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Farms, Shores request urgent seawall repairs

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — Though the shoreline ice castles formed from Lake St. Clair’s powerful movements and swift freezes are beautiful, they further damage the severely eroded Lakeshore Road seawall.

To address dangerous conditions with the deteriorating seawall, Friday, Feb. 8, Farms and Shores city administrators attended a meeting organized by Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen with a representative of the Wayne County Public Works Department; representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and representatives from the



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Ice floes gather along the waterfront at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

offices of U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Michigan Rep. Joe Tate. Farms City Manager Shane Reeside reported

on the meeting during the Farms city council meeting Monday, Feb. 11.

“We have some short term, we’ve noticed, as they filled options long term that we asked the county to consider,” he said. See SEAWALL, page 3A

Detroit, Grosse Pointe work together to improve Mack

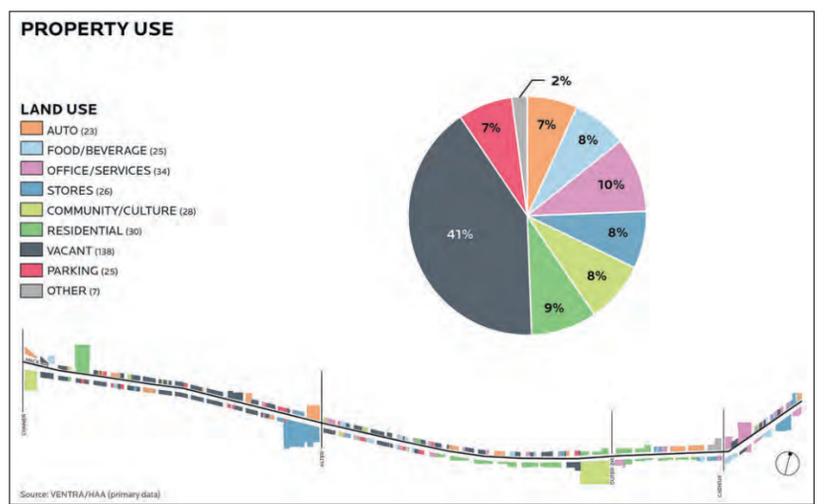
By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK AND DETROIT — Today, on Mack between Connor and Cadieux, approximately 41 percent of the lots are vacant. While the majority of those vacant lots are between Connor and Alter, there are still many on the southside of Mack in Grosse Pointe Park. The Eastside Community Network has stepped up to try to stymie disinvestment and redevelop the area. Formerly the Warren-Connor Development

Coalition, the ECN changed its name about four years ago, said Donna Givens, president and CEO of ECN. “Our focus is on developing people, places and planning for sustainable neighborhood growth on Detroit’s lower east side,” Givens said. “We do that by engaging in public-private partnerships and in resident-driven activities and planning and also in investing in the residents

in the Detroit communities that we serve with the goal of helping connect them to opportunity and addressing some of the barriers that they face in living sustainable lives.” And the ECN has had success. Givens said ECN’s commercial focus has been on Mack. It assembled the land for the Mack-Alter Square, the Mack-Ashland

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Approximately 41 percent of lots between Connor and Cadieux are vacant. The Eastside Community Network and Grosse Pointe Park are working to change that.

Upgraded shore power, improved dog park at Lake Front

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The city’s public works and parks and recreation personnel have been busy since last fall preparing Lake Front Park for the warm months ahead. During its Aug. 20, 2018, meeting, city council approved three contract bids to replace marina power pedestals, refresh marina asphalt and provide new marina water service. The projected and approved cost of the three projects totaled \$570,409.

Replacement of the marina’s combined galvanized and PVC water lines with a new system will occur this spring. The obsolete and deteriorating shore power boxes used last boating season were replaced with improved shore power pedestals last fall. Asphalt work supporting the pedestals followed their installation. The bathhouse boiler also was replaced last fall and two tennis courts were resurfaced. Two more courts will be resurfaced this fall.

Woods Recreation Department Director Nicole Gerhart told the Grosse Pointe News that the city also will install “dog agility equipment,” or a dog playground, in Lake Front Park’s dog park. Lake water also will be fed into the dog park area. She added the water will be tested regularly. Gerhart said her department currently is working on its budget and additional information on park refinements may follow. She said the park pass requirements imposed last year requiring picture identification continue this year. If a picture is on file with the city from last year, no new picture is required. Residents can apply for a park pass for their dog for \$20 at the community center. With the application, they must show proof of a Woods dog license, DHPP and Bordatella vaccination and homeowner’s liability insurance with \$100,000 minimum coverage for injury/damage caused by an

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Housing market strong despite fewer sales

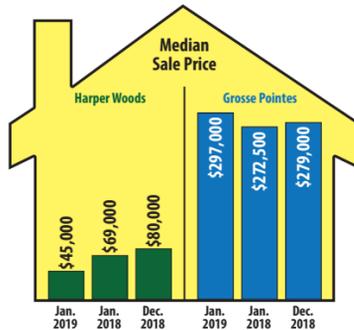
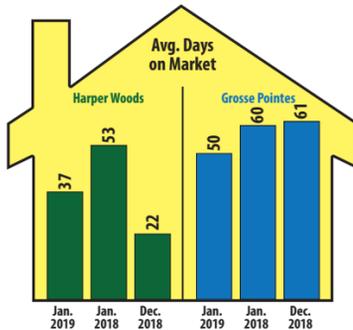
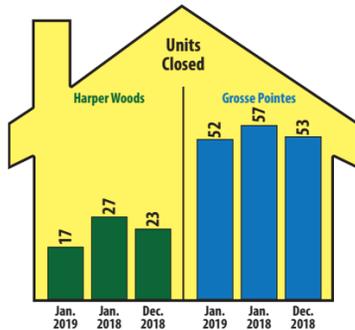
January 2019 housing data recently released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors indicates the housing market in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe is continuing as expected. While unit sales in Harper Woods were down year over year, the length of time it is taking homes to sell is brisk, with process selling closer to list than a year ago. And while there is a notable drop in the median housing price, this is due to the mix of what sold and not a softening of values.

The Grosse Pointe housing market also is indicating strength despite fewer sales, which simply represents

the lack of homes on the market. Median sales prices rose, time on the market remains less than two months and percent of asking price remains healthy.

Last month, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe were neck and neck in percent of asking price with 96.5 and 96.9 percent, respectively. Both are up from last January, when Harper Woods saw 92.8 percent and Grosse Pointe reached 95.5 percent.

Responding to questions about the market in general, Ursel Mayo, president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, observed, "We did



receive some anecdotal information about lost sales due to the government shutdown, but there is not expected to be any long-term impact. The market hates uncertainty, so once all this wrangling over government funding is behind us, sales should increase.

"It is also great to report that at an economic forecast provided by David Sowerby, notable area economist and now a fund manager, he indicated that any talk of recession is now being put off until the end of 2020," she continued. "He actually, however,

did not see indicators that a recession was looming. It was more a sense that the recovery has been going on for a long time and we know it will eventually end. We just don't know when, but it is unlikely to occur in the next 19 months." As always, however,

there is a cautionary tale. Subtle market changes can occur quickly. Knowing a broker or agent who is on top of what is going on is therefore critical. This supports the importance of working with a Realtor who knows the neighborhood and the market.

Internship program teaches business skills

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — At 18 years old, not many people have the opportunity to run a business.

Grosse Pointe resident and University of Michigan freshman, Ethan Paczkowski, is trying to get ahead of the curve.

As a part of the Young Entrepreneurs Across America internship program, the 18-year-old is bringing a student-led house-painting business to Grosse Pointe. YEAA provides training and funding for the Student Painters business; the rest is up to the branch managers.

The small student-run businesses — which can be found throughout the Midwest — provide exterior house painting, are insured and use Sherwin Williams paint. Paczkowski said it also provides free estimates.

As a branch manager, Paczkowski will be tasked with every facet of running a small business. From interviewing and hiring employees, to payroll and providing estimates, Paczkowski will lead the show.

"I've always sort of been interested in business project management," Paczkowski said. "When I was in high school I was in Boy Scouts. For my Eagle Scout, I had to do a project. It basically involved collecting books for disadvantaged schools in the area. And, I liked being a leader like that, the project management aspect. So I thought this would be a pretty good opportunity for me."

He said the opportunity to put on his resume that he managed a business also was a major motivating factor for signing up for the program.

"I just hope to learn a lot of management skills, time management," he said. "A lot of the testimonials that our previous members have given is that it just really boosts their confidence and their ability to work and connect."

work and connect." But it's not a one-man show. Paczkowski said he plans on hiring five or six area high school students to paint and market throughout the summer. "We're ramping up our marketing now," he said. "I'm going to hire a couple students at (Grosse Pointe) South to come in as marketers

on my team. So we'll have a social media presence within a few weeks. I think then we're going to do flyer-ing campaigns and stuff of that nature."

To find out more information about the business, contact Paczkowski at (989) 528-0867 or ethan.paczkowski@gmail.com. "I think probably most

important is that it's really just operated by students who want to benefit the community and want personal development in their life. We have that sort of drive and ambition. ... I think as a company our whole ethic is just to provide the best service and customer service and build those kind of connections."

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Shores resident to speak at CPAC 2019

Grant Strobl of Grosse Pointe Shores will speak at the 2019 Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC, which takes place Feb. 27 to March 2, in Maryland. Sponsored by the American Conservative Union, CPAC is the most recognized annual conference for conservative political activists.

Strobl serves as national chairman of Young Americans for Freedom and is a frequent spokesman concerning the topic of free speech on campuses across the country. He received a national response in support of his efforts to block the University of Notre Dame's decision to cover historically relevant art. Additionally, he is completing his second two-year term as an elected member of Michigan's 14th Congressional District Republican Executive Committee.

Other speakers planned for CPAC 2019 are television and radio personality Mark Levin, Sen. Mike Lee (R - Utah), Judge Jeanine Pirro, Brexit leader Nigel Farage and Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel.

"CPAC attracts a large number of young conservatives," Strobl said. "Those are the same students targeted on campus for their political views. My

presentation will bring attention to the continuing issue of attacks on conservative speakers and programs on campuses across the country.

"Time and again free speech is being restricted by university administrators," he continued. "These administrators do little or nothing to prevent violent protesters and hecklers who effectively veto conservative speech. That is not free speech."

Strobl has written frequently about free speech on college campuses and his opinions have been reported in numerous media outlets. The University of Notre Dame Law School student graduated from the University of Michigan in 2018. He is on Red Alert Politics' "30 Under 30" list and Newsmax's "30 under 30" list of influential young Republicans.

"Grant is a national spokesman who brings much needed attention to the issue of conservatives being silenced on our college campuses," said Janine Kateff, 14th District chairwoman. "He continues to well represent YAF and his generation of campus conservatives. Our entire 14th District Executive Committee is very proud that Grant is using a national platform like CPAC to inform leaders about the important issue of campus free speech."

Correction

In the article, "Bookstore approved for The Hill," printed in the Feb. 14 Grosse Pointe News, the bookstore owner should have been identified as Lindsay Cotton.

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some of these voids (with crushed concrete), a lot of what they filled is spilling out to the lake because of openings in the sea wall.

"We are now looking at the possibility for a temporary fix, driving some seawall in front of those voids so at least we can stop further deterioration and make sure what we put down in terms of fill stays there."

Reeside added the Farms and Shores will commission engineering firm Hubbell Roth and Clark to "survey the wall and identify for the county what areas need to be addressed."

"It's really the county's responsibility, since it's a county road," Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber told the Grosse Pointe News, commenting on whether the municipalities might seek federal funding. "We need some emergency repairs."

On the agenda of the Shores city council meeting Tuesday, Feb.



PHOTO BY MELISSA WALSH

This photo taken in September 2018 shows exposed rebar and fallen concrete along the Lakeshore seawall in Grosse Pointe Shores.

19, was a formal resolution requesting Wayne County "immediately address the dangerous conditions along the Lakeshore Road shoreline." Emergency repair funds from Wayne County would "be coordinated with Grosse

Pointe Farms."

"We have to see what the county's ready to do," Wollenweber said.

The poor condition of the 3 1/2-mile Lakeshore Road seawall is obvious. Rebar posts installed eight decades ago are exposed. Concrete pan-

els are fallen. Those walking the shore must take care not to step into any of the many existing and emerging sinkholes.

In the Shores, evidence of damage to the infrastructure near the shoreline was uncovered last spring when sprinkler technicians heard a gushing sound from a manhole cover while working near the sewer line between Lakeshore and its seawall in the city's south end. Shores Public Works Director Brett Smith said the gush "sounded like a waterfall."

During the June 19, 2018, Shores city council meeting, City Engineer Jesse VanDerCreek reported an estimated flow of 80 gallons per minute during dry weather from that location.

