2.6 mil
Less Wayne County Millage	-\$3.1 mil
GPPSS contribution from savings	\$2.9 mil or 2.8% of 2018-19 budget

Lets get this done. Join me to vote NO on this bond, because there is a better way that will save GP residents \$114,000,000 over the next 20 years. This is something we can all support.

John Shook

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Turning 20

Kids on the Go celebrates two decades with a roar

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

On the heels of completing its 20th summer serving children with special needs by offering summer camp experiences free of charge, Kids on the Go invites supporters to celebrate and support the organization at a fall gala event.

“For our 20th year, we decided to have a gala called, ‘Roaring into our ’20s,’ at the Gem & Century Theaters, which will be a fun stage to celebrate this milestone,” said Kristy Schena, Kids on the Go founder and director. “We anticipate another sellout.”

Kids on the Go — where “fun is therapeutic” since 1999 — hosts the event 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Gem & Century, 333 Madison, Detroit.

The evening includes WDIV-TV meteorologist Brandon Roux as emcee, live music by Grosse Pointe jazz trio Ed Cantrell & Friends, strolling dinner, live auction and raffles. The Speakeasy Raffle, featuring a trip to Ireland, is sponsored by Jameson Irish Whiskey. A second raffle features the winner’s choice of one of four vacations.

“Roaring ’20s attire is encouraged, but not required,” Schena said.

Some auction items include an art deco necklace donated by edmund t. AHÉE jewelers; vintage jewelry circa 1920 courtesy of Michael Agnello



Physical therapist Renee Piciak and Alex during multidisciplinary camp in the new gym.

Jewelers, unique Detroit Zoo experiences donated by the Cotton and Cullen families and a night at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board for 20 guests courtesy of Bruce Dall.

Several other items will be auctioned off as well, including a California wine-tasting trip, court-side Michigan State University seats by the Spartan bench for a Big 10 matchup and, “the ultimate golfer’s dream vacation,” Schena said.

“Even if you can’t attend, if you’re out of town or can’t make it for whatever reason, you can

still register to bid online,” she continued.

Tickets cost \$150 and are available online at kidsonthegocamp.ejoinme.org/attend.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit expansion of Kids on the Go’s programming. Schena said she hopes to bring programs to children and teens year round, rather than summer only.

If the success of programs introduced this year is any indication, more programs are warranted.

“Our Teens to Work program took off this year,” she said. “I’d like to



Speech therapist Amanda Bungard reviews the theme of the week with McKenzie.

expand that to during the school year. ... We hope to expand with ... new programs, including flag football with (Buffalo Bills kick returner) Taiwan Jones and Coach Kevin Shubnell.

“All our new programs — Fun & Fitness, LEGOs & Robotics and Teens to Work — were successful and requested to bring the programs back for 2019,” she continued. “We provided a new record of awarding 325 scholarships with over 25 different sessions this summer. And our Aug. 9 event had 450 current and former students and families come together at Assumption Cultural Center. Students came back to share their success stories and parents gave credit to Kids on the Go for helping their children maintain

skills during the summer months.”

Schena said she formed fun partnerships through Kids on the Go.

“We were excited to team up with Detroit Pasta Co., and Brian Owen, who lives in Grosse Pointe,” she said. “He taught our teens how to make pasta during their last class of the

summer. And Pepperoni Grille hosted a pizza-making class at their restaurant for our social skills kids for their last class, so they could practice the skills they learned during the summer months.”

She hopes next year to collaborate with other cooking programs as well.

“I like the teamwork we can all do together,” she said.

Kids on the Go’s 20th summer was its first at its new home, the former Pare Elementary School in St. Clair Shores. Schena said she was more than pleased with the new location, as were Kids on the Go families.

“The feedback from families and staff was unanimous,” she said. “Our new home is

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Carrie gets a hand on the new climbing wall from a Kids on the Go occupational therapist.



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Anne Roberts and Joseph Palazzolo tickle the ivories in advance of the Oct. 27 concert.

Keys to happiness

Dueling piano concert planned Oct. 27

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

First-time partners Anne Roberts and Joseph Palazzolo have their work cut out for them.

The experienced pianists perform a dueling pianos concert 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

“It is a non-Michigan football day,” Roberts said, adding they made sure to schedule it as such.

And that’s just the tip of the iceberg as far as planning for the concert is concerned.

Practice for the pair began end of May. Each practices at their respective homes, “but then we have to put the two moving parts

together,” Palazzolo said. “We’ve been rehearsing weekly all summer.”

The partnership for this appearance formed after Roberts’s pal, Susan Weiss, with whom she performed a dueling pianos show last year, moved to Houston.

“Anne was crestfallen and asked me if I would consider doing dueling pianos with her,” Palazzolo said.

The concert is centered on “An American in Paris,” but also features, “a lot of recognizable tunes, where you know you’ve heard it somewhere before,” Palazzolo said.

From Rachmaninov to Bach, the show features, “a little bit of everything,” Roberts said.

“Joseph picks good music that the audience likes.”

Additionally, Palazzolo, who started playing piano at age 7, plans to share tidbits about each piece before it’s played, to entertain and educate the audience.

“Joseph is a good talker,” Roberts said. “People love to hear about the composer, how the music evolved. In a smaller venue, it’s not uncommon for the performer to give biographical information about the pieces.”

While the pair has known each other 16 years, performing together — in public — is new.

“In 2011, I did take lessons with Joseph,” said Roberts,

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Michael Charters M.D., left, and Trevor North M.D., both fellowship-trained joint replacement surgeons, bring their expertise to Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage for outpatient knee replacement surgery patients.

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Henry Ford surgeons lead the way in joint replacement

If you're living with chronic knee or hip pain, it may be time to seek out joint replacement surgery. Trevor North M.D., and Michael Charters M.D., two fellowship-trained joint replacement surgeons, provide outpatient knee replacement surgery at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms. "Fellowship-trained" means the surgeon has achieved the highest level of training and dedication to the field.

With advancements in the field of joint replacement, most patients recover quickly and, after time, can take on activities they did before experiencing joint pain. "People are able to get back into everything from walking, swimming, biking, hiking, rollerblading, skiing or whatever they enjoyed doing before," North said. "I even had a patient who enjoyed climbing the Alps in Europe after they've had a hip replace-

ment with me. They get back to that level of activity prior to the development of arthritis." Damage from arthritis, including osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, is the most common reason for knee joint replacement. Doctors recommend surgery after the patient has tried other less invasive treatments, including weight loss, medications and physical therapy. Patients may be good candidates for joint replacement surgery if pain interferes with daily activities, such as climbing stairs or walking. North said there have been several changes the past decade that have helped reduce the time patients spend in the hospital after surgery. Some patients may even be candidates for outpatient

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University of Michigan and served as the first medical director of the Detroit Medical Center Advanced Laser Treatment Center. She is the creator of the CosmedicDerm Professional Skin Care line, products formulated with green tea, vitamin- and fruit-based antioxidants and retinol, all of

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joint replacement, he said.

Physicians at Henry Ford use an anesthetic technique that allows patients the ability to get up and walk around shortly after surgery without pain.

"It's a local anesthetic block that helps with pain, but it doesn't weaken the muscles," North said. "Patients retain their motor strength and their knee feels like their own, but the pain is significantly reduced."

In addition, physicians are using newer techniques that minimize blood loss during joint replacement surgery.

Advances in robotics also are used. At Henry Ford, a team of physicians, nurses and other healthcare workers are dedicated to joint replacement services only, and special nurse educators help patients before and after surgery.

"We're at the point now with these techniques that many patients are able to go home the day of their joint replacement," North said. "Five or six years ago, that was unheard of in most parts of the world. We have progressed rapidly because of the resources we have. By 2025, we expect that 40 percent of replacements will be in an outpatient setting. Henry Ford is one of the leaders in that arena."

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Hamzavi Dermatology celebrates first year

“We are really comprehensive here,” said Meredith Price M.D. “All encompassing. So for whatever issue patients have been struggling with, we can offer treatment.”

Opening its doors a little more than a year ago, Hamzavi Dermatology Grosse Pointe provides a wide range of services.

“We treat conditions of the skin, hair and nails and we cover pretty much everything from medical, surgical and aesthetics,” Price said. “In talking about medical conditions, (we treat) psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, acne, rosacea, things of that nature. Surgically, treatment of skin cancers and benign removals or bothersome lesions like cysts or palmas. Aesthetically, of course botox, fillers, different methods of rejuvenation like microneedling and another new technology



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Meredith Price M.D., and her staff at Hamzavi Dermatology.

we are going to be bringing in called PRP, platelet rich plasma.”

