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City awards road bid

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Road work is expected to begin in June, said Director of Public Works Pete Randazzo.

Monday, April 15, council approved Florence Cement Co. to complete the 2019 road program.

With the approval, Randazzo said the city will sit down with the contractor and hammer out the details for the project, but he expects it to start early summer.

Florence completed the City’s road resurfacing programs in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2018. It also resurfaced Kercheval from Neff to Fisher in 2007.

Slated to be resurfaced this year are Maumee from Fisher to Cadieux — except for the block in front of city hall as the new Department of Public Works building is constructed — as well as Lincoln from Jefferson to approximately 400 feet north of Maumee and a block of Charlevoix from Cadieux to Lorraine in conjunction with the Park’s resurfacing of Cadieux.

The project will cost approximately \$994,000, including a \$50,000 contingency for base repairs and \$108,000 from the water and sewer fund for work on catch basins and other sewer-related repairs. The cost for milling and resurfacing with curb caps is approximately \$742,000 and will

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Demolition begins

Demolition of the aging City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Works yard began Wednesday, April 10. In its place, the city will build a fully-enclosed 26,000-square-foot facility. In August 2017, voters narrowly approved \$12.96 million for new DPW and Department of Public Safety buildings and courtroom renovations. The DPW is expected to be complete early next year.

New building on Mack approved

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A building on Mack will receive a face-lift.

Monday, April 8, council approved the site plan for the building at 18450 Mack, at the corner of Manor, with some conditions.

Tribus LLC plans to partially demolish the building and construct a new two-story structure. According to the application, the second floor will

be used as office space with an undetermined use for the first.

The plans feature a cultured stone-and-brick facade with large windows.

Originally proposed to have a zero-foot set back, council requested the plans change to have a five-foot set back at the corner and 3-foot set back to the north to improve sight lines at the corner.

City Manager Shane

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hoppy Easter!

Leah and Sarah Maxwell pose with the Easter Bunny during Grosse Pointe Park’s second annual Marshmallow Drop on April 13. Hundreds of children showed up to collect 100 pounds of marshmallows that were dropped via helicopter. For more photos, see page 3A.

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City purchases new garbage truck

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Monday, April 15, the city approved the purchase of a new rubbish truck to replace one of its aging vehicles.

Council approved the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner for \$177,857, which includes a Leach rear-loading packer body.

Director of Public Works Pete Randazzo said besides acting as a garbage truck, the truck also will be used as a snowplow.

Randazzo said the pricing for the snowplow was not ready for Monday’s meeting; however, he said it shouldn’t cost more than \$15,000.

The truck will be purchased using capital projects funds. Randazzo said the city budgeted \$200,000 this year for the purchase.

The Freightliner cab and chassis will replace a 2003 International and cost \$97,000.

Randazzo said the city was able to purchase the truck through a Rochester Hills-led cooperative. Because of the co-op, Randazzo said the truck will feature all the bells and whistles for close to the standard price.

“You know, power windows, heated mirrors, which is awesome for when you’re snow plowing,” Randazzo said. “You got a heated windshield and this is all incorporated into the co-op. And

with the co-op, they offer a five-year, \$100,000 warranty.”

The rear-loading packer body will be purchased for \$81,000 through Sourcewell, a national procurement agency for public entities, said Randazzo.

Randazzo said the truck is expected to be ready in approximately a year. Delivery for the cab and chassis will take approximately nine months, then it will be sent to the body and snowplow suppliers for the component installations.

— Anthony Viola

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Drunken driving

A 48-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, April 14, on Jefferson at Lakeland.

While parked on Lakeland, an officer observed two vehicles turn south onto Lakeland from Jefferson. The officer was then approached by the lead vehicle and the driver stated she had just been rear ended by the vehicle behind her while stopped at the red light on Jefferson.

The driver of the other vehicle — the Detroit man — exited his car. According to the report, the man was unsure on his feet and was ordered back in his vehicle.

While interviewing the Detroit man, the officer noted he smelled of intoxicants, had blood-shot and glassy eyes and wet pants, which smelled of urine.

He failed the field sobriety test and had a .218 percent blood alcohol content.

Credit card fraud

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for fraud at 2:40 p.m. Saturday, April 13, on

Mack at Calvin.