Until last fall, emergency maintenance of the Lakeshore seawall, extending from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in the Shores to The War Memorial in the Farms, had been managed exclusively by Farms and Shores per-

sonnel, including filling sinkhole hazards with crushed concrete and repairing damaged sewer infrastructure.

Last fall, road technicians with the Wayne County Department of Public Services filled sinkholes near the shoreline in the Farms.

Repairing the breaches in the seawall itself, county public services personnel told Wollenweber and Reeside, was beyond the scope of their road services. During a meeting Aug. 21, 2018, between Wayne County Public Services Director Beverly Watts, members of her staff, Farms Mayor Louis Theros, Reeside, Wollenweber, Smith and Shores Councilman Robert Barrette Jr., the county committed to filling the sinkholes with stone and crushed concrete as a short-term resolution.

After filling sinkholes in the Farms, however, county employees failed to fill sinkholes in the Shores.

Last fall, Lawrence said her office is working hard to secure federal funding for

repairing the seawall — an estimated cost of close to \$3 million.

"It's going to be a multi-year project and that's why we indicated a quick need to fill those breakwall gaps where you simply cannot fill it with anything," said Theros during the Feb. 11 Farms city council meeting. "The Shores already had a sewage pipe break caused by the water from the lake coming in. And of course that runs right into their sewer lines and that goes right to be treated."

"The greater fear is that the water could seep right under the road and potentially create a sinkhole situation on Lakeshore. The county understands we need a fix sometime this summer on those absolute opens as we discuss a longer term solution."

The Shores city council meeting Feb. 19, which was to include putting the seawall resolution on the floor for approval, followed this week's press deadline.

Anthony Viola contributed to this report.

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Apartments across the street and more housing developments in the area. It also has invested heavily in green infrastructure such as bioswells, solar arrays and transforming vacant land into green space.

To further reinvest, ECN hired VENTRA Group and Hamilton Anderson Associates to develop a strategy to improve Mack Avenue from Connor to Cadieux.

By their estimates, there is a \$43.6 million retail gap along the corridor. Unmet spending potential lies in furniture and home furnishings stores, electronics and appliance stores, garden, equipment and supply stores, building material and supplies dealers, clothing and clothing accessories, general merchandise stores, department stores and florists.

The plan recommends "that ECN raise and use additional funding that could be used for facade and storefront improvements and/or stabilization, technical assistance to help identify what needs to be done to make the storefronts retail-ready, and establish a fund to help property owners and potential tenants pay legal, broker fees to complete real estate transactions that will bring tenants to the area or keep tenants in the area. Some of the funds raised for facade and storefront improvements could be targeted specifically to assist Mack Avenue property and business owners with preliminary technical support prior to being approved by the programs such as the Motor City Match/Motor

City Restore and other programs with larger target areas and potentially longer waitlists."

To further encourage reinvestment, VENTRA and Hamilton Anderson recommend ECN reconvene a Mack Avenue business association, create a formal marketing and branding strategy and coordinate right-of-way improvements, among others.

"The first phase of the plan," Givens said, "is really for us to provide a lot of focus in the Grosse Pointe Park, Detroit divide between Alter and Somerset, that we work on creating an identity for that stretch of the border and attracting businesses to the corridor."

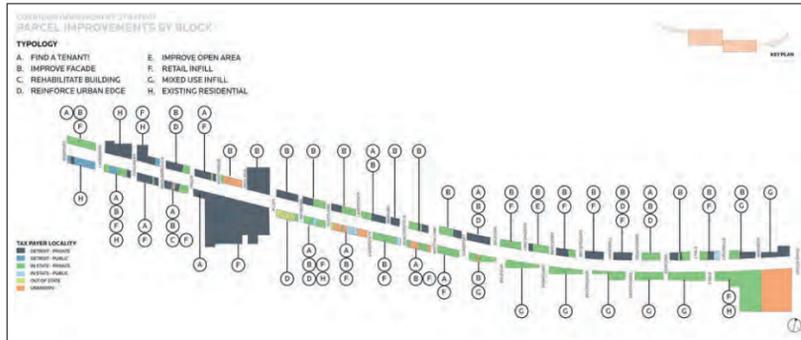
The Grosse Pointe and Detroit relationship often has been one of contention, said Givens. But, Givens said, Grosse Pointe is "a sister community literally right next door to Detroit and it makes sense that there is some level of partnership between the communities that are to the south, to the north and that we leverage the resources and value and understand that it's really just one Mack Avenue."

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Clark, who has been working with ECN, agrees.

"Communities don't exist in vacuums," he said.

For the last couple years, Grosse Pointe Park has been working on improving its streetscape along the corridor with the intention of extending those improvements across the street.

"We recognized that something needed to be done on the other side of the street in order to



attract business in our Mack Avenue business district," Clark said. "So the city of Grosse Pointe Park, the administration, began its involvement in negotiating with the city of Detroit for electrical drops. And our thought is that what we're going to do is we're going to duplicate the lighting that we put in on Mack. Now lighting is interesting because it provides an aesthetic that in addition provides a kind of unifying effect because you have a similar design."

The idea is to improve the aesthetic of the corridor to encourage investment.

"The challenge is finding funding," Clark said. "We do have philanthropy. A person in the Park was good enough to provide the trees and that's the first step. But what we're hoping to find is a way to fund the lighting in similar fashion. And that's of course far more expensive."

The first phase of ECN's plan also will focus on connecting people to support programs and opportunities to invest in properties and businesses between Alter and Somerset in the form of facade improvements and other physical improvements, as well as the cohesive branding strategy for the area.

"There's vacancy on both sides of the street and it's about equivalent

on the Detroit and the Grosse Pointe side," Givens said, "although the facades on the Grosse Pointe side are more attractive in a lot of instances and the vacancy on the Grosse Pointe side is less obvious to somebody driving through. ... This has been addressed through curtains and other mechanisms that maintain at least a positive visual. But, we believe that if we work with the city of Grosse Pointe Park, we can have a vibrant commercial corridor that will be a good place for residents in both Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park."

ECN's reach extends far beyond just Mack Avenue.

Givens said ECN hosts eastside sustainability tours, which showcase the organization's efforts and projects. The first tour of the year is scheduled for Saturday, April 20.

To find out more about its programs, sign up for a tour or view the complete Mack Avenue Improvement plan, visit ecn-detroit.org.

"There's no reason why this area cannot be as hot as Corktown or as hot as some parts of midtown," Givens said. "We have enough wealth in our community. It's just a matter of us working intentionally to create something. ... We could do great things if we

VENTRA and Hamilton Anderson surveyed the entire stretch of Mack from Connor to Cadieux, documenting building and lot conditions. Here are their recommendations to encourage investment for each property.

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work together and we just have to be willing to

leverage our mutual strength."

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animal.

Gerhart said the park's children's programs are unchanged, such as bus service, swim and tennis lessons and swim team.

Extended community center hours began Dec. 1, 2018, to allow resi-

dents to apply for their park pass outside regular business hours. The extended hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Gerhart added Saturday hours fluctuate and recommended residents call the community center ahead of time at (313) 343-2408.

The Week Ahead

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

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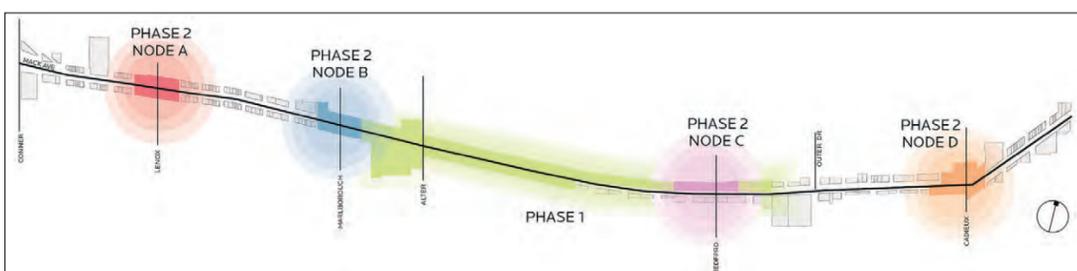
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The phasing of the Mack Avenue improvement plan. Phase one focuses on the Grosse Pointe Park-Detroit border.

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Losing Lindsey: A mother's search to fill the void

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For 20 years, Michelle Young devoted her life to caring for her daughter, Lindsey. When Lindsey died Oct. 1, 2018, Young was left not only grieving, but without a sense of purpose.

While her degree is in art and her professional background graphic design, continuing as a caregiver seemed the most natural fit for the next phase of her life.

"I feel Lindsey gave me all this extra empathy to give," she said. "I promised her I would continue to help people. That's where I am now."

In addition to working at St. Bonaventure Monastery, Young helps a woman with Alzheimer's in Grosse Pointe Park.

"I work in their home and give her husband respite," Young said. "I think I naturally understand what they're going through and how important that block of time is. It takes a toll on you emotionally and physically."

Diagnosed at 14 months with Chromosome 15q duplication syndrome, Lindsey required constant care. The rare and life-threatening genetic disorder is characterized by decreased muscle tone and motor delays, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder and epilepsy.

From the moment Lindsey was born, Young sensed something was wrong.

"Every time I went to my pediatrician and voiced my concerns, he would brush me off," she said.

She and Lindsey's father, William Young — the couple divorced in 2015 — were living in Illinois. They moved to Grosse Pointe where Young grew up — attend-



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Michelle Young with her daughter, Lindsey.

ing The Grosse Pointe Academy and Grosse Pointe South High School — to be closer to Michelle Young's father, O.B. Llana, a physician, and mother, Karen Llana, a nurse. Young knew her parents could help get Lindsey the care she needed.

When the diagnosis finally came, "the news was just devastating," Young said. While there was little research about the disorder at the time, the prognosis for Lindsey's future was bleak.

"The best you can hope for is maybe she could do light chores in her lifetime," Young said.

She went through the stages of grief at each new revelation of health challenges facing her daughter, including anger.

"Anger and 'why me?'" Young said. "I was more: why her? I'm standing here," she said. "I'm tired and angry

at the world, but my daughter is suffering lying here and there's nothing I can do about it. For a parent, that's the most horrible feeling in the world. That and letting her go."

At age 7, Lindsey's seizures worsened, increasing to more than 200 a week at times. When she was 10, following an episode of near paralysis, the next diagnosis came. Lindsey had a degenerative disease called Hashimoto encephalopathy, an autoimmune disorder affecting the thyroid in which antibodies in her blood attacked her brain.

The news was followed by another devastating blow — the death of Young's father.

"You know how they say things happen for a reason," Young said. "The only reason I could think was ... losing my dad forced me to become a stronger person so I could advocate for Lindsey without leaning on my dad. And the worst was yet to come."

While Young describes herself as "a very non-confrontational person," when it came to speaking up for Lindsey, she gathered the strength she needed.

"I think all moms are like that, protective, but she was my only child and she suffered a lot," Young said. "She went through a lot. I became Lindsey's voice. I pretty much gave up my art

career and just focused on her, giving her the best life I possibly could, no matter what the circumstances. ... I made sure that she knew that she was loved and not forgotten. She deserved everything else that anyone else gets. She deserved to have a life like any kid as much as she could."

Lindsey attended Trombly Elementary and Pierce Middle schools and South. She rode horses from age 2 to 10, when her seizures became too bad for her to continue. She attended camps and took swimming lessons. She went to parties at the Arc of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods for children with disabilities.

"Anything social I could get her in, I tried," Young said. "Sometimes it didn't work out. Sometimes I came home crying, thinking, 'I'm never going to do that again.' But I tried."

Along the way she found support through a group of parents online and formed friendships with other parents facing similar challenges.

"I met so many amazing people on this journey," she said.

Among them were special education teachers Joe Finazzo at Pierce and Jill Rotole at South — and Amy Burrows Wilson and Dave Krieger, parents of Dylan Krieger, a boy who would transform Lindsey's life when they met in high school.

Leaving Pierce to attend South was a big transition, Young said.

"I was so nervous about South because we were leaving Joe. Joe was such a comfort bubble at Pierce. It's like they're his children. He treats the kids there so amazingly. Leaving that was very difficult because I didn't know what I was getting into. Joe had said Jill was great and I trusted him, but I still was nervous."

Rotole, like Finazzo, was "just amazing," Young said.

Early in Lindsey's time at South, Rotole called Young to tell her about a new development. The physical therapist noticed

a boy named Dylan had taken an interest in Lindsey, bringing her wheelchair to her after recognizing she was tired from a physical therapy session.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE YOUNG

Lindsey Young and Dylan Krieger formed a special connection in the autism spectrum disorder/cognitive impairment room at Grosse Pointe South.

"The physical therapist caught on right away that there was some sort of connection there between them, so she had Dylan participate in her physical therapy because he was a motivator for her," Young said.