PRP treatment uses the patient’s blood, spun in a centrifuge to separate out the layers, said Price. One of the layers is PRP, which can then be used

as an injection, coupled with microneedling for treatment of scarring or even hair restoration by stimulating hair follicle growth. Price said PRP technology will be available in the near future.

Hamzavi also offers

Mohs surgery for skin cancers — the only place in Grosse Pointe to offer the tissue-sparing treatment, said Price — as well as Excimer laser and Q-switch laser treatments for pigment conditions.



Meredith Price M.D.

“Q-switch is used for the treatment of sunspots — we call them lentigo or lentiginos — tattoo removal and also treatment of certain birthmarks,” said Price.

Price said no matter the condition, her staff will figure out the best course of action, even for people who haven’t had success with other treatments in the past.

“From topicals to light to biological medications, the injectable med-

ications you hear about on the TV, everything,” Price said. “For people who are struggling and just not getting results with what they’ve used in the past, there’s options out there that they might not be aware of.”

Hamzavi Dermatology Grosse Pointe is located at 16815 E. Jefferson, City of Grosse Pointe, in the Beaumont Medical Building. For more information, visit hamzavi-derm.com.

Healthy heart, healthy smile

Faircourt Dental offers Wellness Party Nov. 13

The Faircourt Dental Smile Studio welcomes the community to its first Wellness Party, “Oral Health & Your Heart,” 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program features healthy hors d’oeuvres and beverages, but more

importantly, informational presentations by Drs. Joel Kahn and Reza Dabir.

Kahn, a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine, practices cardiology in Grosse Pointe Farms. He is a clinical professor of medicine at Wayne State

University School of Medicine and frequent lecturer and author on the topic of heart disease reversal.

Kahn’s book, “The Whole Heart Solution,” combines nutritional, Eastern and Western approaches to preventing America’s No. 1 killer. His newest book, “Dead Execs Don’t Get Bonuses: The Ultimate Guide to Survive Your Career with a Healthy Heart,” discusses how health and



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Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch and the Faircourt Dental Smile Team are raising funds for a mission trip to Malawi.

lifestyle are interlinked.

With the help of his wife, Karen, and son, Daniel, the Kahns opened GreenSpace Cafe, metro Detroit’s first plant-based restaurant and bar inspired by health, global culinary traditions and Detroit’s artisan food culture.

Dabir was born in Paris and currently lives in greater Detroit with his wife and two children. He studied medicine at the Dundee University School of Medicine in Scotland and currently serves as chief of cardiovascular surgery at Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn.

Dabir’s medical interests are focused on adult cardiovascular, valve reconstruction, complex coronary, vascular and endovascular surgeries. With more than a dozen publications, two inventions and several patents in his name, Dabir is passionate about the surgi-

cal field, but also interested in improving the tools and methods surgeons use in the operating room.

During the Nov. 13 program, the doctors plan to discuss steps to a healthy heart and the relationship between the heart and oral health.

The lecture also serves to raise funds for Faircourt Dental’s Dental Smile Mission, planned for December. Stonisch and members of her team are traveling to Malawi, Africa, this Christmas not only to provide dental services, but to share the Gospel and bear gifts, thanks to the generosity of the community.

Through outreach efforts, Stonisch hopes to raise \$10,000 to purchase maize, one of the most important food sources in Africa, along with additional farming supplies needed for a successful harvest. The program will require

farmers to use a no-till method of planting that is popular in more progressive countries in Africa and allows for better sustainability of food resources.

“We’re asking the community to help us,” Stonisch said.

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who’s played piano since age 6. “As a solo pianist ... sometimes it’s just fun to have lessons to get some input. This is definitely a partnership. We have to agree to rehearse, when to practice together and we make decisions on tempo, dynamics, interpretation.”

Not only has their collaboration formed a partnership, but an unexpected friendship

as well.

“Anne is a sweetheart,” Palazzolo said. “She’s become a very good friend and is positive, always. ... We’ve really been getting to know each other this past year. The Robertses and I have become good friends.”

Added Roberts, “I’ve had the time of my life. As a pianist, you’re a solo instrument. Having an opportunity to collaborate is just a blast. The fact is, I didn’t know him that well, but from the first rehearsal

things just clicked.”

Tickets for the dueling pianos concert are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. They’re available at the church office or online at gpuuc.org.

“I’ve heard this (piece) quite a few times, but never had the chance to analyze it as you do when you practice something and see inside it,” Palazzolo said. “It’s a good piece of music.”

Added Roberts, “I’ve played this many, many years ago and am thrilled to reprise it.”

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Event celebrates Michigan’s military

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The past four years, Ron and Mary Lamparter have focused their fundraising efforts to benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. The Grosse Pointe Farms couple’s annual Celebrating Michigan’s Military event has served as a catalyst for those efforts.

This year’s event — perhaps the most heavily attended with more than 250 guests — was no different.

Unlike previous events, however, this year included official Passing of the Leash ceremonies with four teams of veterans and their service dogs, made possible by funds raised at CMM since 2015.

Carol Borden, founder and CEO of Guardian



Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Executive Officer Bob Taylor passes GP’s leash to Mary Lamparter as part of the ceremony.

Angels, addressed the audience before the ceremonies began.

“I want to thank everyone for being here and continuing to support Guardian Angels and

what we do,” she said. “You are giving (veterans) a new normal — not just them, but their families as well.”

The national nonprofit raises, trains and donates highly skilled service dogs to veterans of any war, as well as first responders. The federally protected dogs mitigate challenges their handlers experience, Borden explained, and are custom trained to address such issues.

“You may hear them whine tonight, or see them jump on their handler or pull them out of the room,” she said. “It’s not uncommon. It means their person has anxiety and the dog is trying to redirect the focus of the handler so they’re not nervous.”

Passing of the Leash ceremonies took place for several teams, not

just those in attendance.

Teysen and Rotor, sponsored by general

donations in 2015, were paired with Iraq War veterans Tommy Brown and Kelly James, respectively.

Bull, sponsored by Meritor, was paired with veteran Jeffrey Terrain.

“Thank you for everything,” Terrain said. “He’s changed my life in many ways I’ve never felt before.”

Rupert, sponsored by several donors at last year’s event, was paired with Vietnam veteran Mark Brancheau.

Loc, sponsored by Lou Burr and Loc Performance Products LLC, was paired with former state trooper Chris Patton, whose family spoke at the event.

“Chris’s journey has been hard for him and

hard for his family,” a family member said. “Many days and nights I watched Chris struggle through anxiety. We were afraid for him, where it would take him. ... The change that has happened ... is unbelievable. To see him smile, hear him laugh — I’m not afraid when the phone rings anymore of what’s on the other line. I love the joy Chris has today and he deserves that joy. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

GP — sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, The War Memorial and members of the Grosse Pointe community — was paired with veteran Marty Baird.

“I want to say thank you,” Baird said. “I was diagnosed with PTSD in 2016 and was paired in 2017. What you did by sponsoring him not only changed my life, but also changed the lives of my family. You don’t realize how much your support and sponsorship changes the life of everyone.”

Borden, who has operated Guardian Angels nine years, said the suicide rate among veterans averages 20 to 22 every day. Through Guardian Angels, not one veteran who has been paired with a service dog has died by suicide.

Divorce rates also are high among veterans, but in nine years, Borden said, only one veteran has gotten divorced.

“That’s incredibly important,” Borden said. “It’s what drives us.

“It’s bittersweet what



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Jennifer and Marty Baird, with GP.