According to the police report, the man, along with two others, bought 25 packs of cigarettes using multiple credit cards from the Shell gas station on Mack at Neff. Later that day, the men returned to the gas station to purchase more, at which time the police were called. The men left the gas station, headed toward Moross and were stopped at Mack and Calvin.

Surveillance video of the purchases showed the men using Master Cards; however, the receipts indicated the credit cards were Visa.

Multiple fraudulent credit cards were confiscated at the scene and the driver was arrested.

Window broken

A rear window of a vehicle in the 600 block of Neff was reported broken at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 11. The resident said she parked the vehicle in the street at 12:30 p.m. and returned a few hours later to find a large hole in the back window. There was nothing taken from the vehicle and an object used to cause the damage was not found.

— Anthony Viola
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen vehicles

◆ A Farms man reported his vehicle stolen by a 25-year-old Detroit man Monday, April 15. The Farms man said he loaned the vehicle to the Detroit man, a friend, in January with the agreement the Detroit man would purchase the vehicle for \$3,600.

Saturday, April 13, the Farms man said they got into an argument and had a falling out. The next day when the Farms man requested the vehicle back, the Detroit man told him to “lose his number,” according to the police report, and refused to return the vehicle.

◆ A blue 2000 Jeep Cherokee was reported stolen from the 300 block of Kercheval at 8:25 a.m. Friday, April 12. The victim said he parked the vehicle in the driveway at midnight and returned at 7:45 a.m. to find it missing.

While investigating the stolen vehicle, an officer spotted a green 1999

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Realtor offering scholarship

Johnstone & Johnstone Realtors is seeking nominees for its 2019 Vision Scholarship.

Grosse Pointe high school juniors and seniors are asked to show their creativity in applying for the scholarship, the purpose of which is to nurture artistic vision and talent from within the community.

Students are asked to create a piece of art in any form — sculpture, drawing, painting or other — that is a visual interpretation of Johnstone & Johnstone’s vision, “to create and nurture a culture of collaboration, community and joy; whereby the people and communities we serve are empowered and educated to live their best lives.”

Along with the artwork, applicants should include contact information, including name, class year, school and phone number.

The artwork should not exceed 3-by-5-by-3 feet in dimension. All submissions should be delivered to Johnstone & Johnstone Realtors, 82 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, by 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.

The selected student will receive a \$500 scholarship and their piece will remain on display at the real estate office for one year, until the scholarship contest is renewed.

For more information, call Suzanne O’Brien at (313) 516-6644.



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Donation

Salon Biondo and its employees had a successful “Feed the Needy” fundraiser April 8 to 13. An enormous amount of nonperishable foods and cash were donated by clients and friends of the City of Grosse Pointe salon to Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church’s food pantry, 2411 Iroquois, Detroit. A thank-you appetizer and wine party was given afterward. Pictured is Joan Grierson from the food pantry accepting some of the gifts.

St. John bracelet sale supports cardiac patients

Edmund T. AHEE jewelers and the LeFontbonne Gift Shop at Ascension St. John Hospital have partnered once again to sell limited-edition sterling silver heart bracelets for \$60. Proceeds from the bracelet sale support The Edmund T. Ahee Cardiac Patient Assistance Fund, a mission-based program for Ascension St. John cardiac patients who need extra support.

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Concession stand to be razed within the week

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — To make room for a new Ghesquiere Park concession facility, council approved the demolition of the current building during Monday’s city council meeting.

Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League President Melissa Champine reported demolition is expected to last two to three days, beginning no later than April 22. She said demolition and cleanup

must be completed no later than May 4, in time for the Little League parade May 5.

Champine presented plans for a new concession facility to city council during its committee of the whole meeting Monday, March 25.

The Little League will use a modified trailer for concession services until the new facility is completed this season.

Per the new design, the second

floor of the concession facility will no longer be used for broadcasting games, but instead as storage space. Games will be broadcast from a table behind the backstop.

The city will maintain the restrooms for use outside baseball activities. Concession and storage spaces will be locked and only open for Little League use and special events.

—Melissa Walsh

Decrease in ‘Part I’ crimes reported

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Public Safety Director John Schulte reported a decrease in crime in the Shores in 2018.