That connection grew into a lasting bond through the rest of Lindsey's life. The two attended homecoming and prom together, shared movie nights at Lindsey's house in Grosse Pointe Farms and attended each other's milestone celebrations, including Dylan's graduation party and Lindsey's combined 18th birthday and pre-prom gala.

Dylan also was a constant visitor during Lindsey's many hospitalizations, present with her at the end, when her compromised immune system was unable to fight off pneumonia, to say his final goodbyes.

"Dylan is an interesting presence in Lindsey's life because there was, of course, the romance and he was also a protector, like they were soulmates or something," Young said. "I don't know if that really exists, but it was a totally non-verbal connection. They were like magnets drawn together."

While Dylan is verbal, Lindsey never spoke a word. Yet she would show affection, Young said, especially with Dylan.

"It wasn't as much as her sassiness, but when you got that affection, it was the biggest gift I

could ever get. When she smiled, I just melted."

Young and Dylan's parents are working on a book together about their children's shared journey — not just the diagnoses and the effect they had on them as parents, but how their children's love story brought them joy.

"There is almost a mourning period when you have a child that's born with disabilities — a mourning of normalcy," Young said. "You think about all the things they're not going to be able to do. You just can't help yourself. You think about they're never going to fall in love. They're never going to go to a dance. They're never going to date. So many things. It's not just relationship-wise."

"So to have Dylan and Lindsey meet and form this amazing connection; it was not only for them something beautiful, but as parents for us to see, it gave us something that we thought we'd never be able to witness in their lives," she continued.

Young hopes the book will give other parents hope.

"I'm not a huge optimist, but it was hard ever to be feeling bad when you were around Lindsey and Dylan together," she said.

Five months after her daughter's death, Young is giving herself time to grieve before deciding on next steps. Art therapy — which she intended to go into when she attended the Art Institute of Chicago, but studied visual communication instead — is something she may pursue, combining her love of art with helping others. She also continues to share her story on "Loving Lindsey," a Facebook page with nearly 4,000 followers.

"I don't know why, but I feel a pressure that I need to keep going, that I need to accomplish something," she said. "... Caregiving calls to me right now because it feels like a continuation. I don't have to let go of that caregiving part of me that I've given 20 years to. ... The woman with Alzheimer's, she's so sweet and she's got a little sass in her too. I can remember touching her face and she said, 'I love you,' and I just thought it was the sweetest thing. And I keep thinking Lindsey is involved in that somehow."

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended licenses

◆ A 26-year-old Highland Park man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 10:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, on Moross at Chandler Park.

A patrolling officer pulled the man over after seeing him drive a vehicle with a non-functional passenger headlight northbound on Moross.

A Law Enforcement Information Network search showed the man had 14 current suspensions and a failure to appear warrant from Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court.

◆ A 58-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, on Mack at Moross.

An officer initiated a traffic stop after observing the woman run a red light at Kerby and Mack. A Law Enforcement Information Network search showed the woman had two current suspensions.

◆ A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Moross and Kercheval.

An officer observed the man stopped at the red light at Kercheval and Moross with a non-functioning driver-side headlight. A Law Enforcement Information Network search revealed the driver's license as invalid.

Dinar and dash

A 21-year-old Farms man and 20-year-old Detroit man were arrested for dining and dashing at 12:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14.

The two were drinking at a restaurant in the 18000 block of Mack. The 21-year-old ordered several beers and the 20-year-old drank Coca-Cola, according to the server.

When the server noticed the 20-year-old drinking one of the beers, she asked the two to cash out and leave. After dropping off the bill, the server got busy. When she looked again, she saw two 10,000 Iraqi dinar notes on top of the bill.

The server attempted to get the two back into the restaurant, but observed them running eastbound in the Mack alley toward Kerby.

The server was able to identify the Farms man through Facebook and police tracked him to his

residence on Kerby. The two admitted to defrauding the restaurant and were arrested.

— Anthony Viola

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Breaking and entering

Three basement storage units at an apartment complex in the 17000 block of Mack were broken into between Wednesday, Feb. 13, and Thursday, Feb. 14.

Officers responded to the scene at 7:15 p.m. Thursday after a resident reported the crime. Officers observed the locks pried off and pry marks on the door frames.

The victim who reported the crime said nothing appeared to be missing from his unit; however, a blue Schwinn Sprinter bicycle, which was unsecured outside of the unit, was missing.

Another of the victims also said nothing was missing from her unit. Officers were unable to contact the third owner to determine if anything was missing.

Fraud

A 40-year-old City woman reported fraud at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. The victim said two unauthorized charges were made to her business account. A total of \$515.67 — \$280.54 at Kohl's and \$235.13 at Comenity — was fraudulently charged to the account.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Warrant arrest

A 59-year-old Detroit man was arrested for a Park warrant at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, on Somerset at Charlevoix.

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While on patrol, an officer spotted the man, who was known to police, and placed him under arrest.

Fraud

A resident in the 900 block of Lakepointe reported credit card fraud at noon Wednesday, Feb. 13. A photobooth printer he did not order was shipped to the victim's home. The victim then inspected his credit card statement and discovered a \$7,000 charge for the printer. The credit card company returned the funds and the printer was sent back to the original company.

Backpack swiped

A backpack containing a computer was stolen from the hallway at Pierce Middle School at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14. The victim left his backpack in the hallway during a basketball game and found it missing later that evening.

Attempted home invasion

A resident in the 1400 block of Lakepointe discovered pry marks at the rear door of a four-family flat at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15. Entry was not gained and the investigation is ongoing.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Hit and scratch

Officers arrested a 32-year-old Roseville woman at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, for hitting a utility light pole in the 1000 block of Lakeshore and fleeing the scene.

After receiving a dispatch of the incident with a description of the vehicle, officers located the 2005 Chevrolet

TrailBlazer traveling south on Lakeshore north of Woodland Shore, and initiated a traffic stop.

Asked if the driver was aware she struck the pole, she responded, "Yes, I was hit in the back of my car and it forced me off the road and I hit the pole."

The officers reported no damage to the rear of the vehicle, but "extensive damage" to the front bumper. When they uncovered a half-empty pint of rum in the vehicle, the woman admitted to drinking the rum and using marijuana earlier.

The driver passed field sobriety tests conducted during the stop. Officers arrested her for open intoxicants in the vehicle and failing to stop following an accident that resulted in property damage.

When the driver became emotionally upset and threatened to hurt herself while in lock up, officers offered to transport her to Ascension St. John Hospital for voluntary psychiatric commitment, which she accepted.

A representative from the hospital called the department later to alert personnel that the woman was severely infected with bed bugs and advised them to clean the station and lock-up area.

— Melissa Walsh

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Ice house

Officers were dispatched to a house in the 2100 block of Vernier at 9:14 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the request of Woods Department of Public Works personnel seeking to turn off the water supply to the house.

The department was in the process of responding to a report that water was flowing from inside the house to the outside. The house's windows were iced over from the inside and ice was protruding from areas of the house's exterior.

When no one answered the doors, officers forced open the front door and immediately detected a strong odor from inside the house. They also noticed many empty cans and accumulated garbage, so much that pathways to the second level and basement were blocked.

Officers forced entry through another door to access the basement, where they found several inches of accumulated water. Public works personnel were able to enter the basement to shut off the water.

Officers reported no furniture or clothing in the house, concluding it was unoccupied. A neighbor told police he last saw the homeowner about one month ago.

The city's building administrator condemned the house and notified the homeowner that the house was not safe to occupy.

Larceny from auto

A 29-year-old resident in the 1800 block of Aline reported a \$500 watch and approximately \$75 were removed from his vehicle while it was parked in his driveway around 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Product prowlers

Following the report of suspicious activity on Mack near Oxford at 3:25 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, officers arrested four men for prowling.

Three men were seen looking into vehicles before entering a dark-colored Chrysler 300, which matched the description of a vehicle used in thefts reported recently in the area.

Officers located the vehicle traveling south on Holiday and made a traffic stop, arresting four men inside.

Uncovering 59 items in the vehicle, including clothing merchandise, wallets and gift and credit cards, officers impounded the car pending investigation of it being used in crimes.

— Melissa Walsh

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I SAY By John Minnis

Looking forward to Spring Training!



There is no truer sign of spring than the Detroit Tigers reporting to Lakland, Fla. It's even better than spotting a robin.

(I know, robins really don't go south for the winter, but try convincing my mother-in-law!)

We've been going to Spring Training since the late 1970s. We were still newlyweds.

I remember one year staying at the Holiday Inn Central, spring quarters of most of the players and front office personnel and family at the time.

There must have been a high school girls basketball tournament in

town. There were girls giggling and running around the hotel walkways.

I was only in my 20s myself at the time, and I looked younger than my age. So, naturally, the girls got to teasing me, following me around and, well, giggling. I hated being out of the room without Terry for protection.

The next year or so, we discovered the "kitchenette" rooms. They were in a different building with its own parking lot and pool. We had a little more room and privacy.

I recall John Hiller in the kitchenette next to us and Dave Rozema and Mark Fidrych above us. We'd toss baseballs up to them, which they would sign and toss back. Try that today.

I remember Hiller on an off day rushing back early from his surf fishing trip. "I broke my pole!" he responded

when one of the other players asked him why he was back so soon.

John Wockenfuss was a good fisherman. It was not unusual to see a five-gallon bucket outside his room with fish offal in it.

I was into fishing then. I would get up at 6 a.m. and go out to Lake Parker behind the hotel and fish for hours. Terry and her kid sister, Kris, would go watch batting practice at Joker Marchant Stadium in the morning and come pick me up for the game and a hotdog and diet pop for lunch.

Yes, it's true. Batting practice was free. Anyone could go in to watch. Not so today.

After the game, we would hang around the clubhouse door to the parking lot. There would be an usher or two sitting there under an umbrella. We'd chat and wait for the Tigers to leave.

In those days, the players had no problem sign-

ing autographs, posing for photos and just chatting. It's hard to get close to them today and harder to get autographs.

You would have thought the players would have been mobbed by autograph seekers, but not so. It was a more laid back, less aggressive time.

As I mentioned, we used to take Terry's little sister with us to Florida. She was 10 years younger and still in school.

Once she got out of school before spring break with some kind of excuse. We were shocked, then, when we ran into one of her teachers at the Magic Kingdom. Of course, the teacher was playing hooky too so nothing was said about it.

About that time, Kris began bringing her best friend, Kim, so she had a buddy to hang out with. We would provide them with Taco Bell and go out

to dinner.

One of our favorite places in Lakeland was El Greco's, featuring the "Loving Couple" — steak and lobster. It was cheap and good, a favorite place with the locals.

One night, we would make the girls dress up and go with us to a "nice place." Usually it was the Talk of the Town out highway 98. I remember always getting their picture under the palm tree there.

Every year Kris' first goal was to get sun, and every year she would ignore our warnings about using sunblock, keeping covered and wearing a hat. And every year, about halfway through the game, we'd find Kris in the ladies room ill from the heat and sunburn.

The ladies would be cooing and caring for her and applying cold paper towels.

When Kris got married

and had kids of her own, they took her place going with us to spring training. The routine would be the same. Now they can talk knowingly with their mother on matters involving our spring ritual.

Now the kids have kids, and Uncle John and Aunt Terry can't wait until they are old enough to go. With Lauren, the oldest, it was 11. With her younger sister, Lindsay, it was 9. That was OK, though, because already she was a knowledgeable Tigers fan, and we relied on her for background on the up-and-coming players.

My biggest thrill was getting press passes for Lindsay and me to cover spring training for the magazine. Lindsay was the reporter, I was the photographer. She interviewed Prince Fielder.

It was a niece's — and uncle's — dream come true.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

HOME ROBBED OF \$7,000 IN GEMS, FURS: Sometime between 7 p.m. and midnight, a home on Merriweather in Grosse Pointe Farms was entered and jewelry and furs to the value of more than \$7,000 stolen.

POOLING OF FIRE-FIGHTING FACILITIES BY CITY AND PARK VILLAGE PROPOSED: A letter was read at the City Council meeting from the president of the Park Village proposing the City and Park work out some plan whereby their fire-fighting facilities could be pooled to the advantage of both municipalities.

1969

50 years ago this week

WOMAN TOP VOTE-GETTER IN PRIMARY: The only woman who sought nomination to the Farms council was the top vote-getter in a field of nine. One person was eliminated. All others will appear on the April 7 election ballot.

COMMITTEE SUBMITS PLAN FOR CONVENT: Ever since January when the New York Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart announced its decision to close the doors of the Grosse Pointe Academy this June, parents have been

working to find alternatives.

The committee proposed a lay-administrated, lay-staffed, in part co-educational school, on the property of the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Obituaries: John T. Allmand, Earl T. Baulch, Sue J. Campbell, Edgar C. DeSmet, Gladys Eisman, Frank F. Fleming, Anna Frank, David W. Hines, Frank Jafer, Helen Kay, Cecelia Labadie, Ruth O'Donnell, Royal Oliva, Kazimiera Smolski

1994

25 years ago this week

VERNIER SCHOOL DOOMED: Despite two alumni on the council, the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores voted unanimously last week to resolve a 30-year dilemma and raze the Vernier school.