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The ‘ripple effect’

Pointer runs marathon to raise awareness, funds for Samaritas

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Park resident Sarah Prues Hecker hates running. But even more so, she loves Samaritas, a social ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America whose vision is to “connect people with families and communities, empower them to live their fullest life possible and create a ripple effect of transformation.” So when Samaritas put out a call for participation in the Detroit Free Press Marathon, Prues Hecker jumped at the chance. “I worked for Samaritas in Lansing when I was in college, so I’ve been a part of the organization more than 20 years,” she said, “and as a board member for five or six years. When they put out the need for team members, as a board member I have to be part of the team. I hate running, but I love the organization and I’ll do whatever I have to do to raise awareness of Samaritas and what we do.” Several Samaritas leaders and board members will run in the Detroit and Grand Rapids marathons Sunday, Oct. 21, in a demonstration of the connection and commitment of the statewide nonprofit. “Samaritas is a statewide organization. It’s one of the largest nonprofit organizations in the state,” Prues Hecker said. “We want to make sure people

know the Samaritas name and the services we provide. The idea is to ‘be the ripple.’ If I can run four miles and make a difference to 40 different families, that’s important to me.” As part of Team Ripple Effects, Prues Hecker’s portion of the relay — the marathon’s last leg — spans 4.5 miles. It’s not her first time doing something she loathes in the name of something she loves. “I did it once before for a different organization — THAW, The Heat and Warmth Fund,” she said. “I believe in teamwork. ... And it’s a beautiful run on the riverfront.” “This is the first time Samaritas is doing this,” said Kelli Dobner, Samaritas chief advancement officer. “Everybody can get involved — the bigger the team, the better. You can run for a reason — no matter what that reason is — across all of our service lines. We are going to connect everyone through this ripple effect. With our senior staff and board members coming together, they’re not just talking the talk, they’re walking the walk — literally — as a physical representation of what we are trying to accomplish.” Team Ripple Effects is raising money for Samaritas through the Detroit Free Press Marathon website, as well as its own website. To donate, visit crowdrise.com/detroitmarathon2018?lang=en-us or crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/team-ripple-effect.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Retreat
Suzanne Antonelli CFP, and Marla Ruhana LMSW, sponsor the evening retreat, “Why less IS more this Holiday Season,” 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at 410 University Place, City of Grosse Pointe. Learn ways to make loved ones feel cherished without breaking the bank. Cost is \$49. Register by calling Marla Ruhana at (586) 801-4701.

Ecumenical Breakfast
The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. John Minnis, owner and publisher of the Grosse Pointe News and Pointe Magazine, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Alliance Française
The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe presents a lecture 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, about Les Pieds-Noirs, people of European/mostly French ethnicity born in Algeria during the French rule 1830 to 1962. Guest speaker Sandra Rellier shares stories in French and English. Rellier is a French native and a Ph.D. candidate in Lusophone Literatures and Cultures at the University of Minnesota. The lecture takes place in the program room of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Admission is free.

Symphony
The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra opens its 2018-19 concert season with a gala concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. A pre-concert talk by Charles Greenwell begins 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, free for K-12 students. Tickets may be pur-

chased at gpsymphony.org or at the door.

Toastmasters
Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men
The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe Rotary
Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Dr. Karen Bratus, Department of Dental Hygiene, Baker College of Auburn Hills, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

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Chaine des Rotisseurs hosts induction ceremony at War Memorial

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

La Chaine des Rotisseurs, the oldest international gastro-nomic organization in the world, has been sating high-end tastebuds for centuries. The organiza-tion’s Michigan chapter recently asked The War Memorial to host its annual induction cere-mony.

“The Chaine des Rotisseurs ... was started in Paris in 1248 on the traditions of the royal guilds who were profes-sional goose roasters,” said Candice L. Clark-

Bertschy, vice charge de presse of the Michigan bailliage. “In 1509, during Louis XII, the guild’s expertise extended to other meats and wild game, which then transi-tioned them to the desig-nation of rotisseurs. In 1960, the Bailliage des États-Unis, or United State Bailliage, was founded.”

Clark-Bertschy, whose involvement spans nearly three years, said selecting The War Memorial to host the event was an easy choice.

“This year was our sec-ond year holding our annual induction cere-

mony, reception and din-ner at The War Memorial,” she said. “We chose them in 2017 because they were able to, at the last minute, come up with a creative menu and put together an event that was ‘Chaine-worthy,’ as we say, with little notice and zero previous deal-ings with The Chaine. Their staff was able to get up to speed on the cere-monial aspect of an induction and have a full understanding of the high level of service and food quality that was needed. We went back to The War Memorial in 2018 because their service was 5-star



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Members of La Chaine des Rotisseurs enjoy a course at The War Memorial.

and they were willing to accommodate our spe-cific needs for a black-tie event. Their staff is flexi-ble and very willing to make the client happy and do everything in their power to make the event perfect. The menu for this year had a traditional French flair and wowed our members and guests.”

The menu was created by War Memorial Executive Chef Natalia Tarnavsky. Clark-Bertschy said it was “unique, inventive and composed of many ingre-dients which created a French ambience for our special induction meal.”

The evening began with cocktails and cham-pagne on the terrace, said Nikki Charbonneau, senior director of hospi-tality at The War Memorial. The induction ceremony followed and later, dinner was served

in the Alger House library. “A sommelier (paired) lovely wines with each of the courses,” Charbonneau said. “There were eight courses this year. It’s all beauti-fully done. Presentation, flavor and service is what it’s all about.”

Membership to the exclusive Chaine is by invitation only. Guests must attend two events before applying for mem-bership.

“This is a way for poten-tial new members to get a feel for the members of the bailliage and get a firsthand experience of the cost and different types of menus offered at our various gatherings,” Clark-Bertschy said. “The organization isn’t for everyone. The idea is to experience the bailliage and see if you too have a passion for cuisine and the art of hospitality. In

addition, each bailliage gives donations to culi-nary schools throughout the United States and the world, as well as scholar-ships in the culinary arts.”

The Michigan bailliage meets eight to 10 times each year for brunches, lunches, semi-formal and formal dinners.

“Our goal is to offer our members and guests an experience that they can not otherwise get when going into a venue on their own,” Clark-Bertschy explained. “We have our events at coun-try clubs, athletic clubs and trendy restaurants in the Detroit and metro Detroit areas, as well as venues such as public parks where we have a food truck.”

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we do,” she continued. “It’s a lot of work, not just a few obedience lessons. It’s months and months, years and years and a follow-up regimen. Many people have been homebound for a very long time — as long as 25 years. One of our veterans hasn’t been out of his own bedroom in six months. Many of our recipients have gone back to college, become gainfully employed ... travel the country to see what they’ve missed.”

Guardian Angels not only donates service dogs, but maintains quarterly contact with every one of them.

“We are here for them forever,” Borden said. “Dogs don’t live as long as people, so we provide them with a new dog when that time comes.”

The impact Rupert has had on Brancheau since being paired two months ago is like night and day.

“Things I quit doing,



Mark Brancheau and Rupert.

places I quit going ... he gets me out of the house,” he said. “I feel more comfortable going out. Having him allows me to do things I wouldn’t do anymore. He gives me the confidence I need to get out and do that.”

Baird and his wife, Jennifer, agreed their service dog, GP, has been a godsend since pairing with him November 2017.

“I’m not having as many nightmares,” Baird said. “They’re pretty much gone. We went camping as a family this summer. GP and I have



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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Lamparter addresses the audience.

been all over — West Virginia, Ohio with the kids camping, up north with the family, Mackinac Island. I’m able to go shopping by myself. So many things are different.”

He said he’s traveled to speaking engagements around the state to promote Guardian Angels and is trying to form a fundraiser like CMM

closer to his Jackson home.

Jennifer Baird said she can’t imagine not supporting Guardian Angels after seeing the changes in her husband.

“He smiles,” she said. “It’s nice to be able to go out — all of us, as a family.”

“(GP) is a great dog,” she continued. “Our son is fresh out of the

Marines. The dog pays attention to him too. He takes care of all of us. Even though he doesn’t have to, that’s the way he is. When my husband was first diagnosed, he would sit in the bathroom with a shotgun in his hand thinking, ‘I’m done.’ ... To have this is a huge difference. You don’t think an animal can do that, but he’s pretty special.”

Their testimonials are what keep Borden moti-

vated. She said she is thankful for the “absolutely phenomenal” support the Grosse Pointe community has shown.

“These veterans sacrifice so much. I hear stories — gut-wrenching stories,” she said. “It means so much to me to get people to understand the importance of what we’re doing. This helps take people out of isolation and gives them a new normal so they can be part of society again.”

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the one that will take us into the next 20 years. We have a space that fits our needs for now and for the future.”

That future — she hopes — includes year-round free therapy for children and teens with special needs, as well as other opportunities.

“We hope to provide the opportunities for atypically developing children and teens that are provided to typically developing children and teens,” she said, “And opportunities for social gatherings for teens in a



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Maritsa, Juilianna and Evan take on tennis at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

safe place for them to gather and be kids.”

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Erwin “Erv” Denning

Erwin “Erv” Denning, 85, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

Erv was married to the love of his life, Ruth, for 63 years. He was the devoted father to Kimberly (Jim), Craig and the late Mark; dear brother to Paul and ‘Uncle Erv’ to loving nieces in California, and a wide circle of friends.