Summarizing the department’s annual report before city council Tuesday, March 19, Schulte explained “among the eight most serious crimes against persons or property,” per categories set by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Shores saw a drop in Part I crimes from 15 in 2017 to 10 in 2018, including a drop in Part I larcenies, from 13 in 2017 to seven in 2018.

“These are incredibly low numbers for a community,” Schulte said.

Two auto thefts in 2018, Schulte said, “had very unique circumstances related to them.”

from 119 in 2017 to 124 in 2018. These include driving while intoxicated arrests, narcotics offenses, identity theft and other fraud.

“Even though Grosse Pointe Shores Part I and Part II crimes remain historically low,” Schulte reported, “the diligent investigative efforts of our detective bureau, with the assistance of uniform officers, remain fully engaged in solving the criminal activity that we uncover and is reported to us.”

Schulte added the department’s clearance rate is 33 percent higher than the average clearance rate for departments in the state of Michigan.

Schulte reported no structure fires in the Shores in 2018, though the department’s officers responded to 16 mutual-aid fires in neighboring communities.

Emergency medical service runs were down to 90 in 2018 from 141 in 2017. Schulte said the decline is a result of October 2017 agreements with MedStar Ambulance by the public safety departments in the Woods, Farms, City and Harper Woods.

Schulte said the last mutual-aid medical run by Shores officers was Oct. 21, 2017.

Councilman Doug Kucyk asked if any of the Part I or Part II crimes occurred at Osius Park. Schulte said none of the reported crimes in 2018 occurred at the park.

Part II crimes increased,



A helicopter dropped marshmallows during two runs — one for younger kids and one for older kids. Each time, approximately 50 pounds of marshmallows were dropped.



Sky-high sweets



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Kids and parents look for marshmallows to turn in in exchange for candy during Grosse Pointe Park’s second annual Marshmallow Drop on April 13. Left, Nolan and Teagan Simmons and their mom, Jennifer Simmons, turn in marshmallows to a Grosse Pointe Park volunteer in exchange for a bag of goodies.

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renovation options, council chose Option 1, which will restore the space to its current footprint. Options 2 and 3 would have involved relocating work spaces and expanding the area.

Among proposals submitted by Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick Inc. and Stucky Vitale

Architects, the city recommended the latter bid, which was the lower quote.

During Monday’s city council meeting, council approved Phase 1 of Stucky Vitale Architects’ three-phase proposal, not to exceed \$5,800.

Phase 2 and Phase 3, if approved, will cost \$8,000 and \$3,400, respectively, per the bid.

In an April 10 memo to City Administrator Bruce

Smith, Director of Public Works Frank Schulte described the renovation to include design improvements in the floor plan “for better use for all departments and their staff,” adding “improvements could be a larger conference room, lunchroom and relocating staff into defined areas for better productivity.”

Phase 1 scope of work will include conducting a photography survey,

holding meetings with city administrators, developing schematic design and design development documents, providing a final schematic development drawing for review, reviewing code and presenting design and development to city council.

During Monday’s meeting, Schulte told city council cleanup and asbestos-removal activities continue.

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be paid for from the 2019 road millage, which is anticipated to raise \$875,000.

Not included in the bid, but part of the City’s road work this year, is the section of Charlevoix between Lorraine and Cadieux. That block will be done as part of the Park’s Cadieux resurfacing project, for which the Park received a Michigan Department of Transportation grant to improve safety around the elementary school.

Cost for the city to complete that block is \$85,000.

At the same time, the City will work along Cadieux and Charlevoix, next to Maire Elementary School, to improve signage and crosswalks around the school, and move the sidewalk on Cadieux further away from the busy street, among other improvements.

Last year, the City received a \$89,500 Michigan Department of Transportation grant to improve safety around the elementary school.

Along with relocating the sidewalk 9 feet from the curb, the project includes upgrading crossing signals on Cadieux and Waterloo to include a countdown and placing signage on Notre Dame, Waterloo and Cadieux. It also includes purchasing additional bike racks and an educational component to promote walking and biking to school by Maire students.

The entire safe routes project is expected to be covered 100 percent by the grant.

The Park and City expect work on Cadieux

between Mack and Kercheval to begin in June or July, after school lets out for summer and DTE Energy finishes its gas main replacement project, currently in progress on the stretch.