The vote came two weeks after the deadline expired for any group to raise nearly \$2 million for the renovation and

maintenance of the 78-year-old building.

The Shores hopes to save some of the tiling and brick — to be used in other municipal buildings in the community — as well as salvaging the school's bell.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS WILL BE BROADCAST ON CABLE: There's a new addition to the Tuesday evening TV lineup.

Tapes of the Monday night meetings of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education will be broadcast by Grosse Pointe Cable, Channel 20, Tuesday evenings.

The board of education had been discussing the possibility of broadcasting the meetings, live, but had not been able to work through some technical difficulties, such as equipment and lighting problems.

Obituaries: Ethel W. Flinn, June Harrison Forsyth, Alice Herman, Thelma M. Kollar, Hattie M. Laige, Duall Farris Martin, George Scandalis, Stanley C. Smith, Catherine French Taylor

2009

10 years ago this week

VACANT HOUSES BEING TORN DOWN: Six houses on St. Clair just south of The Village have been torn down.

City officials got tired of the vacant houses and pressed Sunrise Senior Living, which purchased the houses a few years ago with failed ambitions to build

a condominium complex, for a solution.

Sunrise retains ownership of the properties. **OUTAGE SENDS STUDENTS HOME:** A power outage sent students at Grosse Pointe South High School home early.

Power went out around 8:35 a.m. One of three electrical lines supported by a pole on Grosse Pointe Boulevard became detached, most likely loosened by strong

winds.

Students were dismissed by section and floor beginning around 9:25 a.m.

Power was restored later that afternoon and students returned to class the next day.

Obituaries: Ralph J. Kliber, Mary Louise Keane Forcade, C. Jay Deeds, Henry Earle III, Constance Nauman Hannon, Michael P. Looney, Martin Kenneth Schnurr Jr.

—Karen Fontanive

Advertorial

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Blood pressure is one of the most commonly checked measures of a person's health. Having high blood pressure puts you at risk for a variety of serious diseases, including heart attack, heart failure and stroke.

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"Blood pressure can be managed without medication through lifestyle changes," Georges Ghafari, M.D., chief of cardiology at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, said. "Limiting

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Snow days approach state limit

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

"You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time."

So said Abraham Lincoln, quoting the poet John Lydgate. This sentiment could be applied to comments on Facebook late January and early February in response to school closings due to snow, ice and arctic temperatures from the polar vortex, prompting Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to call a state of emergency.

Opinions on the decision to close schools ranged. Some parents expressed frustration and even anger. Some harked back to days of yore when schools "never closed."

Others believed it was the right decision, but should have been made sooner, allowing more time to make childcare arrangements. Some said they received a call too late; others too early; and others not at all. Others complained of multiple calls.

And then there were those who applauded the district for putting the safety of students first, recognizing the many factors in play.

"For the most part, we tend to call it later than (other school districts) because we want to see the actual conditions," said Rebecca Fannon, Grosse Pointe Public School System community relations specialist. "If we can hold school, we want to do that. We're in the business of teaching and learning and we love what we do, but if it's not safe, it's not safe."

Safety is in fact the first priority, said GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus while address-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The crossing sign in front of Pierce Middle School was coated with ice Feb. 12. Ice was among a host of weather conditions causing school cancellations this winter.

ing the topic at the conclusion of the regular meeting of the Board of Education Feb. 11, on the eve of the district's sixth cancellation Feb. 12. The district had additional closures Jan. 23, 28, 30 and 31 and Feb. 6.

"I just want people to know that we want our kids safe and our faculty and staff to be able to travel to and from (school) safely without having an incident," Niehaus said.

Timing is another important factor.

To "those students who keep emailing me in the middle of the night wanting to know whether we're in or out of school, all I would simply say is ... if it snows tonight from 9 till 12 o'clock, we have six municipals in our community that clean streets,"

Niehaus said. "Not many other municipals have that type of equipment available to get streets clean so that makes a big, major difference. If it happens from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock in the morning, it's a lot harder for us to get our stuff clear.

"Ice is a whole different issue," he continued. "We don't always know when it's going to melt and when it's going to freeze so that makes it even more of a difficult decision."

For example, during the polar vortex days, "it was so cold that the ice wouldn't melt," Fannon said. "The plow was not effective. Until you reach a certain temperature point, it doesn't do any good."

While Fannon said she received a few emails in response to the school



Ice and unsafe driving conditions were among factors considered for school cancellations.

'I just want people to know that we want our kids safe.'

GARY NIEHAUS
Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent

cancellations, that feedback "was all positive or just system related." It was Facebook that generated the most chatter.

"Safety was not an issue, I made it to work each day just fine, as did tens of thousands of others that I work with!" wrote one parent on the GPPSS page. "There seems to be an environment where if there is any weather condition that is unfavorable, the staff aren't expected to get to work. Why is that acceptable? This is

Michigan. It snows. It's cold. It gets icy. School needs to be a priority, not something we hold when it's most convenient."

"I heard and saw large branches falling from trees throughout the day today," another parent responded. "Huge safety factor for anyone being out walking around today. It was so bad that our mailman played it safe and didn't deliver today. If you're going to have a problem with a snow day, whose primary concern is the

Cancellation considerations

Factors weighing into the Grosse Pointe Public School System's decision to cancel school are timing of the precipitation, actual temperature, windchill, amount of snowfall and whether parking lots and sidewalks are clear and roads safe.

Other considerations are young drivers at the high schools; whether cold temperatures, wind chill, ice or falling branches pose a risk to students walking to and from school; and the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch who may not eat if school is closed.

"That weighs heavy on our hearts," said Rebecca Fannon GPPSS community relations specialist.

Unlike school districts offering transportation services, GPPSS does not have to worry about starting buses or navigating down dirt roads, Fannon said — which in many instances may result in those districts making an earlier decision on canceling school.

Conference calls at 5 a.m. between Superintendent Gary Niehaus, deputy superintendents Lisa Abbey and Jon Dean, Manager of Buildings and Grounds Rich Van Gorder and Fannon take place after the maintenance crew has had the opportunity to survey the area.

safety of our kids, it's best to take it up with Mother Nature and not our superintendent."

"We understand par-

See SNOW, page 10A

Teacher of THE WEEK



Glenda Lassiter

School: Ferry Elementary School
Years at Ferry: 27
Grade/Subject: Grade 2
Nominated by: Gloria Hinz, principal
Principal's quote:

"Glenda is an amazing teacher. She is purposeful in the instruction she provides. She exemplifies what it means to differentiate to meet the needs of our students. She is a true master of the art of teaching and a lifelong learner herself."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I have been a teacher at Ferry Elementary for the last 27 years and have enjoyed an incredibly wonderful career, teaching and learning with children. I have been a second grade teacher for 22 of those years and love second graders' curiosity and thirst for learning. I have been blessed with a diverse population of students, supportive parents and great col-

leagues. One of the best things about being a teacher is that no two days are ever alike. Each day brings new joys and challenges, the perfect environment for growth.

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

My greatest teaching and learning accomplishment was the year of training that I had in Conscious Discipline, a discipline philosophy developed by Dr. Becky Bailey. Years ago it revolutionized the way that I build relationships and community in the classroom. I have learned to have empathy for all children and see classroom conflicts and issues as learning and social growth opportunities. Every child has the right to feel loved and accepted and it is only in this environment that children are able to make maximum learning gains.



COURTESY PHOTO

Self-esteem is essential to success and children who come to school with social, emotional or learning difficulties must be nurtured to love themselves and others.

Favorite quote:

A quote that my class recites on a regular basis is something that Zig Ziglar once said: "You were born to win, but to be a winner you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win." It has been my privilege to spend my days with hundreds of winners at Ferry Elementary School.

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- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
- McGraw-Hill Dodge
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- Construction Data Company (CDC)

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING will be held on **Thursday, March 7, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. (EDT)** at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Administration Building located at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. The meeting will take place in the Board Room. Contractors intending on submitting a bid to the Grosse Pointe Public School System must have a representative in attendance (signed in) at this meeting or their bid will be rejected by the Board of Education.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, March 21, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. (EDT)** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The School Board will not consider, accept, or open a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission in this advertisement for bid.

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Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Bid Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

This project is partially and/or wholly funded by a State of Michigan Competitive School Safety Grant. There are no provisions or requirements to follow the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirement.

Please direct questions to Richard VanGorder, Manager of Buildings and Grounds at 313-432-3082.

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Regional gold key winners announced

Among Scholastic Art & Writing Awards recognized by The College for Creative Studies, the affiliate sponsor for the Southeastern Michigan Art Region, were 18 students from Grosse Pointe South High School who received gold key awards, the highest regional honor.

These students' individual artwork or portfolios are automatically submitted for national adjudication and considered for gold and silver medals and special achievement awards.

National medalists will be announced March 13.

◆ Anna Abundis, grade 11, "Faltering," jewelry

◆ Caroline Baratta, grade 12, "Skate Fast," digital art

◆ Sisi Costa, grade 10, "Sky Line," photography

◆ Trinity Diehlee, grade 12, "Selfie," photography

◆ Daniel Draper, grade 12, "Cronus' Gauntlet," fashion, and "Yunnion Sword Plaque," mixed media

◆ Sara Ecclestone,

grade 12, "Otti the Graffiti Artist," sculpture

◆ Christopher MacKethan, grade 11, "Ceramic Steins," ceramics and glass

◆ Samantha McLeod, grade 12, "Self Portrait," drawing and illustration

◆ Morgan Palace, grade 10, "The Caesar Palace," photography

◆ Cassandra Marie Pinder, grade 12, "Indifference," digital art

◆ Caroline Rogers, grade 10, "diving," photography

◆ Kristina Rogers, grade 12, "The Ailment of Narcissism: The Antithesis," art portfolio, and "The Aspiration of Regulation," art portfolio

◆ Nicole Sceglia, grade 12, "Lemonade," and "Save Yourself," photography

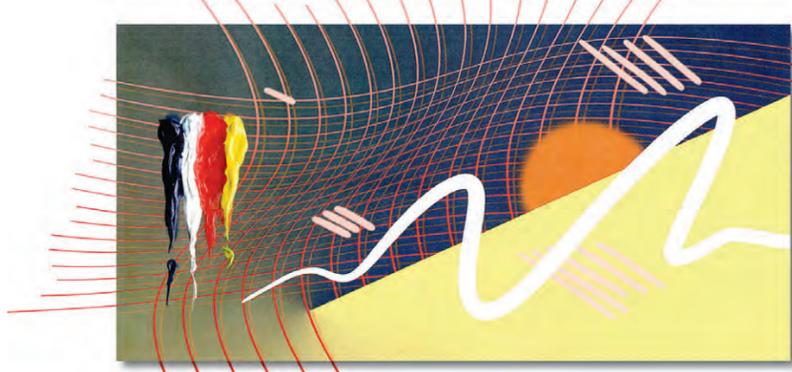
◆ Clara Tardy, grade 12 "Purple Devil," photography

◆ Elyse Tazzia, grade 11, "The Umbrella," photography

◆ Amelia Turco, grade 12, "Tease," photography

◆ Natalie White, grade 11, "street style," photography

— Mary Anne Brush



ARTWORK BY KRISTINA ROGERS

Kristina Rogers' senior art portfolio earned a Best in Show. Included was "Inner Trip," above, a digital drawing and acrylic piece created in advanced placement 2D design computer graphics class with Micki Buksar-Cecil.



PHOTO BY CAROLINE ROGERS

Above, sophomore Caroline Rogers earned her first regional gold key award for her photograph "diving." Rogers is a student in Emily Wolfe's Photo I class. Right, Amelia Turco, a senior enrolled in Wolfe's advanced placement photography class, won a regional gold key for "Tease."



PHOTO BY AMELIA TURCO

Week Ahead

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System offers its first Skilled Trades Career Night 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North High School's gymnasium, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe hosts "What's Next?" a panel discussion about the voter-approved \$111 million facilities and security bond featuring GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus. Attendees have the opportunity to submit questions. This rescheduled event is held at the Pierce Middle School auditorium, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, contact lvvgrossepointe@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, CARE of Southeastern Michigan and The Family Center present a #One GP Parent Camp, Empowering Parents with Information and Dialogue to Support the Children of Our Community, 8:30 a.m. to noon at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Keynote speaker Dr. Asha Shajahan will address unconscious bias. Topics of breakout sessions include social media, cultural competency, bullying, suicide prevention, trauma, vaping, special education and early intervention. To register, find One GP Parent Camp on Facebook.