Erv was a lifelong “Detrouiter” and member, deacon and choir director of New Apostolic Church. Erv and Ruth soaked up the sun and visited friends in Mazatlan, Mexico. In his free time, Erv could be found grilling ribs in the backyard and swimming at the Windmill Pointe Park pool.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at New Apostolic Church, 37800 Utica Road, Sterling Heights.

Donations in Erv’s memory may be made to the New Apostolic Church, 37800 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. Donations will go to the church’s market food pantry.

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Virginia M. Shamo

Virginia M. Shamo, 81, passed away Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018.

She was the beloved sister of Amelia Mary Shamo; sister-in-law of Mary Catherine Shamo and was loved dearly by her nieces and nephews, Paul, Kim, Mary, Mandy, Christopher, John, Bob and Sherrie and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Virginia was predeceased by her parents, John and Mary Shamo and brothers, George, Louis, John and Paul Shamo.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated noon, Monday, Oct. 22, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation is 10 to 11:30 a.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Prayers begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a procession to the church.

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Lindsey Francesca Young

Lindsey Francesca Young, 20, passed away, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018.

Lindsey, a brave, inspiring, sassy, young lady, made a lasting impact on the hearts of many, without ever speaking a word. Her time on earth was short, yet she managed to change and touch lives of countless others through her sweetness, beauty and quiet, fearless determination.

Born May 22, 1998, to Michelle Llaneza Young and William Young, Lindsey fought health battles from birth. She approached each day as an opportunity to enjoy every good moment, share her lessons of patience, empathy and compassion and most importantly, to love and be loved. Lindsey fought her last battle with bravery, sass, flowing raven-colored hair and a touch of shimmering eye-shadow. She took a gentle last breath and passed peacefully in her mother’s arms.

Earlier in the day, Lindsey was surrounded by her dear friends, devoted teachers and special hospice nurse. Like her mother, Lindsey was ferociously loved by her “Gma,” Karen Llaneza, who stood by Michelle and Lindsey’s side the past 20 years and was with Lindsey in her final moments.

Lindsey is survived by her mother, Michelle Llaneza Young; father, William “Bill” Young; grandma, Karen Llaneza; grandparents; Paul and Mary Young; her love, Dylan Krieger; “in-laws,” Amy Burrows Wilson and Dave Krieger; many uncles, aunts, cousins, relatives and friends and her forever faithful service dog and companion, Ollie. She was predeceased by her loving grandfather, O.B. Llaneza M.D.

A funeral service was held Oct. 5 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Michigan, 7600 Grand River Ave., Suite 175, Brighton, MI 48114 or at michigan.wish.org or to [gofundme.com/remem](http://gofundme.com/remembering-lindsey) bering-lindsey.

Frances Margaret Keyes

Frances Margaret Keyes, 94, passed away Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, at the Pavilions in Traverse City.

The daughter of Kate Clarke and James Irl Keyes, Fran was born in the rural community of Hickory Grove on a farm outside Richmond, Mo. She attended a one-room school through eighth grade and graduated from Richmond High School. She graduated from Central Business College in Sedalia, Mo., later taking courses at Bradley University in Illinois and the University of Michigan. She completed a two-year program in medical records science and was certified as an accredited records technician.

During World War II, Fran moved to Texas, where she met and married William Boyd, a U.S. Army Air Forces navigator cadet. As customary for GI wives, Fran followed her husband wherever he was stationed. She usually found employment in civil service positions on the bases.

After the war, Fran and her husband settled in Illinois. Bill became a minister and they began their family. In 1954, they moved to Detroit with three young daughters to serve the congregation of Cadillac Boulevard Presbyterian Church. As a single working mother years later, Fran moved her family to Grosse Pointe. She was employed as the director of medical records at Doctors Hospital 33 years and typed surgical dictation and reports for other hospitals after hours to support her family.

In retirement, Fran was a docent for the Detroit Historical Museum, ushered at the Fisher Theatre and Masonic Temple and volunteered at The War Memorial. She attended Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church 60 years, and was a member of the English-Speaking Union and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Fran was proud of her extensive travels across America and throughout European countries. She spent years researching family genealogy, tracing



Erwin “Erv” Denning



Virginia M. Shamo



Lindsey Francesca Young



Frances Margaret Keyes



Mary Dorcas Tulloch



Grace Jones

her lineage.

Fran cared for aging friends and made room at her table for those who had no family during holidays. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed for her sharp wit and kind, gentle nature.

Fran was predeceased by her parents; brother, Charles; daughter, Crystal Wendland and grandson, Douglas B. Whan Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Sheryl Langdon and Susan Boyd; granddaughter, Sarah Mellen and great-granddaughter, Sarah Grace Reilly.

Interment will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery, Richmond, Mo.

Mary Dorcas Tulloch

Grosse Pointe resident Mary Dorcas Tulloch, nee Flannery, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018. She was 85.

Mary was the loving wife of John A. Tulloch M.D.; dear mother of Mary Elizabeth Oles (the late John R.), John Tulloch, Patricia Tulloch (the late David M. Huffman) and Monica Boynton (Geoffrey); beloved grandmother of Jeffrey Cann Jr., Geoffrey S. Boynton, Meredith Tulloch and Jeannie Boynton and sister of Honora Gilmore (Tom), Patrick Flannery (Pam) and the late Frances Esckilsen. She also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, Leo and Frances Flannery.

A funeral Mass was

held Oct. 13 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the St. Paul Educational Trust Fund, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Grace Jones

Grace Jones, nee Marinelli, 91, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods.

From her birth Sept. 8, 1927, in Detroit, to Giacomo “Jack” and Anna (nee Mele) Marinelli, to her death, Grace lived a life full of laughter and love and joy in her family and friends.

After graduation from Redford High School in 1945, Grace worked for the Ford Motor Co. as an executive secretary. She met her husband, Russell Calvin Jones while skiing (or apres-skiing, depending upon who was telling the story) in northern Michigan with a group of friends who later became the Flyvende Øerner Ski Club, with whom Grace, Cal and their family spent many happy days on the slopes and enjoying summer outings at various lake cottages.

Together they had four children, with whom they shared their love of skiing and northern Michigan. Grace was a joyful spirit, always ready to share a song, a laugh (even at her own expense), a bottle of wine in the back of a van (Italy 1995), her endless supply of ice cream or a funny

story from her childhood. She loved to cook — and her family loved her cooking.

Enjoying their many memories of Mom/ Grandma Grace are her children and their families: Susan Oakes, her husband, Randy, and children, Dana and Ryan; John Paul, his wife, Angela, and sons, David and Spencer; Julie Huellmantel, her husband, Mike, and children, Michael (Jenna), Rachel, Noah and Emma; and Tom and his children, Cassidy, Molly and Dylan.

Grace also is survived by her brother, Angelo and sisters, Dorothy and Mary Ann, as well as many dear sisters- and brothers-in-law; great-grandchild, Whiteleigh and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

In addition to her husband, Grace was predeceased by her parents; sister, Yolanda, and brothers, John, Peter, George and Justin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 17 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Inurnment is in the church’s columbarium.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or at thecapuchins.org/donate or to the Alzheimer’s Association - Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033 or at alz.org/gmc/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Chamber Music Society visit set

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit’s new Regional Partner series brings to southeast Michigan the inaugural American tour of a new collaboration between two Grammy-nominated artists, Brazilian cellist Antonio Meneses and Scottish guitarist Paul Galbraith. Their eclectic program includes the work that inspired their collaboration — Schubert’s “Arpeggione” Sonata — plus works by Haydn and three Brazilian composers arranged or composed for this duo.

The Detroit tour debuts 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Meneses, Gold Medal winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition

in Moscow and the ARD Competition in Munich, is a frequent guest with the world’s leading festivals and symphony orchestras. As a chamber musician, he was a member of one of the Beaux Arts Trio for its last 10 years.

At age 17, Galbraith won the Silver Medal at the first Segovia International Guitar Competition. A few months later, he went on to win a top prize at the BBC’s “Young Musician of the Year” competition.

Despite his success, Galbraith began what became a years-long quest to overcome the guitar’s technical limitations. The playing position Galbraith developed, as well as changes to his guitar’s design, are widely

regarded as groundbreaking developments in the history of the instrument. His guitar is supported by an endpin, like a cello, and rests on a wooden resonance box, expanding and enriching the instrument’s resonance. The guitar itself has eight strings instead of six — one high and one low — further increasing its range, repertoire and capabilities.

The collaboration between Meneses and Galbraith began when the two met as neighbors while living in Basel, Switzerland.

Tickets for the Oct. 26 concert are \$45 for premium seats, \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for youth/students. Buy them online at cmsdetroit.org or by calling (313) 335-3300.