Students imagine a life in history

Students in University Liggett School's Latin American history class presented original works based on their understanding of the history fiction novel "Malinche," by Laura Esquivel, during a special event at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Held the evening of Jan. 24, the event was open to the public and gave students the opportunity to present their projects while demonstrating their understanding of the novel and what conclusions they drew from it. Projects included works of art, children's books, board games, analytical essays, poetry, historical fiction, computer animation and fashion.

According to Latin American history teacher Brad Homuth, the historical novel imagines what the life of Malinche, who was Hernando Cortes' native-born translator during his conquering of the Aztecs, was like. The novel is filled with symbolism and examines the theme of identity — a topic still relevant to Latin America today, Homuth said.

— Mary Anne Brush



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The theme of Gabrielle Clinton's painting, "Reflections," was self love, a conclusion Clinton drew from the historical fiction novel "Malinche." The left side of the painting depicts the dark, shadowy side of human nature, while the right side reveals a more positive side behind the mask.



Maria Mirkazemi explains to Latin American history teacher Brad Homuth why she used make-up to depict both sides of a person's personality.

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COURTESY PHOTO

All you need is love

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Retiring after 30 years as a parks and recreation director has given Maureen Carter time to pursue other interests. For example, while she has crocheted for more than 40 years, now she can take on new projects. And this school year marks her second as a crossing guard at Ferry Elementary School, greeting students at the corner of Wedgewood and Roslyn at the west edge of the school property and helping keep them safe on their way to and from school.

What she didn't anticipate was being able to combine a new job she loved with her longtime craftiness.

One day a little boy saw a crocheted purse she made and asked her to make him a red car.

"I had never made a toy, but went home and figured it out and brought him a red car," Carter said. "He asked me for other vehicles after that, which I figured out too. Then I made a couple things for his sister and it took off from there."

On the last day of school last year, she made bookmarks and gave them to the students

who crossed at her corner to encourage summer reading.

This Valentine's Day, Carter was inspired by a new trend known as yarn graffiti, yarn bombing or public fiber art.

'It was a lot of love and smiles all around.'

MAUREEN CARTER
Ferry Elementary School
crossing guard

"If you Google it, you will find examples of it as both temporary installations for festivals and special events or special occasions and some places have some more permanent projects," she said.

Carter created her own temporary installation on the fence outside the soccer field at Ferry.

Red crocheted letters along the fence spelled out "All u need is" followed by pink and red hearts. The iconic line from the Beatles song sent just the right message for students headed to school that day.

The Ferry PTO posted the photo on Facebook with the message: "Thank you to our amazing teachers and staff

that go above and beyond for our kids! This morning was a perfect example as one of our crossing guards lined the school fence with an important knitted message, All You Need is Love!"

Throughout the day, parents took pictures of their children in front of the fence.

"My favorite kid reaction was from a little boy," Carter wrote on her own Facebook page. "Miss Maureen! I love it. I hugged it. It's so cool."

In the afternoon she reported to her post and was in her car near the corner, within view of the fence. A woman came along, noticed the sign and "sang the phrase out loud with a little dramatic flair," Carter wrote. "Then she realized I was in my car watching her and we both cracked up laughing."

"It was a lot of love and smiles all around," she continued, "which is what it's all about. I have a feeling I might have to do it again."

When asked what she had planned, she responded she wasn't quite sure.

"Probably something with a happy sun to welcome them back and bring on the nice weather. Stay tuned."

ULS Players present 'Guys and Dolls'

The University Liggett School Players will present four performances of the hit musical "Guys and Dolls."

The Broadway classic stars seniors Quinn Nehr as Sky Masterson, Geoffrey Elmer as Nathan Detroit, Mary Weiermiller as Miss Adelaide and sophomore Christina Jarad as Sarah Brown.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Friday, March 1, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3. The Sunday matinee performance will feature the rose ceremony — honoring seniors — before the performance begins.

Elmer plays the gambler, Nathan Detroit, who tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Miss Adelaide (Weiermiller), laments that they've been engaged 14 years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson played by Nehr, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown (Jarad), as a result.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ULS

From left, Christina Jarad, Quinn Nehr, Peter Xu, Isabella Tomlinson, Geoffrey Elmer and Mary Weiermiller play the leads in University Liggett School's musical, "Guys and Dolls."

The show, a madcap romantic comedy, features a large cast with a variety of ensemble and solo performances. More than 30 Upper School students are in the cast, with more than 40 additional students involved in every aspect of the production — from front of house management to lighting to costumes to set design. The show even features the varsity boys' basketball team in a big song and dance number.

Nehr and Elmer are in their final main stage performance at University Liggett School and both are receiving feedback and responses from national universi-

ties, as they audition for the next level after graduation, said Dr. Phillip Moss, creative and performing arts chair.

"Nehr and Elmer have been actively auditioning for some of the top university theater programs in the country and have already received offers of admission to several excellent programs," he said.

Jarad also won acclaim recently at the Michigan Vocal Music Association Festival and the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition for musical theater.

Tickets are available online at <https://uls.seatyourself.biz>.

SNOW:

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ents' frustrations," Fannon said. "Most of us are working parents also."

Among constructive criticism was the suggestion to start school on a delayed schedule.

"Our cabinet has discussed the matter and is putting a plan in place so we are ready should the weather allow a safe start later in the day," Fannon said. "For elementary that is easier. For secondary, we need to decide whether to run a compressed schedule — fewer minutes per class period and adjust the bell schedule — or start at a particular class period. When we start also determines if we can offer lunch."

"On the days we've had off so far, a late start still would not have been safe as temperatures didn't rise fast enough or conditions would have remained unsafe as students walked home from school," she added.

Also, according to the pupil accounting manual, 75 percent of students must be present for the day to count, so the district might fall short of the state-mandated 1,098



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Shannon Byrne took advantage of the snow day Jan. 31, when schools closed due to extreme cold, to open up her home — and her kitchen — to families interested in helping pack lunches for the homeless. Donations of hats, gloves, coats and blankets also were requested. Packing the car for delivery to Lunches for Love are, from left, Lori Nixon, Conor Curran, Liz Rohan and Byrne. Curran, a first-grader at Kerby Elementary School and son of Rohan, helped by writing notes and drawing pictures on the lunch bags.

hours over 180 days of instruction even on a day schools remained open.

With the Feb. 13 cancellation, the district reached its maximum of six days of "forgiven time" allotted by the state for school closures due to conditions outside school officials' control, such as severe storms, fires, health conditions and infrastructure issues. One more and administrators

must decide whether to add more instruction time to the calendar — eliminating scheduled vacation days or adding days at the end of the school year, for example — or seek a state waiver to avoid the loss of aid.

There is also newly introduced legislation to exclude days canceled during state-declared emergencies from counting as snow days. If enacted, the five-day arctic freeze from Jan. 28 through Feb. 1, would be forgiven statewide.

"When the governor calls a state emergency, you really don't have much choice," said Niehaus. "We would probably have been the only district in the state ... open if we would have (gone) against her wishes."

Whether this legislation is enacted or the district has to apply for a waiver, Fannon is confident it won't come to adding school days in June.

Then again, "This is indeed Michigan," she said. "We get that, but this is the business that we're in and if we can open to educate students, we want to do that."

CITY OF HARPER WOODS BOARD OF REVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 11, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor's office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 25, 2019 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

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- Removal of existing shingles and associated flashings from the concessions roof
- Removal of existing rolled roofing and associated flashings from the dugout roofs
- Removal and replacement of select deteriorated plywood roof sheathing
- Install new roofing, venting, and associated flashings at concession roof
- Install new roofing and associated flashings at the dugout roofs

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available to Contractors starting **Tuesday, February 12, 2019** by contacting the office of the Architect. The Architect's office will issue the requesting companies electronic (.pdf) files of the Contract Documents. The cost of document reproduction will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

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A PRE-BID MEETING will not be held for this project. It is the responsibility of the bidding Contractor to visit the site and become familiar with the project site, conditions which may affect its bid, etc.

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More than a mission Church sends helping hands to South Carolina

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It was a Christmas like none other for at least two families in Myrtle Beach, S.C., thanks to a team of missionaries from Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

The College Students and Young Adults of GPUMC, anxious to help people affected by recent hurricanes, reached out to Myrtle Beach United Methodist Church to identify opportunities to help.

"The idea was that it's hard to get young people in their 20s involved in church because they're all so busy," said Tom Cobau, one of 10 missionaries on the mission trip.

Luckily, he said, with financial support from the church and lodging donated by the Rev. Ray McGee, the team of youth and adults spent Dec. 26 to 30 doing their best to improve the lives of two families during their short stay.

Diana Faust asked for help after Myrtle Beach United Methodist Church assisted a neighbor in her trailer park. Unable to help, the church noted her request and passed it along to the GPUMC team.

"It was on their list of things to do, but they didn't have the resources or the time," Cobau said. "We were able to go because we had the resources and the time."

The team was able to provide hurricane relief help, as well as help with "projects they couldn't accomplish themselves,"



Missionaries and the Howard family are all smiles.



Missionaries gather after a day's work with Myrtle Beach resident Diana Faust in front of her trailer.



Diana Faust, left, and Sara Sessions.



Diana Faust and Mike Skalsky.

said Aaron Beckius, youth missionary.

"The first lady we helped, Diana, we rebuilt

the stairs from her front porch to the sidewalk," he continued. "The tops of the steps were rotting out and the handrails were wobbly."

The team also built a wooden structure around Faust's trailer hitch to keep critters out, said Sara Sessions, one of the adult missionaries.

"And we put in new

pavers for her to walk on," Sessions added. "It gets very muddy there."

Cobau said the team continued to help Faust after returning home by buying her a refrigerator, with help from Beckius, who works at Lowe's.

"She was such a gracious, kind and appreciative woman," Sessions said. "It was a pleasure to

help her."

After work at Faust's home was complete, the team visited the Howard family — single mother Angie, her daughter Jasmine and son Jarell.

"They were homeless about a year ago," Cobau said. "She was left in a homeless shelter with two children, so the local church helped. They found (an affordable apartment) for them. They had a roof over their head, but it wasn't very nice."

The missionary team installed curtains and shelving, decorated, repaired kitchen cabinets and "made it feel more homey," Beckius said.

Added Sessions, "We totally redid the bedroom this teenage girl shares with her brother — a total transformation. ... It just needed to feel more like a home."

Later that evening, the team treated the Howard family to an evening out to see the Pirates Voyage Show.

"It was kind of like Cirque du Soleil mixed with pirates and Christmas," Beckius explained.

"It was such a treat for the family," Sessions added. "It's not something they could have afforded; it included dinner. It was just a great time."

During the visit, Angie

Team members

- Aaron Beckius
- Ashley Boulier
- Joey Cobau
- Tom Cobau
- Keith Leonard
- Olivia Randazzo
- Sara Sessions
- Audrey Skalsky
- Jennifer Skalsky
- Mike Skalsky

Howard expressed her desire for a vegetable garden so she could be more self-sufficient. However, living so close to ocean, the area has more sand than soil.

"We came up with the idea for palettes," Beckius said, "putting 2-by-4s and 1-by-4s together and putting soil in it so she could maybe plant things there."

The team left the Howard house after presenting the family keys engraved with inspirational words, made by GPUMC member Chris Campbell — a key for hope was given to Angie, a key for discipline to Jasmine and a key for promise to Jarell.

The mission, planned and led by GPUMC member Jennifer Skalsky, was Sessions' first.

"It was so uplifting," she said. "I'd always wanted to go on one of the mission trips. I'm just not tough enough to go to Haiti. When the church went to Texas two years ago, I got on the bus and said goodbye (and watched them go) and thought, 'Why am I not going?'"

"I love to do this kind of thing and help others," she continued. "Like the old adage, it's better to give than to receive. It really makes you feel good to help others."

Added Cobau, "These were all low-income people who don't have much. It was nice to come in and help Diana and Angie in that way."

For Beckius, giving back is part of life.



Aaron Beckius constructs a garden box for the Howard family.

Special thanks to ...

The congregation of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church for prayerfully supporting this mission; its Outreach Committee for financial support; United Methodist Women of GPUMC for special support; the church's Palooza Team for special support; Joe Coffman for loaning the team tools; Chris Campbell for donating engraved keys for the Howard family and the congregation of Myrtle Beach United Methodist Church for identifying families in need of assistance.



Missionaries install new pavers at Faust's mobile home.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers a blood drive 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at redcrossblood.org.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Doug Kempton, lead pastor at Grace Community Church in Detroit, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

- ◆ The movie "Leave No Trace," 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. Cost is \$2.
- ◆ "Keeping you Fit at Home — How to Plan for a Safe Return Home after Rehabilitation from a Skilled Nursing Facility," 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, with physical therapist Keith Finley.

Registration is required for these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelele at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Audubon Society

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, in the annex of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins at 7 p.m. In "Birds, Beasts and Beliefs," speaker Cathy Theisen shares photos of her journey from southern India's Nagarhole National Park north to Binsar Forest Reserve. The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

LWW

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe rescheduled its discussion with Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Niehaus will discuss the district's \$111 million bond use and school improvements. The public is welcome. For information, email lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com.

The league presents its Step Up & Serve Panel at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Panelists — league members who also are elected officials — will talk about their journeys to public office.

Family Center

The Family Center presents "Checklist for Aging," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The free presentation focuses on power of attorney, patient advocate, advance directives and other matters. To register, call (313) 447-1374.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cindy Alain, volunteer with The Giving Lens, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.



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Sweet valentines

The owners and staff at Comfort Care Home Care in the City of Grosse Pointe hosted a Valentine's Day tea party for clients and their caregivers. Tea and scones, small sandwiches and desserts were served on a table dressed for the occasion, with three-tiered dessert trays and fancy cups. After lunch, guests played Bingo and winners received prizes. Fancy hats were worn to the party and owners, Ronda and Pete Maniaci, pictured third and fourth from left, joined the fun with the clients, staff and caregivers.



Lisa Shoupe, client liaison for Comfort Care Home Care, shows client Carol Oleksinski the scratch-off lottery ticket and roses she won. Her caregiver, Lenore Wells, sits next to her.

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Kevin's Song receives \$25,000 grant

Funds will support suicide education, prevention efforts



By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Teachers, school counselors and administrators alike may be interested in attending the January 2020 conference of Kevin's Song, a nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness about the causes of suicide and preventive measures.

The Grosse Pointe-based organization recently received a \$25,000 grant from Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and plans to focus the funding to benefit the education system by producing the second documentary in a series about suicide awareness and prevention.

"The documentary we did this past year, 'Singing Kevin's Song,' has been very well received," said Gail Urso, co-founder of Kevin's Song. "It's been shown on PBS in Detroit a number of times and it's on the PBS website, as well as our website, kevinssong.org. It's a half-hour-long documentary created by James McGovern, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident who is very talented. He and one of our board members,

Alan Hibbert, created the film. ... They will be the team that will create the second film."

While still in the planning stages, the second documentary will be geared toward educators, Urso said. She hopes it will be a tool they can use in their schools to teach about suicide prevention and awareness. "Our goal is to show it for the first time at our next conference in January of 2020," she said. "We are going to be holding a School Summit. It'll be part of the conference, but a portion geared totally toward educators, parents, counselors and administrators."

The School Summit, a new initiative for Kevin's Song, came about through the efforts of the nonprofit's education task force, which has been researching what other school districts in Michigan do for suicide awareness and prevention. School Summit objectives include 1) shine a light on the need for suicide awareness and prevention in Michigan schools; 2) bring together public, private, parochial and charter school leaders to share research, best practices, dis-

cuss needs and present creative and tested options; and 3) provide educators tools they can take back for use in their communities and schools.

"Why not bring all these educators together and show what's working at other school districts throughout the state?" Urso said. "This way we can let the school districts know about all that's available, all that's been tried, all that's worked."

"We realize school districts are all different — their populations are different, their communities are different — but there's a lot going on that would be great to have all in one place. That will be one tool people who attend will have available to them to take back to their school districts."

The Kevin's Song conference each year provides speakers and information geared toward education. Its 2020 conference, however, kicks things up a notch.

"This time as part of the conference, we'll have a track totally devoted to education," Urso said. "The committee working on this includes people from Macomb County, Troy,

Bloomfield, Detroit schools, Farmington, Lake Orion, Oxford. We're in touch with resources from different school districts throughout the area. ... We have the people power and creative minds and enthusiasm to do this."

Urso said she's excited about the grant and grateful to Community Foundation for selecting Kevin's Song for the award.

"Suicide is a public health crisis," she said. "In the last two weeks I've seen stories about young people who've taken their lives. It's so devastating not just to the immediate family. I recently read statistics that said for every suicide there are 130 people affected. Sadly, Michigan has one of the highest rates of suicide among school-age people. We need to focus on raising awareness and putting in place preventive measures."

"Different school districts are working half-heartedly and some are all out," she continued. "In the state of Michigan there is no legislation that says schools have to have suicide prevention programs. There's

a recommendation to do so, but it's just that — a recommendation. It's up to schools and school districts. Our education task force is primarily focusing on the Grosse Pointe school system, but we're expanding for the purpose of this School Summit."

While plans are underway for the new documentary and School Summit, in the meantime, Kevin's Song recently was asked to participate in the #OneGP parent camp, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Public School System and scheduled for Saturday, March 2, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Nancy Buyle, school safety/student assistance consultant for the Macomb Intermediate School District, will speak about bullying and suicide prevention, Urso said.

"I think it's fabulous Grosse Pointe schools is doing this," she said. "I'm delighted to be invited to participate."

For more information about Kevin's Song or to watch "Singing Kevin's Song," visit kevinssong.org.

When home care providers cannot do their jobs

By Karen Love
Guest Writer

"I have had to stand in the middle of the floor due to bed bug infestation," said Elizabeth Laster-Miles, community outreach, PACE Southeast Michigan. "My client's services are postponed due to the issue and I cannot take the chance — or any other

service providers take the chance — of taking bed bugs into our private homes or jobs."

MLive reported in 2016 that Detroit is the most bed bug-infested city in the country, according to data taken from more than 300 Terminix branches. This report was issued Jan. 4, just a week before the North American International

Auto Show opened in Detroit. In 2018, Detroit ranked as the seventh worst city for bed bugs, according to Click-on-Detroit.

Bed bugs have been around thousands of years and can be found anywhere people lie down or sit — in hotels, dormitories, nursing homes, cabs, buses, planes.

They are the type of insect that feed on human blood, usually at night. Their bites can result in a number of health effects, including skin rashes, psychological effects and allergic symptoms. Symptoms may take minutes or days to appear. Itchiness is common, while some may feel tired or have a fever. Typically, uncovered areas of the

body are affected and three bites occur in a row. Bed bugs do not require medical treatment and can be treated with a skin cream containing hydrocortisone or an oral antihistamine like Benadryl. But other bed bug bite symptoms include insomnia and anxiety, reported the Mayo Clinic.

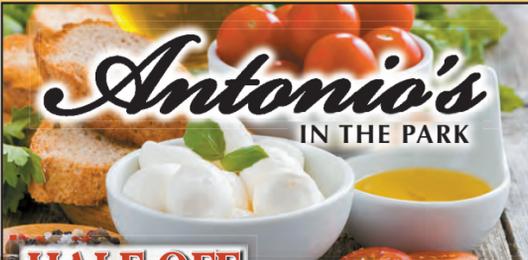
For senior citizens in Detroit, bed bugs are a

common problem in senior complexes or homes where lack of funds are an issue.

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OBITUARIES

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

William Edward Dinan

Grosse Pointe Woods resident William Edward Dinan, 86, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019.

Born May 11, 1932, in Detroit, to James Dinan and Gladys Burns, William, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, graduated from the University of Detroit. He spent the majority of his career in sales representing well-known companies such as Canada Dry and Atlas Tag.

William was a member of the Lion's Club and Detroit Boat Club. He enjoyed extensive traveling, including throughout Europe and spending time with family and friends, especially his grandsons, Michael and Jack. William had a deep interest in Great Lakes freighters and light-houses, as well as a love of dogs.

William is survived by his wife, Mary Dinan (nee Rabaut); daughter, Nancy Rieth (Robert); son, Tim Dinan and grandchildren, Michael and Jack Rieth.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Pat, Jim, Dick and Mike.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday,

March 16, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Ann Taintor Woodhouse Sales

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ann Taintor Woodhouse Sales, 85, died peacefully Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, at home surrounded by family.

Ann was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Detroit, to John T. Woodhouse and Annette Macaulay Woodhouse. She was predeceased by her husband, Murray W. Sales III.

Ann is survived by her brothers, John T. Woodhouse and "Mac" Woodhouse (Joan); children, Carey Sales Fletcher (Brian), Lynn Hess (David), Tracy Glazier (Jeff) and Murray Sales (Jeni) and grandchildren, Sara Hess, Will Hess, Jane Hess, Henry Fletcher, John Glazier, Tommy Glazier, Murray Sales V, Dawson Sales and Carter Sales.

Ann was a loving mother and grandmother

with a huge heart for her family and those in need. She was a Realtor for more than 20 years with Adlhoch and Associates and made many friends during her career. She spent many a summer at Pointe aux Barques in Michigan's thumb and always enjoyed a good book and conquering the most challenging crosswords. Ann was quick to give to those in need and had tremendous compassion for those who needed a hand up in life. She also loved to "putz around" in her beautiful gardens and enjoyed horseback riding and the beauty of the outdoors.

Ann will be missed for her easy smile, engaging personality and direct and honest nature, as well as wonderful humor and easy going spirit. She was one of a kind and a blessing to those who loved her.

A private service will be held at a later date. Condolence cards may be mailed to the family at 1003 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 30600 Telegraph, Ste. 1131, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or at hearttohearthospice.com.



William Edward Dinan



Ann Woodhouse Sales



Marie Ann Piche

Marie Ann Piche

Marie Ann Piche, 95, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, surrounded by her family in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Born June 7, 1923, in Detroit, to George and Marie Hergenroether, Marie grew up in Grosse Pointe Park. Marie met and married Russell Forrest Piche Dec. 18, 1943, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit.

Marie worked at Jacobsen's many years and retired at age 80 when the retailer closed in The Village.

Marie was a longtime member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. She enjoyed playing golf and Bingo. She cooked enormous meals for her large family and was well known for her delicious banana nut bread.

She loved playing cards, especially euchre.

While watching Detroit Tigers games, she would knit slippers and dish towels for her family.

Marie had an amazing personality and connected with people in a way that left them thinking they were now her favorite. While her body was failing, her intellect never left and she often reminded her children of important dates and times — and the location of their cellphones and keys. She will be deeply missed.

Marie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Russell.

She is survived by her children, Greg (Tamara Vincelette), Guy (Vivian), Gary (Mary), Gordon (Cathy), Renee VanAssche, Grant (Donna), Regina Billiet (Mark) and Glenn (Bridget); grandchildren, Leigh Andersen (David), Brett (Simone), Michael (Amanda), Melissa Ahern (Chris), Angela Anderson (Tim), Roxanne Buick (Cody), Ashley, Ann, John, Michelyn Giordano

(Josh), Emma Arrigo (Mike), Grace Piche, Erin Kujawski (David), Cole VanAssche (Ashley), Russell, Casper, Stella Howell (Steve), Jeremy Billiet, Heather Dyer (Erich), Bryan Billiet (Trina), Devin Billiet, Marie Piche, Meghan Piche and Brittany Byrnes (Chris Gordon); great-grandchildren, Owen, Lauren, Riley, Ryan, Jacob, Isaac, Erica (Jon), Tommy, Henry, Forrest, Sage, Elektra, Xandria, Jack, Joseph, Grayson, Addison, Landon, Haven, Ryan, Rhiannon, Oliver, Eloise, Penelope, Lorenzo, Petey, Eli and Ivy and great-great-grandchild, Vivian.

Marie's family would like to recognize the compassionate care and support she received at American House in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Medical Team Hospice at medicalteam.com or Maryknoll at maryknoll.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Some tips for getting 'unstuck'

By Asha Shajahan M.D., MHSA

Guest Writer

We have all had that experience where it seems we are not moving, we are holding on or, no matter what we do, we don't seem to be advancing. We are unable to manifest our desires. This emotional, mental and physical experience is being "stuck."

Getting stuck can be detrimental to health. It can lead to anxiety, depression, chronic stress, poor sleep and

negative habit loops.

What are negative habit loops?

Negative habit loops are behaviors with a cue, craving, response and reward that continue in a vicious cycle. For example:

Cue: Stress
Craving: Eat something
Response: Eat chocolate

Reward: Temporarily feel better, but in the long term gain weight.

The way to break a negative habit loop is to replace it with a healthy

habit loop. But before focusing on creating a healthy habit loop, we need to understand the root of the problem.

Habits are signals of how we feel. Maybe we are bored, lonely or stressed. Understanding why these feelings are occurring can help identify what needs to transform to create a positive habit loop.

Why do we get stuck?

We often have a limited perception of who we are and what we are capable of. We don't always see ourselves through the lens by which the world views us. If you are not sure who you are, do a 360 evaluation with your friends and colleagues. You may be surprised to find what others perceive you to excel at and also see common themes regard-



ing your behavior.

Getting feedback can help provide perspective. With that, you can begin introspection in creating a vision of what you want for your life and what impact you desire to have on others. It can be helpful to write a vision board, listing what makes you most happy, what makes you upset and what you dream of. As companies do for a business, write a mission/vision statement that guides your life's purpose.