Farms native’s artwork in major exhibitions

Grosse Pointe Farms native Heidi Amenda Marshall has been honored by the Pastel Society of America, which selected her painting, “Winter Track,” for its annual “Enduring Brilliance” exhibition at the National Arts Club in New York City. Marshall’s piece was one of 160 chosen from more than 1,300 entries submitted from around the world. “Enduring Brilliance” has been the premiere exhibition for pastel artists from the

United States and abroad the past 46 years.

Marshall received further honors when “Winter Track” was one of a select few works from the “Enduring Brilliance” show chosen by chief curator Dr. Louis A. Zona to travel to an exclusive exhibit at the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio. The Butler was the first museum dedicated exclusively to American art and has a special wing devoted exclusively to works in pastel.

PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Jim Rizer

Who’s packing your parachute?

U.S. Navy Pilot Charlie Plumb never gave much thought to who was packing his parachute. Plumb had flown 75 missions without ever needing his parachute, until the day his plane was hit by a surface-to-air missile. He quickly ejected, parachuted down and was captured and held as a POW in Vietnam for six years.

Years later while dining in a restaurant, Plumb was approached by a man who said, “You’re Plumb. You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down.”

“How in the world did you know that?” asked Plumb.

“I packed your parachute,” the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, “I guess it worked.”

Plumb assured him, “It sure did. If your chute hadn’t worked, I wouldn’t be here today.”

This account causes us to reflect on who we surround ourselves with and how we are prepared for the turbulent times in life. Plumb acknowledged he

needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory. He needed his physical parachute, mental parachute, emotional parachute and spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Each of us needs relational supports as we journey through life. Even King David had trusted friends who helped him face his most challenging moments — Jonathan, who perpetually desired the best and sacrificed to help it happen; Nathan, who spoke truth to David when he was careening in the wrong directions.

Who is packing your parachute? Who makes up the great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1) that surround you, providing support and strength for the storms that inevitably come? God is raising up people all around us so we can make meaningful connections and have the community and support we need.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Evangelical Church. Visit livinghopeec.org.

Artist reception Oct. 18

The artists’ reception for “In the Stillness: Works by Matt Lewis and Tommy Wilson,” currently displayed at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, takes place 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18. The reception is free and open to the public. Light refreshments are served while the jazz trio of Xavier Bonner, Craig Kowalski and Sean Perlmutter entertain.

“In the Stillness” features work by

Matt Lewis of Saginaw and Tommy Wilson of Clinton Township, and will be displayed through Sunday, Nov. 11. The works, including paintings, charcoal drawings and sculptures, may be viewed by the public 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday and by appointment.

The exhibition is part of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Arts Ministry. For more information, call (313) 884-3075 or email arts@gpcong.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English Lutheran

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers Holy Yoga classes 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays in the gym. Visit holyyogadetroit.com.

The church’s 4th Tuesday Book Club meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the lounge to discuss “Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis,” by J.D. Vance.

The church offers an indoor walk-

ing group 8 to 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday in its gym. Call (313) 884-5040.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents “A Tour of Italy,” choral music from the birthplace of the Renaissance, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. A pre-concert lecture begins 1:30 p.m. A freewill offering is collected.



Lauren Alfonsi instructs a table of student painters at The Helm.



Alfonsi shows the class how to paint tree trunks for thickness and spacing.



The finished product, “Fall Trees.”

Painting like a pro

The Helm, formerly SOC, offers a painting class given by the Indigo Doors Studio four times a year. Sept. 26, the painting was “Fall Trees.” An instructor walks students through the process with easy-to-follow instructions.

Wendy Fournier, co-owner of Indigo Doors, said, “Challenging yourself no matter what your age allows for growth and painting in this way allows us to freely express who we truly are no matter what we believe our ability to be.”

JoAnn Gerlach, program coordinator at The Helm, said, “We offer a variety of programs ... to help our participants improve their lives socially, intellectually, physically, emotionally and creatively.”



Alfonsi answers class participants’ painting questions.

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Football

RIVALS

South mauls North, 54-0

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

One of the greatest football rivalries in the state, Grosse Pointe South vs. Grosse Pointe North, has produced some of the most intense games in the 50-year history.

Last weekend was a historic night as Grosse Pointe South won the most lopsided victory in the five decades, dismantling host Grosse Pointe North 54-0. The win also clinched the Macomb Area Conference White Division title for a third year in a row.

“Our kids played very well,” South head coach Tim Brandon said. “We prepared. We were physical, we were fast. We got the job done tonight. “They’re great kids and they truly played for each other.”

Despite the constant drizzle and cool temperatures, it was total domination by the Blue Devils.

They forced a punt on the opening possession and then drove inside the Norsemen’s red zone



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South quarterback Ryan Downey looks for his blockers to make a path for him to run on a first-half gain.

before settling for a 24-yard field goal by junior Ben Gabrion.

The Blue Devils forced a fumble on the next series and recovered at North’s 42-yard line. Eight plays later senior running back Conor McKenna scored on a

1-yard run and Gabrion kicked the extra point to make it 10-0 late in the opening quarter.

The Blue Devils’ defense set the tone on the next series, forcing a Norsemen punt from deep in their own end zone. Defensive coordi-

nator Chad Hepner sent everyone in and he was rewarded when they blocked the punt and fell on the ball in the end zone for a defensive touchdown.

Gabrion kicked the PAT, and it was 24-0 five seconds into the second

quarter.

The Norsemen put together a drive midway through the second quarter, but consecutive negative plays and a quarterback sack drove the line of scrimmage back to midfield.

The Norsemen tried a

fake punt, but the upman was sacked for a 14-yard loss, giving the ball back to the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils recorded a safety on the Norsemen’s next drive, tackling the ball carrier in the end zone, and junior Grant Hart returned the free kick to the Norsemen’s 6-yard line.

Senior Brady McCarron added another touchdown, scoring on a 2-yard run. Gabrion’s PAT made it 26-0 with 2:06 left in the second quarter.

The Norsemen were forced to punt again. They tried another fake from their own 11-yard line, but the play was foiled and the Blue Devils tackled the upman at the North 7-yard line.

Junior Kevin McCarron scored on a 1-yard run with 50 seconds left and the rout was on. Gabrion kicked the extra point and it was 33-0.

South got the second half kickoff and two

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October 18, 2018

Dear Friends:

We as trustees of The Frank Sumbera Foundation wish to acknowledge and thank you for the outpouring of goodwill for former Grosse Pointe North High School Coach Frank Sumbera. He and his family are humbled by your kindness and extend their gratitude and thanks.

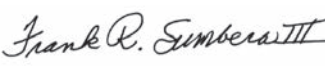
Because of your encouragement and in recognition of Frank’s 49-year career with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, we have created the The Frank Sumbera Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, to provide funds and scholarships in Frank’s name to the athletic programs and students at both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South High Schools.

The Frank Sumbera Foundation’s inaugural checks of at least \$25,000 to each high school will be presented at The Career of Frank Sumbera celebration Oct. 24 at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, 24225 Harper Ave., in St. Clair Shores.

We invite all our Friends of Frank and supporters of both Grosse Pointe North and South to join us in wishing “Coach” well in the next chapter of his life. Order your tickets now so they can be mailed prior to the event.

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Finals bound

Teeing off at the Michigan High School Athletic Association girls golf state championships tomorrow Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek, are six student-athletes representing the Grosse Pointe South girls golf team: captains Kaitlin Ifkovits and Gray Rahm; assistant captain Jen Crowley, sophomores Audrey Becker and Alston Smith and junior Mia Rancilio.

Currently ranked No. 7 in the state, the Blue Devils will be among 18 teams in Division 1 playing in the state finals this weekend.

The Blue Devils South girls golfers' route to the state finals was earned after they won a regional championship last week at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia, edging runner-up Livonia Franklin 344-350.

"This has been a great season so far," head coach Rob McIntyre



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY ANDREOU MILLER

South's girls golf team, back row from left, Alston Smith, Lydia Miller, coach Robert McIntyre, assistant coach Drew Gaines, Caroline Miller and Audrey Becker; middle row from left, Peyton Lancaster, Mia Rancilio, Lauren Cooper, Kaitlin Ifkovits, team captain, and Jen Crowley, assistant captain; and front row from left, Brooklyn Northcross and Elli Richter. Not pictured is Gray Rahm, also a team captain.

said. "Every member of the team is thoughtful and intelligent in her approach to the game. They work diligently toward improvement. We always want to see ourselves getting better. As I say to them daily, 'We never lose. We either win or we learn.' The ladies also have had assistant coach Drew Gaines, who brings a wealth of golf knowledge

and experience, to help them learn and improve." At the regional tournament, Becker was the medalist with 78, followed by Ifkovits with 82 and Rahm with 90. Crowley posted 94 and Smith 104. Earlier in the week at the Macomb Area Conference Red Divisional Tournament, South edged Utica Eisenhower by one stroke, 345-346, with

Ifkovits at 77, Becker at 83, Rahm at 90 and Crowley at 95.