Sometimes, we are stuck because we are afraid of knowing who

we really are, because there is a disconnect from who we really are and our current career or lifestyle. We live to others' expectations of us and not to our own mantra.

From 8 years of age, we begin "people pleasing" or looking for approval and validation from others. We focus so much on image, keeping our families proud and societal expectations that we lose sight of our own story. We begin to live the life of a story written for us by well-intended loved ones rather than living our own truth. We may realize that what we want is the antithesis of what is expected of us.

This fear can paralyze us. Being afraid to make a major change can leave us stuck in a career or lifestyle that is not naturally a part of who we are deep in our hearts.

Invite you to reflect on these tips and perhaps you can start your jour-

ney to being unstuck.

To learn more about getting unstuck, visit the Beaumont House Call Podcast available on iTunes, Stitcher or Apple Podcasts.

Shajahan is the medical director of community health at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and a member of Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, a Beaumont Health initiative that targets the priority health needs derived from a Community Health Needs Assessment.

For more information contact Suzy Berschback at suzanne.berchback@beaumont.org.

The mental health and substance abuse task forces are led by Mary Jo Harris, community organizer for CARE of Southeastern Michigan, mharris@careofsem.com. Connect with the group on Facebook at Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

2019 March Board of Review

The 2019 March Board of Review will convene in the City Hall at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

March 18, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

APPEAL HEARINGS

March 18, 2019 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM

March 19, 2019 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by the end of day Tuesday, March 19, 2019 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

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

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

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

GPN: February 21, February 28, March 7, 2019

Early detection saves lives

Laurie Striebel, 73, of Eastpointe, started smoking at age 17.

As a student at Dominican High School in Detroit, she and her friends considered it a harmless, school-girl rebellion. In the Air Force, which she joined shortly after graduation, smoking was part of the culture.

"We didn't know there was anything wrong with cigarettes when we started fooling around with them," Striebel said.

"Everyone smoked."

Today, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer in men and women, according to the American Cancer Society. Each year, more people die of lung cancer than from colon, breast and prostate cancers combined.

Smokers are at the greatest risk.

In its early stages, lung cancer is asymptomatic. So for years, little progress was made in reducing the number of people

who die from the disease. Even now, the overall survival rate at five years is just 20 percent, since it usually is diagnosed at an advanced stage.

In 2011, new research found that a low-dose, radiation CT scan could identify lung cancer earlier in high-risk populations.

With this technology, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, opened its Lung Nodule Clinic in 2013.

"In the beginning,

insurance wouldn't cover the screening," explained Michael Coello M.D., clinic director. "Beaumont did what it could to defray the costs. Low-dose screening CT scans are covered now because we know they work.

"The key to beating lung cancer," Coello stressed, "is early detection."

"The screening guidelines are very specific,"

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CHURCH EVENTS

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts the parish mission, "The Hard and Healing Work of Mercy," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24, 25 and 26, at the church. The event features the Rev. Steven Bell, who has inspired many in his roles as associate director of Busted Halo, campus minister and revival leader. His humor is a testament to his faith. All are welcome to attend one, two or all three evenings. For more information, call (313) 884-5554.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran

Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, partners with Motor City Mitten Mission to make mats for the homeless Sunday, Feb. 24, after its late service. Donations of plastic grocery bags, crochet hooks and extra help are needed. Donations of winter coats, boots and gloves, as well as \$5 McDonald's gift cards, also are requested.

The church hosts a Soup & Chili Cook-Off at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Prizes are awarded for first, second and third place. The deadline to register for the contest is 5 p.m. March 23. Register with Jeff Gates at (586) 771-8482 or gator613@hotmail.com.

Redeemer United Methodist

Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods, celebrates 75 years of faith and service Sunday, April 28, beginning with coffee hour at 10 a.m., followed by a celebration service at 11 a.m. and a catered meal at 12:30 p.m. For more details, call the church office at (313) 884-2035.

St. Paul Evangelical

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

◆ The Rev. Justin

Unitarian church sheds light on human trafficking

Sex trafficking in Michigan is part of a multi-billion dollar, illegal industry, yet most people are unaware it is going on all around.

"Stuck in Traffic, Modern-Day Slavery in Michigan" is a documentary that sheds light on the trade. Filmed in Michigan with an all-Michigan crew, this film was awarded an

IndieFEST Award of Excellence in 2017.

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a private viewing of the documentary at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24.

The program is free; light refreshments will be served.

This documentary was produced by the Wayne

County Medical Society Foundation of Southeast Michigan and is presented by the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Adult Religious Education Committee and the Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe Anti-Human Trafficking Committee.

For more information, call (313) 881-0420 or visit gpuuc.org.

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

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace take place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with

a short video followed by discussion.

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

month.

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Snow day treats

Three weeks ago when the first snow/ice/polar vortex days hit, Cornwall Bakery stayed open and offered a drop-in kids class to give moms and dads a break while offering children a fun activity to do once the roads cleared up.

After a large initial turnout the first week, during which children decorated cupcakes, owners Freeman and Megan Gunnell decided to offer a second class when another snow day hit.

"That time it was 'ice a cookie on your ice day,'" Megan Gunnell said. "Parents with winter cabin fever were so grateful that they had a place to take their children



Three-year-old William Hunter looks thrilled to eat his chocolate-covered strawberry skewer.

when almost every other local establishment, including the libraries, were closed. Moms and



Freeman Gunnell, owner of Cornwall Bakery, watches 5-year-old Nina Ventimiglia dip a strawberry in chocolate.

dads sipped tea and coffee and enjoyed a few minutes of conversation while their kids were in the back whipping up sweet treat masterpieces."

Most recently, Cornwall stayed open Feb. 12, during another school cancellation, offering children a chance to make hand-dipped chocolate-covered strawberry cream puff kabobs, called erd-beer speise. Children also received lunch for \$10.

"We thought lunch and an activity was good for kids, helps mom out and the kids learn a little something," Megan Gunnell said. "Parents were happy, kids were happy, siblings were working together and having fun.

"We really made lemonade out of a bunch of lemons."



Five-year-old Benjamin Hunter rolls a strawberry in chocolate right before rolling it in colored sprinkles.

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explained David Humphrey, physician assistant. "A low-dose CT scan is recommended for all those age 55 to 77 with 30-pack years and currently smoking or having smoked within the last 15 years."

"Thirty-pack years" is defined as smoking half a pack a day for 60 years, one pack a day for 30 years or two packs a day for 15 or more years.

At age 72, with 40-pack years under her belt, Striebel was feeling good and enjoying life, taking Zumba classes, singing in the choir, volunteering in the gift shop at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe and dragging her clubs behind her when she golfed.

Striebel had tried to quit smoking more than a dozen times; it finally stuck around age 68.

Four years later, March 2017, a nagging sinus infection prompted her to visit her primary care doctor. Having been identified as someone at high risk, that visit led to a CT scan, which identified a lung nodule.

Striebel was then referred to the lung nodule clinic, where follow-up screenings ultimately revealed cancer.

"I was surprised as I felt so well," Striebel said.

Sept. 13 that same year, she underwent surgery to remove the upper right lobe.

"That first lung scan truly saved my life. My cancer was caught early. Very early. And the lymph nodes came back clean. I'm extremely fortunate.

"I tell everyone I know over 50 who smokes, or did smoke, to ask their doctor for a scan," Striebel said. "Get checked. It's absolutely critical."

For more about the Lung Nodule Clinic at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, call (313) 473-4690 or visit beaumont.org/services/oncology/centers-clinics-and-locations/lung-nodule-clinic.



Gunnell helps Anna Grose skewer a cream puff while her sister, Eva, waits her turn.

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“I grew up in this church,” he said. “Every year in middle and high school I’d go on a mission to Kentucky and help out different families. That instilled in me an awesome passion for community service. I like helping people who are less fortunate.”

“Seeing how grateful they were for the help really impacts me in a way most things can’t,” he continued. “Those guys were so thankful for the work we did.”

Beckius, who had brain cancer 12 years ago, also gives back closer to home. Following his recovery from brain surgery, he spent 110 days at Ronald McDonald

House. Once his health returned, he said, “My family and I made it our mission to help them out,” and volunteered to make breakfast there for several years.

Cobau, who was part of the church’s mission trip to Beaumont, Texas, in 2017, said while the work then was more physical, this trip was more emotional. Not only did the team spend more time getting to know the people they served, but the trip held special significance for Cobau.

Cobau’s daughter, Eva, who was part of the Beaumont mission and



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM COBAU

Mike Skalsky and Tom Cobau, with Jasmine, Angie and Jarell Howard.

helped plan the Myrtle Beach mission, died in November. It would have been the father and daughter’s fourth mission trip together.

Cobau brought along her ashes to scatter in the ocean.

“Missions were important to her,” Cobau said. “This mission was something she helped plan. ... We were all carrying on her work, taking her place.”

Specifically taking her place was Ashley Boulier, who met Eva Cobau doing mission work in Detroit. While hard at work planting a garden and clearing old tires from lots, the two began talking about the Bible and a friendship was formed, Cobau said.

After Eva’s death, Cobau said, “Ashley felt, as a tribute to Eva, she would take Eva’s place on the trip.”



Youth missionaries, from left, Joey Cobau, Olivia Randazzo and Ashley Boulier.

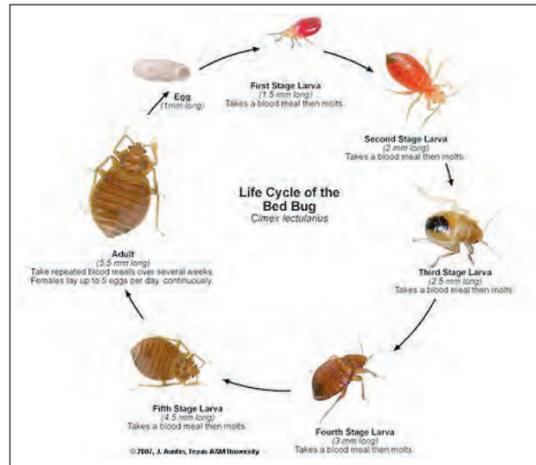
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become immune to living with bed bugs, which can live up to one year depending on conditions and have been known to travel 100 feet in a night. They tend to live within 8 feet of where people sleep, reported the Centers for Disease Control. Bed bugs can poorly affect both physical and mental health.

“For those who live in senior housing facilities, the client must have a clearance letter from the housing facility stating that the issue has been handled or providers such as PACE cannot service them,” said Laster-Miles, also a Senior Reach board member.

Many of these seniors



are in dire need of the services provided by organizations such as Senior Reach, PACE, Michigan Complete Health and others.

Social worker Gwen West also agreed that access is limited due to the infestation. However,

she handles bed bug infestations by reporting the building or facility of neglect and abuse to Adult Protective Services. She gave an example of a well-known senior facility in Detroit known to house former substance abusers or drug addicts

who need service providers, but are infested with bed bugs. The majority of these individuals receive government assistance and she knows if a building such as this is reported to Adult

Protective Services, the landlord will raise the rent. West will share what she has witnessed with the family of the client, asking if they have a plan of action. She strongly recommends the family holds the facility accountable.

The Senior Reach



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An ankle covered in bed bug bites.

board would like to see Detroit donate to a fund to help seniors or partner with an exterminating company who will provide discounts to help seniors with this issue.

Senior Reach is a community program that advocates and supports the well being, indepen-

dence and dignity of older adults through community education, mental health services and connection to community resources. It is a program of the Northeast Guidance Center. For more information, call (313) 308-1400 or visit neguidance.org.



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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Girls win title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team won the Great Lakes Gymnastics League title last week with a dominating performance in front of the home fans.

Head coach Kristin Remillet watched her gymnasts earn a season-high 141.800 points. Taking a distant second was Fraser with 136.950, followed by Birmingham United with 129.075, Port Huron with 119.525, Troy/Avondale with 103.075 and Dearborn Edsel Ford with 67.300.

“We earned a season-high in points in this meet, and that is great to see heading into regionals,” Remillet said.

Cate Gagnier earned the all-around championship with 37.525 points. She totaled 9.40 on the vault, 8.90 on the uneven parallel bars,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe United freshman Maeve Jamieson, shown on the balance beam at a previous meet, helped the team win a league title.

9.75 on balance beam and 9.475 on floor exercise.

Remillet’s team depth was too much for the opposition to overcome. Besides Gagnier, two others earned more than 30 points, Emma Scott with 34.425 and Elizabeth Byarski with 33.875.

Scott scored 8.45 on vault, 8.175 on bars, 8.50 on beam and 9.30 on floor, while Byarski had

8.55 on vault, 8.05 on bars, 8.175 on beam and 9.10 on floor.

A couple competed in three events, Amanda Nguyen and Kate Ennis. Nguyen had an 8.60 on vault, 8.225 on bars and 8.50 on beam, while Ennis had an 8.80 on vault, 7.30 on bars and 8.80 on beam.