Team members are excited to return to Bedford Valley Golf Club this weekend for state finals because they all have a proven track record of outstanding play there.

In particular, Ifkovits shot par 72 and Becker shot one over par 73 at Bedford, earning Top 10 Medalist Honors there at a September Invitational during the regular season.

"All the girls enjoyed that invitational tremendously and felt confident in the course," McIntyre said.

However, that's not to say the girls are complacent, but rather driven competitors focused on improvement.

— By Amy Andreou Miller
Special Writer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Gallagher makes finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North senior Megan Gallagher is headed to the Division 2 state finals tournament after taking second in last week's regional tournament at Huron Meadows Golf Club in Brighton.

She was one of three individuals to get a spot in the finals from the teams that did not make the top three in the standings.

The teams making the finals were Bloomfield Hills Marian, Farmington Hills Mercy and Birmingham Seaholm, which posted scores of 341, 350 and 364, respectively.

As a team, Grosse Pointe North finished fifth with 392.

Besides Gallagher's 79, head coach Peter Kingsley and his Norsemen were led by junior Bianca Clark with 102, freshman Ava Gallant with 103, junior Evelyn Stahl with 108 and junior Emme Simpson with 111.

Marian sophomore Shannon Kennedy was the medalist, shooting 77, and other teams competing were Auburn Hills Avondale, Berkley, Detroit Renaissance, Birmingham Groves, Farmington, Port Huron Nothern and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Earlier in the week, North finished fifth in the Macomb Area

Conference Red Division Tournament at Burning Tree.

"The super wet and foggy conditions gave the girls an extra challenge," Kingsley said.

Gallagher was runner-up with 77, followed by Clark with 102, Gallant 103 and Stahl 109.

Gallagher plays in the Division 2 state finals tournament Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West.

"Meghan has a good chance to compete for the title this weekend. She has turned things up a couple notches as her game is becoming more complete," Kingsley said. "We made a couple small adjustments to her putting and she is gaining more confidence.

"If she stays in the process, her performance will be really good."

This is the fourth consecutive season Gallagher is competing in the state finals.

Last year, she shot 162 at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek.

She posted a 76-86 in two rounds, and as a sophomore shot 83-80 for 163 at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University.

She tied for sixth to earn All-State honors in Division 2.

Her freshman season, Gallagher shot 90-86 for a 176 at Bedford Valley.

She is trying to make All-State a second time.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2018

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilpersons Tom Jenny & Hugh R. Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilpersons Jenny and Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 9, 2018, the Special City Council meetings held July 9 and July 25, 2018 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held July 17, 2018.
- 3) To add to the agenda a settlement agreement for a lawsuit, Bahr v. Harper Woods.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 114317 through 114552 in the amount of \$1,106,659.53 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$9,787.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes.(3) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$48,382.60 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2018. (4) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,055.08 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of August 2018. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$7,950.72 for professional services during the month of June 2018 for the following projects: 2018 User Charge, #180-206; 2018 Paser Rating, #180-207; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; 2017 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-188; Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; 2016 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-180; Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; 8 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-179 and the Housing Rehab Project, #180-178. (6) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$17,205.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2017 audit and with finance/accounting matters. (7) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,061.37 for software support on the district court's computer system. (8) approve payment to Core & Main in the amount of \$5,250.00 for the purchase of 50 stop boxes for water shut off services. (9) approve payment in the amount of \$21,858.75 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period January through June 2018. (10) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$12,706.11 for the purchase of new 5/8" Orion and Ultrasonic water meters. (11) approve payment to BBK Construction LLC in the amount of \$8,845.00 for the renovations and repair work at 20437 Damman as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
- 2) to Receive and File the 2017 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City's Auditors, Plante and Moran and also receive and file their management report.
- 3) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$240,136.25 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for July through September 2018.
- 4) to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Optimum Contracting Solutions for rehab work to be provided on the homes listed as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program: 20516 Kenosha, \$29,325.00; 18558 Woodside, \$23,100.00
- 5) to approve the appointment of Jennifer Rau as the part-time Magistrate for the Harper Woods 32A District Court.
- 6) approve the Master Agreement with DTE for municipal street lighting to convert existing mercury vapor lights to LED at Salter Park and Danbury Park at a cost of \$289,054.00 with an annual savings of \$62,101.00 and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 7) to introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Prohibiting a Response by the City's Department of Public Safety; Providing for the Enforcement of the Provisions of the Ordinance; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances and Portions Thereof; and Providing an Effective Date," and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 8) to designate Mayor Poynter as the City's official delegate, and Mayor Pro tem Kindle as the alternate delegate at the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Meeting to be held September 20-22, 2018.
- 9) to approve the settlement agreement between P. Bahr and the City of Harper Woods under the terms and conditions as recommended by the City Attorney and upon receipt of a full settlement and release of all claims signed by the plaintiff.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
KENNETH A. POYNTER
Mayor

LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

Ladies succeed

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South had competitors in last weekend's annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet.

No team score is kept, but the top swimmers in the state compete.

In the 200-yard medley relay, South's Elizabeth Klepp, Clarice Fisher, Olivia Yoo and Hadley Gordon placed 10th with a time of 1:52.01, and in the 200-yard individual medley it was Yoo placing 15th with a time of 2:13.70.

Also in the 200-yard IM, South's Hayden Barry was 27th with a time of 2:16.31 and Klepp was 43rd at 2:20.17. For North, Amelia Fly placed 67th with a time of 2:23.99.

South's Phoebe Bedsworth was 87th in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.47 and Hannah Blanz of South was 107th at 26.87.

The Blue Devils had a top 10 finish in the 100-yard butterfly with Fisher and Yoo finishing third and fourth with times of 56.69 and 58.24. South's Morgan Palace was 38th with a time of 1:02.09 and North's Fly placed

73rd at 1:04.79.

Barry of South finished 10th in the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 5:13.55, and in the 200-yard freestyle relay South's Lily Bates, Blanz, Bedsworth and Gordon placed 19th at 1:43.53.

Klepp for South placed 22nd in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:01.60, while teammate Adrienne Byarski was 70th with a time of 1:05.43.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Fisher was ninth with a time of 1:08.10 and teammate Jacquelyn Wang was 79th at 1:14.73.

South's Yoo, Bates, Klepp and Fisher finished 10th in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:43.99, and the North team of Fly, Jaden Payne, Victoria Treder and Sophia Vitale placed 41st with a time of 3:57.67.

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe North beat St. Clair 100-73 to improve to 1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 2-4 overall.

Head coach Jim Singelyn and his Norsemen started fast, winning the 200-yard medley relay with Giuliana Cavaliere, Helen Michaelson, Diana

Muccioli and Payne posting a time of 2:10.27, and the Norsemen finished first and second in the 200-yard freestyle with Treder and Fly turning in times of 2:11.38 and 2:12.16.

In the 200-yard IM, Payne won with a time of 2:30.29, while Elizabeth McMahon was second at 2:33.28, and Vitale won the 50-yard freestyle at 27.81 to give the Norsemen another six points.

In the diving competition, Abigail Gretkierewicz was third with 133.20 points, while Fly, Muccioli and Jill Peters placed second, third and fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with times of 1:04.87, 1:12.02 and 1:15.05 to bring home six points.

The Norsemen swept the 100-yard freestyle with Vitale, Abby Menth and Alexandra Koerner posting times of 1:02.68, 1:05.36 and 1:11.44, and the duo of Payne and Treder took first and second in the 500-yard freestyle with times of 5:55.05 and 5:56.68.

Fly, Vitale, Treder and Michaelson won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:49.38, and Luci Michaelson was third in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:17.11.

Soccer

RIVALS

One goal game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The rivalry game between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South had a little more meaning last week. South needed a win to have any shot at winning a Macomb Area Conference White Division title, and North wanted nothing more than to ruin the moment. Head coach Francesco Cilano and his Blue



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

South goaltender Sean Ellis makes a spectacular save late in the second half to keep it a 1-0 game.

Devils used a second-half goal from Emmett O’Keefe and a phenomenal last-minute save from goalkeeper Sean Ellis to beat the Norsemen 1-0. With the win, South

finished 7-4-1 in the division, and needed L’Anse Creuse North and Romeo to lose. The celebration of beating the Norsemen soured a bit after finding out LCN beat Anchor Bay 2-0 and Romeo

defeated St. Clair Shores Lakeview 8-2 to pass the Blue Devils in the standings. LCN won the division with 24 points at 7-2-3, and Romeo was runner-up with 23 points at 7-3-2. South settled for third with 22 points, and Grosse Pointe North was fifth with 14 points at 4-6-2. Anchor Bay placed fourth with 17 points at 5-5-2.

The Blue Devils had a chance to take control of the division title earlier in the week, but lost 1-0 to Romeo for a second time this season. Grosse Pointe South heads to the state playoffs with a 9-5-2 overall mark, while Grosse Pointe North and head coach Brad VandeVorde are 7-7-3. These rivals have a chance to play one more game this season. Both have to make a district championship game set for Saturday, Oct. 20, at Dearborn High School.



North’s James Streberger, right, and South’s John Blake battle for the ball in the Blue Devils’ division win over the Norsemen.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights ready for playoffs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team won its regular season finale last weekend, beating Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 3-2. “I think we’re ready for

the state playoffs after playing some pretty solid soccer the past couple of weeks,” head coach David Dwaihy said. The host Knights opened the scoring when sophomore Sheikh Manneh tallied at the 10:04 mark.

Junior Matthew Summers scored at the 4:46 mark to give the home team a 2-0 lead. Oakland Christian got on the board a couple of minutes later and the game was 2-1 at the half. Freshman Jake Carron scored what turned out to

be the game-winning goal early in the second half. He was able to corral a loose ball after a corner kick and send the ball into the back of the net. Oakland Christian got a goal back with a little more than seven minutes left, but it couldn’t get a tying goal. Earlier in the week, ULS lost 3-1 to Summit

Volleyball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights net two wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls volleyball team won both its matches last week, beating St. Clair Shores South Lake 3-0 and Chesterfield Austin Catholic 3-0. With the victories, the Knights improved to 4-3 in the Catholic League. “The team is really starting to gel with great leadership by the senior captains, Mary Weiermiller and Nicole Rivera,” head coach Dan Sullivan said. Against the Cavaliers, junior Bella Cubba led

the attack with 12 kills and followed it up with 13 kills against Austin. Freshman Olivia Dickey was a dominant server in the Austin match with 25 consecutive serves, including seven service aces. Junior Melanie Zampardo had her best match of the season, also against Austin, tallying eight kills and four service aces. “I am really looking forward to the next three very difficult opponents, which will be a real test of how ready we will be for the state playoffs later in October,” Sullivan added.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat Lancers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Host Grosse Pointe South girls volleyball team beat L’Anse Creuse 25-16, 25-15, 23-25, 25-14 in a Macomb Area Conference White Division match last week. With the win, the Blue Devils and head coach Krysta Kreyger improved to 6-1 in the division and play a showdown at co-leader Sterling Heights Stevenson in their next match. Senior Gretchen Brockway had 23 service

points, and senior Charlotte Brecht led the hitters with 10 kills and five blocks. Defensively, senior Cindy Hogan had 20 digs as the Blue Devils were too strong at both ends of the court for the L’Anse Creuse. Stevenson also improved to 6-1 after beating Chippewa Valley in three games, so sole possession of first place is on the line when the Titans host the Blue Devils Tuesday, Oct. 16. Those results will appear in the Oct. 25 sports section.

Honor

ULS 2018 graduate Anthony George received the inaugural George Thanasas Lifetime Scholar Athlete Award, having played four seasons of varsity soccer, basketball and baseball. He was a teammate of Thanasas.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2018

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilpersons Hugh R. Marshall and Vivian Sawicki.
MOTIONS PASSED
1) To excuse Councilpersons Marshall and Sawicki from tonight’s meeting because of prior commitments.
2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 17, 2018 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held August 17, 2018, the Ordinance Committee meeting held September 17, 2018 and the Planning Commission meeting held September 22, 2018.
3) To adopt the attached Dog Walking Policy outlining the rules of the newly implemented Dog Friendly Park at Salter Park.
4) To adjourn to the Budget workshop session.
5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:16 p.m.
RESOLUTION PASSED
1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/ Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 114904 through 115001 in the amount of \$436,088.33 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$5,642.76 for professional services during the month of August 2018 for the following projects: 2018 User Charge, #180-206; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Kelly Road Ped Crossing, #180-208; Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; GLWA Charges Work Group, #180-209 and the 8 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-179. (3) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$10,110.16 for the contractual assessing services performed during the months of September and October 2018.
2) To Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2018-08, entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Section 10-291, Standards for Non-Residential Developments - D.2 Dumpster Screening Act,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
KENNETH A. POYNTER
Mayor
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LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Tom Jenny.
MOTIONS PASSED
1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 5, 2018.
2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:44 p.m.
RESOLUTION PASSED
1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/ Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 114802 through 114903 in the amount of \$546,384.00 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$10,300.19 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for restorations following main breaks at various residential homes. (3) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$35,973.40 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of August 2018. (4) approve the request from the Harper Woods Secondary School to hold their annual homecoming parade on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
2) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2018-07, entitled “An Ordinance Prohibiting a Response by the City’s Department of Public Safety; Providing for the Enforcement of the Provisions of the Ordinance; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances and Portions Thereof; and Providing an Effective Date,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
3) to adopt the attached resolution in support of the 8 Mile Boulevard Association Unifying Framework Plan, Established February 2018.
4) to cast the City’s vote for the following persons to serve on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool: Robert Clark - Mayor, City of Monroe, Paula Zelenko - Mayor, City of Burton

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Football

South's Nick Fannon tackles North's K.J. Williams in the first half.



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RIVALS:

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plays later senior quarterback Ryan Downey ran 38 yards for a touchdown. Gabrion converted yet another extra point and the Blue Devils had a 40-0 lead with 11:03 left in the third quarter.

Senior Patrick Dougherty scored on a 31-yard run midway

through the third quarter and junior Devyn Griffin scored on a 12-yard run midway through the fourth quarter to complete the scoring. Gabrion kicked seven extra points and a field goal to finish with 10 points.

For the Blue Devils, the defense had six sacks, recorded a safety and scored a touchdown. They held the Norsemen to less than 50 yards of total offense.

For the Norsemen, senior Ka'Ronn Henderson had 41 yards rushing on 11 carries.

Grosse Pointe South finished 5-0 in the MAC White Division and improved to 8-0 overall, while Grosse Pointe North finished 1-4 in the division and dropped to 1-7 overall.

Both play at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19.

South hosts Romeo, while North travels to Anchor Bay.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights fall short on homecoming

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Cimini was confident his University Liggett School football team would continue its winning ways on homecoming.

The Knights were looking to even their record at 4-4 and keep their state playoff hopes alive as they hosted Detroit Leadership Academy last weekend.

It wasn't a stellar game as the Knights lost 20-7, ending the drive to make the playoffs with their fifth loss of the season.

Leadership Academy was big and strong in the trenches, which dominated both sides of the ball and played a pivotal role in the outcome.

Junior quarterback Ian Narva was sacked several times and didn't have much room to run. He also turned the ball over.

Leadership Academy made the most of their scoring drives, using several long runs to score two of their three touchdowns.

It was 14-0 at the half and 20-0 after three quarters.

The Knights had their chances to score in the second half, driving to the Cougars' 10-yard line on the first possession of the third quarter.

A 2-yard gain followed by three straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to the visitors. They turned around and scored on a long run to give themselves a three-touchdown advantage.

Cimini's squad kept moving the ball and once again drove to the red zone.

They had the ball at the 5-yard line, but a three-yard loss, an incomplete pass and a sack on fourth down once again foiled a scoring opportunity.

The Knights forced a punt, taking over at the Cougars' 25-yard line. Three pass plays later, they were at the 16-yard line and looking to get on the board.

They came away with no points, but the defense held again and forced another punt.

This time, the Knights

cashed in. After starting deep in their territory, the Knights used three consecutive long passes from Narva to junior Drew Zelanak for 19 yards, to sophomore Malik Pierce for 25 yards and to senior Mickey Walkowiak for 23 yards to get into Cougars' territory.

With time winding down, Narva completed a 9-yard touchdown pass to Walkowiak to get on the board. Freshman Matthew Belcrest kicked the extra point.

They tried an onside kick, but the Cougars recovered and ran out the clock.