Emma Burney, Maeve Jamieson, Sammy Lucido and Ella Maltby were in two events.

Burney had an 8.35 on vault and 8.325 on floor, while Jamieson scored 7.65 on bars and 8.625 on floor.

Lucido had 7.55 on bars and 8.125 on beam, and Maltby had 9.00 on beam and 8.775 on floor.

Ava Hopko and Lexi Poulus were in one event. Hopko had an 8.55 on floor and Poulus had 8.95 on vault.

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Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Hamilton earns spot in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North’s Ray Hamilton earned a spot in the Division 1 individual state wrestling finals tournament with his top-four finish in last weekend’s regional tournament at Hartland High School.

Two others, Grosse Pointe South’s Miles Dearing and Grosse Pointe North’s Nic Volpe, competed in the regional.

As for Hamilton, he lost his first match in the 152-pound division, a 5-4 decision to Elijah Kidder.

He came back to pin Lukeman Kohler and followed that with a 17-3 major decision over Sam Grasl to guarantee a spot in the finals.

In the third-place match, Hamilton lost a 7-5 decision to Samuel Shaw.

Dearing, competing in

the 215-pound division, beat John Koffel in his first match before getting pinned by Nathan Drewek in his second match.

He ended his tournament run losing an 8-1 decision to Jon Hartman. He was one match from making the finals.

Volpe also came within one match of making the finals.

He competed in the 140-pound division.

Volpe lost a 17-1 technical fall to Justin VanVaerenb in his first match, but came back to beat Dejon James in his second match.

His tournament run ended losing a 6-1 decision to Brandon Alkazir.

Next for Hamilton is the Division 1 individual state finals tournament Friday and Saturday, March 1-2, at Ford Field.

The top eight earn a medal.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH & GROSSE POINTE NORTH

South, North cruise

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team went on the road and pulled off an upset in the first round of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament last week.

The Blue Devils beat host Romeo 63-50, giving the Red Division teams a perfect 4-0 mark in the opening round.

“We allowed some runs, but had a few runs of our own,” head coach Kevin Richards said. “We took some quick, ill-advised shots at times, but otherwise I thought the girls played a good game on the road. It was nice to be the No. 4 seed and beat a No. 1 seed.”

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead and maintained the advantage the rest of the game.

Each time the Bulldogs cut into the lead, Richards’ squad would hit a big shot to regain the momentum.

Sophomore Alexa Downey led the way with 21 points, followed by senior Savannah Srebernak with 16 and senior Maria Hessburg



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe South’s Alexa Downey scored 21 points to help the Blue Devils win.

with 10.

South improved to 9-7 overall, and has a chance to play in the tournament championship game Saturday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m. at North.

North results

It was over at the half.

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team made sure Utica Ford wouldn’t pull off an upset in the first round of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament last week by getting ahead early and keeping its foot on the gas pedal.

The Norsemen led 16-4 after the first quarter and stretched the lead to 29-14 at the half.

Another quick run to start the second half gave the host Norsemen a comfortable lead as they moved on with a 55-29 victory over the

Falcons.

“We didn’t play particularly well, but we got the win,” head coach Gary Bennett said.

Play turned sloppy in the second half after the Norsemen had a 46-20 lead. Each team scored nine points in the fourth quarter to round out the final outcome.

Senior Julia Ayrault and junior Christina Braker were in double figures, scoring 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Senior Rachel Liagre had eight points, followed by junior Hannah Davis with six, senior Evelyn Zacharias with five, senior Rachel Sexton with four, sophomore Maddie Kohler with four, senior Maddie Mills with two and senior Regan Sliwinski with two.

Grosse Pointe North is 15-2 overall.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils play well in victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team had it all together last weekend, blasting visiting Marysville 73-48 to improve to 10-9 overall.

The Blue Devils outscored the Vikings in each quarter. They led 13-8 after the first quarter and 27-15 at the half.

Aiding the home team in the first half was two 8-0 runs, which created the advantage at the intermission.

The offense created plenty of open shots and they were active on the defensive end, creating 20 turnovers.

Freshman Will Johnson led the way with 22 points, including five three-pointers, and senior Chase Tomlin had 10 points on three three-pointers and a free throw.

Sophomore Daryl Houston had eight points, and four others scored six points — senior Ryan Downey, senior Luke Adams, junior Weston Brundage

and senior Matthew Moran.

Junior Nick Fannon and sophomore Thomas Hessburg chipped in with two points apiece.

On the night, the Blue Devils made 12 three-point baskets, 12 two-point field goals and eight free throws.

They also took care of the basketball, turning it over only six times.

South also beat L’Anse Creuse North 67-53 earlier in the week to help inch above the .500 mark with one week left in the regular season.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen just shy against Marauders

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team lost 72-45 to host Chippewa Valley last week in the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament.

With the defeat, the Norsemen finished eighth.

They played the road game on heavy legs after losing a tough 81-75 road contest the night before against Warren Mott.

Points came at a frenzied pace. The 75 points were a season high for head coach Andy Ayrault and his Norsemen.

Senior Troy Herd and junior Cameron Perrino scored 22 points apiece to power the Norsemen,

who just came up short in their third game this season against the Marauders.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 7-12 overall. The Norsemen finish the regular season with a home game at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, against Port Huron.

They play their state playoff opener Wednesday, Feb. 27.

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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn No. 2 playoff seed

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took only two periods for the host Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team to beat Walled Lake last weekend.

The Blue Devils scored four goals in the first period and added seven in the second to win 11-1.

With the win, head coach John Weidenbach and his Blue Devils finished 12-2 in the

Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, locking down the No. 2 seed in the upcoming playoffs.

Two players had hat tricks, freshmen Molly Ryszewski and Victoria Roth. Ryszewski had five goals and one assist, while Roth had three goals and two assists.

Other goal scorers were seniors Alyssa Czech and Anna Mary Moody, as well as junior



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe South girls hockey head coach John Weidenbach has his Blue Devils as the No. 2 seed in the upcoming state playoffs.

Lauren Benoit.

Players with two assists apiece were Benoit, junior Natalie Clexton, sophomore Regan Sherry, freshman Effie Hodges and freshman Olivia Livingston.

Czech, Moody and senior Madison Ryszewski had one assist

apiece. Junior Emily DesNoyer earned the win in net.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 17-5 overall.

The Blue Devils finish their regular season with a home game at 4:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen beat Red opponent

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team put one in the win column last weekend, beating Fraser 99-86.

It was a tight meet throughout, but when it came to the final event the Norsemen put the hammer down to win it.

Head coach Nick Valice watched as his 400-yard freestyle relay team of Gianni Carlino, Ian Donahue, Brian Veneri and Owen Schaaf won with a time of 3:30.22. They won the event by more than four seconds over the Ramblers.

Just to add some insurance points, the foursome of Tommy Hartzell, Jason Liverpool, Jack Gehlert and Owen Nowacki took third with a time of 3:41.79.

Fraser won the first three events, the 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley.

The Norsemen finished second in each event to keep it close until Schaaf won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.01. Liverpool and Hunter Adelson tied for second with a time of 24.77 to

help the Norsemen sweep the event.

In diving, Trevor Mulkey was second with 210.75 points, and Schaaf came back to win the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.59.

Veneri and Liverpool placed second and third in the 100-yard freestyle, posting times of 53.56 and 55.98, and the trio of Donahue, Hartzell and Max Kluge took second, third and fourth in the 500-yard freestyle with times of 5:12.91, 5:34.34 and 5:50.19.

The Norsemen won the 200-yard freestyle relay with Schaaf, Veneri, Donahue and Adelson turning in a time of 1:35.78, and they turned up the heat on the Ramblers when Carlino and Adelson took first and second in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 1:01.81 and 1:05.80.

Carlino also won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.31 to put the Norsemen in position to win the division meet.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, and travels to Chippewa Valley this weekend for the league championship meet.

Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Rosenberg posts shutout

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys hockey team stretched its winning streak to three last week, beating visiting Anchor Bay 2-0.

The game was scoreless in the opening period, but midway through the second period junior Will Nicholson sent a perfect

pass to senior Dan Bowe, who buried the puck in the back of the Tars' net to give the Knights what would be the game-winning goal.

Head coach Mike Maltese has seen a steady improvement from his youthful Knights. They took another step in the right direction on the defensive end where his defensemen kept the

opposing forwards from many scoring chances.

When the shots were fired, senior goaltender Jake Rosenberg made the saves. He was busiest in the second period where he made a couple of saves off shots fired right on the doorstep.

Junior Tristan Reilly gave the Knights some breathing room, scoring an insurance goal at the

5:56 mark of the third period. His goal came unassisted.

With the win, ULS improved to 8-13-1.

The Knights conclude the regular season with a home game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, against league foe Allen Park.

In the state playoffs, the Knights play a regional semifinal game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.

NORTH & SOUTH

Blue Devils, Norsemen fall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team played well, but not well enough in a 3-1 road loss to Warren De La Salle last weekend at Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

"We played pretty well with a short bench, so overall I was pleased with our effort," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "We out-chanced them like 5 to 1, but didn't convert those opportunities. We had a lot of positives to build on with the play-

offs around the corner."

Neither team scored in the opening period and each team tallied a goal in the second stanza.

The Pilots scored at the 10:19 mark to make it 1-0, and the Blue Devils tied it when junior Alexander Miciuda tallied five minutes later. Junior Bradley Burdick had an assist.

The Pilots went ahead 2-1 with a goal at the 12:14 mark of the third period, and added an empty-net goal with only 41 seconds left.

Junior Will Strickler took the loss, making 23

saves.

The two teams meet again with the stakes much higher. They play at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the first round of the Division state playoffs at University Liggett School's McCann Ice Arena.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team dropped a tough 3-2 overtime game to host Romeo last weekend.

The Norsemen fell behind 1-0 in the first period, and neither team scored in the second period.

Early in the third period, senior Chris Lorelli scored, assisted by senior Connor Albrecht, knotting the game 1-1.

The Bulldogs scored to make it 2-1, but sophomore Dylan Holman tied

it with a goal at the 11:09 mark. Lorelli and Albrecht drew the assists.

With the game in overtime, the Bulldogs scored the game-winner on the power play just 64 seconds into the extra session.

Junior Brian Clogg suffered the loss, stopping 24 shots.

North also played two Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League games last week, losing 9-1 to Warren De La Salle and 10-1 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

North is 0-12 in the MIHL and 3-18-0-1 overall.

The Norsemen's Division 3 regional playoff first-round opponent is MIHL foe U-D Jesuit.

They square-off at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at University Liggett School's McCann Arena.

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Other gymnasts who competed in all four events and scored more than 30.00 points were Madeline Brooks, Amelia Givens and Elana Stebbins of Birmingham; Isabella Dyer, Constance Gresko, Haylee Hawkins, Maddison Hissong, Isobel Muskovin and Kyla Wygant of Fraser; Jenna Cooper and Marissa Hayes of Port Huron; and Alhena Reyes and Diana Tet of Troy/Avondale.

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe beat visiting Dearborn 137.375-61.325 to improve to 8-2 overall.

Seven gymnasts competed in each of the four events, including Gagnier, who had a school-record 9.7 on the vault, with 8.375 on bars, 8.975 on beam and 9.425 on floor.

Byarski scored 8.55 on vault, 8.05 on bars, 8.175 on beam and 9.1 on vault, while Natalie Gatteno had 8.0 on vault, 7.55 on bars, 7.6 on beam and 8.075 on floor.

Hopko scored 8.4 on vault, 7.3 on bars, 7.275 on beam and 8.325 on floor, and Jamieson had 8.25 on vault, 7.625 on bars, 7.75 on beam and 8.575 on floor.

Maltby scored 8.45 on vault, 8.9 on beam and 8.675 on floor, and Scott had 8.25 on vault, 8.0 on bars, 8.6 on beam and 9.075 on floor.

Next is a regional tournament Saturday, March 2, at White Lake-Lakeland.

Groves, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Fraser, Highland-Milford, Novi, Port Huron, Troy, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Kettering and West Bloomfield compete.

The top three teams make the state finals.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

2019 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2019 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting

March 12, 2019 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings

March 12, 2019 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

March 26, 2019 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by end of day Tuesday, March 26, 2019 to be reviewed by the Board. **Postmarks are not accepted.**

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper. All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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

GPN: February 21, February 28 and March 7, 2019

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2019 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Municipal Court Room, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

for reviewing the 2019 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2019, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-2435. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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Eric Dunlap
Assessor

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2019 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

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

and

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

and

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

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

and

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

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 15th.

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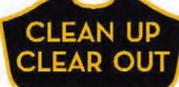
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

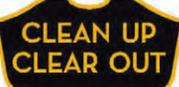
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