Narva ran for 65 yards on 17 carries, but lost more than 30 yards after getting sacked. He completed 19 passes for 222 yards, with one touchdown and three interceptions.

Zelanak had eight receptions for 81 yards, while Walkowiak had five for 77 and one score.

ULS dropped to 3-5 overall, and plays a 7 p.m. game Friday, Oct. 19, at Memphis.

Cross country

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Runners prep for division meets

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls cross-country teams put in a little work as each prepares for the division meet.

They competed in the Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills in Dexter last weekend.

The Norsemen finished third with 73 points, and the Blue Devils were sixth with 173. Salem won with 21 points and Berkley was runner-up with 55.

"Last year we were sixth at this race, this year third," North head coach Scott Cooper said. "Several schools rested their varsity teams in preparation for the upcoming championships."

For the Norsemen, Sara Michalik ran the 10th best time in North history, finishing eighth with a time of 19:30 to earn a medal.

Other medalists for the Norsemen were Jackie Albo, 14th at 20:56; Michaela Cosgrove, 15th at 20:58; Lyndsay Kluge, 20th at 21:15; Caroline Mrsan, 21st at 21:24; and Vivian Liagre, 23rd at 21:25.

Sarah Seagram and Anna Lisa Lynch also competed for the varsity

and had times of 21:34 and 21:38.

Head coach Steve Zaranek's Blue Devils were led by the duo of Miya Bowman and Annabella Joseph, who ran times of 22:29 and 22:32, which were season-best times.

Other varsity runners were Sabel Imesch, who ran 22:46; Lily Mackrell, 22:48; Jenna Clark, 22:51; Grace Miller, 22:56; and Victoria Gardey, 23:56.

South also ran earlier in the week and beat Warren Mott 15-50.

Devon Krasner won with a time of 21:48.5, followed by Sarah Rabaut at 23:40.3, Paloma Beacham at 24:12.1, Elizabeth Bellovich at 24:34.5 and Sarah Bellovich at 24:38.6.

North's boys' team also competed at the Gabriel Richard Invitational, but at the junior varsity race.

Leading the way were sophomore Noah Lawson, who ran 18:18; senior Zac Ozormoor, 18:32; sophomore Luca Varanelli, 19:07; junior Michael Kehrig, 19:20; and sophomore Connor Troost, 19:29.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School girls cross-country team won last week's Catholic League Division 3-4 jamboree meet at

Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

Head coach Lindsey Bachman watched her Knights dominate the meet, winning with 33 points. Ann Arbor Greenhills was second with 51.

The Knights had four of the top 11 runners. Junior Maggie Dunn was fourth with a time of 23:03.0, while freshman Emilia Bronk was seventh at 23:53.8. Freshman Gracie Grovier-Laparl finished ninth and junior Margaret Hartigan finished 11th with times of 24:06.3 and 24:15.3.

Sophomore Sophia Ma placed 16th with a time of 24:55.3.

The boys finished sixth with 130 points.

Junior Ashton Pongratz continued his solid season for the Knights, taking fifth overall with a time of 19:39.6.

Freshman James Dailey has been a consistent top runner for Bachman and placed 23rd at 21:27.0, and freshman Jacob Whitton was 46th at 24:03.0.

Freshman Russell Floyd was 51st with a time of 25:11.4 and sophomore Javier Villegas placed 55th at 25:51.6 for the Knights.

Freshman Garrett Flynn finished 68th at 27:39.4 to round out their competitors.

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Singelyn supports his swimmers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointer James Singelyn has turned his patience and expertise into a way to bring happiness to high school swimmers and divers.

He left a city planner position in Key West to return home and take care of an ailing father and sister.

He wanted to get back to the sport he loves, swimming, so he began coaching. Singelyn began his coaching tenure at his alma mater, Warren De La Salle, several years ago and the rest his history.

Singelyn emphasizes the importance of competing for your high school and how much fun it can be when you work hard toward accomplishing a goal.

During his time at De La Salle, he led them to a .920 winning dual meet percentage, won seven Macomb County Championships and finished the state meet in the top 10 five times, three of which were top



Jim Singelyn, center, with his De La Salle competitors at the state meet.

five.

Singelyn also helped eight of his swimmers earn All-American and 45 make All-State since 2010. During the 2015-16 season, Singelyn earned the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Division 2 Swim Coach of the Year for guiding the Pilots to a runner-up finish behind Dexter in the final stand-

ings.

Since then, he also coached the Grosse Pointe Gators and Warren Regina. He left Regina to take over the Grosse Pointe North girls' program, which was last the year before he arrived and third in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division his first season, 2017.

North also broke into the Top 20 at the Division

2 state meet last year.

"It's not how fast you become, it's who you become," Singelyn said. As a swimmer I was 3-time All-American in the breaststroke for De La Salle and competed on a national level for the Grosse Pointe Swim Club."

He also was the Oakland Live Y'ers Scholarship Athlete at the University of Kansas



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JIM SINGELYN

Grosse Pointer Jim Singelyn, right, with his long-time coach Fred Michalik.

and Eastern Michigan he was All-MAC University. He was also

part of a runner up finish in the Big 8 and won three Mid-American Conference titles where

he was All-MAC Conference.

Singelyn grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and attributes his success to coach Fred Michalik.

Basketball

GROSSE POINTE LAKERS

Grosse Pointe Lakers tryouts coming soon

The Grosse Pointe Lakers AAU club begins its fifth season in early November and is offering tryouts for boys and girls in grades first through sixth who live

in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities.

The Lakers' schedules consist of games in St. Clair Shores and Harper Woods.

Each team has the chance to play 25 to 35 games, have as many as 35 practices and compete against teams from throughout Michigan and Canada.

Tryouts are in early November, and the season runs through March.

Players who have played for the Lakers in the past are required to attend the tryout process to be reevaluated for the 2018-19 season.

There is no cost for tryouts for returning players, but each player must register for tryouts for the new season at gplakers.com/register.

Tryouts are 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3-4, and

Saturday, Nov. 10.

Arrive at least 20 to 25 minutes early to check-in and get prepared for the tryout process. Players will be evaluated in fundamental drills, scrimmages and team concepts.

Tryouts will be held at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

Entrance for the GPA gym is located in back of the school, by the circle drive. Register for tryouts at gplakers.com/register.

To register for a tryout, visit gplakers.com and click on the "Register" tab.

Cost of the tryout process is \$15 per player and covers all the tryout dates offered.

Players are required to attend at least one of the scheduled tryout dates.

Contact directors Steve Benard at (313) 580-0351 or Kevin Richards at (313) 244-1523 for more information.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Marshall..

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held August 13, 2018 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of The Library Board meeting held June 21, 2018.
- 2) approve the 2019 Budget Meeting Schedule with workshops to be held at regular and special meetings on October 1, October 8, October 15 and October 22, if necessary and further to hold a public hearing on the 2019 Budget on November 5, 2018.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/ Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 114553 through 114801 in the amount of \$1,022,766.94 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$10,551.54 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes. (3) approve payment to the State of Michigan Supreme Court in the amount of \$5,061.37 for the user fees on the district court's judicial information system for the period July through September 2018. (4) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$83,689.20 for the contractual building department services performed during the months of April and July 2018. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$14,720.73 for professional services during the month of July 2018 for the following projects: 2018 User Charge, #180-206; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; 2017 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-188; Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208; 2016 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-180; Stormwater Asset Mgmt, #180-202 and the Housing Rehab Project, #180-178. (6) Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period January through June 2018. (7) approve payment to Pella Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$21,122.64 for the renovations and repair work at 20710 Damman as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (8) approve payment to Annointed Construction, LLC in the amount of \$17,387.00 for the renovations and repair work at 19207 Washtenaw as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (9) to appoint Mr. Lawrence Hakim to the Planning Commission for an unexpired three-year term ending January 2020.
- 2) to approve a tax levy not to exceed \$50,000 to be assessed for the purpose of obtaining additional revenue for promoting and advertising for the City, and to allocate these funds for the calendar, newsletter, city website and updating the electronic message board.
- 3) to Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Water Service Contract between the City of Harper Woods and the Great Lakes Water Authority and further that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the City.
- 4) to introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Section 10-291 Standards for Non-Residential Developments, Dumpster Screening Act", and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
KENNETH A. POYNTER
Mayor

LESLIE M. FRANK
City Clerk

Volleyball

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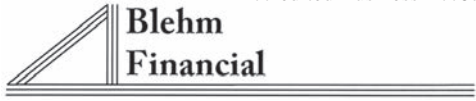
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