The Park received a federal road grant to resurface both sides of Cadieux. The project includes milling and resurfacing the road, with new curbs and gutters, drainage repairs and upgrading sidewalk ramps and pavement markings to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Reeside said the applicants will be making changes to the windows as well.

Reeside said there also was a parking exception. With the first-floor use unknown, it is unclear exactly how many spaces will be needed.

“They haven’t identified the (first-floor) use so depending on the use, that would determine how many parking spots they need and any deficiency of parking spots, they’d be required to lease from the city in that adjoining public lot,” Reeside said.

City planner McKenna calculates the need for approximately 20 spaces based on expected use of office space on the second floor and a medical

office on the first, which would be the most intensive use of the building.

The former tenant, Stefek’s Auctioneers & Appraisers, required only eight spaces. There are, however, 37 spaces within 300 feet of the building, including a public lot.

When first-floor use is determined, any shortfall would be leased from the adjacent city lot, with the money going into the parking fund.

The final site plan approval is contingent on administrative approval after the applicants fix the issues raised by council.

The new building replaces the 3,920-square-foot building, which was erected in 1924. It was purchased by Wooly Investments LLP in September 2018 for \$350,000.

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The Week Ahead

- THURSDAY, APRIL 18**
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Spring Egg Hunt, 5 p.m. at Neff Park, 17150 E. Jefferson.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 23**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

City resident finds enjoyment in work, play

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

To say Sue Acton enjoys staying busy likely is an understatement.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident has her hand in a couple jobs, a few extracurricular activities and still finds time to travel. She likes it that way — the excitement of a full schedule — and hopes to keep it going as long as she can.

Raised in Warren, Acton studied at Wayne State University for two years before moving to Ann Arbor to complete her bachelor's degree in psychology. Her husband at the time had family "on this side of town," so they moved to the area and she got a job at a psych ward.

It didn't take long for her to figure out she wanted something different. After two more years at the University of Michigan, Acton moved back to Grosse Pointe with a Master of Business Administration degree in finance. She spent two years in corporate treasury, then four years in corporate leasing before her children were born. She took eight years off to raise her daughter, Marissa, and son, Justin.

After going through divorce, the single mother decided to rejoin the workforce.

"Marissa was in first grade when I started as a loan officer at Republic Bank," Acton said. Later, she took a position at Chase Bank, where she spent most of her career. "I was with Chase until

the mortgage business imploded."

Acton worked for a few smaller mortgage companies and eventually remarried, moving to her home in the City, "when the economy was at its worst," she said.

Her children got involved with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's LOGOS program, which offers children in kindergarten through sixth grade four key elements of Christian nurture and relationship building: recreation, Bible study, worship arts and family time.

"It's a mid-week program for kids of the church so they get more exposure and develop more friendships and make connections, starting at age 6," Acton said. "I thought it was a great program. And parents have to volunteer.

"At that point, I didn't have to go back to work full time and subbing seemed like a good idea," she continued. "Education is in my family. My grandma was a teacher, my mom was a teacher, my husband teaches at Wayne State."

Acton began substitute teaching in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods around eight years ago. Shortly after, she became the coordinator of outreach ministries at Memorial.

"I schedule three teaching jobs in a week," she said. "Whatever time I have left goes to the church. ... It has jibed beautifully. I get to do a smattering of things I trained for in business



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUE ACTON

Sue Acton at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

school and I get to play with kids three days a week. ... I love Grosse Pointe schools and I'm happy to be teaching in them."

A Memorial member since 1989, she also has served as an elder, a deacon and on four councils. She's been a lay reader, Bible teacher, dinner dean, middle school advisor and chaired a church fair. She officially joined the staff in 2011.

At Memorial, Acton's responsibilities include marketing, finance, communications and outreach, but, "It all balances out," she said. "My job there is to run the outreach council and plan outreach events for the congregation — and sometimes a wider audience — at least once a month."

From planning and executing mission trips to organizing Shelter

Week, in which nearly 50 people from Cass Community Social Services stay at the church, Acton usually has her hands quite full.

Through her efforts, the church has packaged nearly a half million meals over six years via Kids Against Hunger; serves food to 80 to 120 people each month at Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit; provides quarterly assistance at the Mercado Food Pantry, stocked with groceries provided by Gleaners; and hosts a survivor support group in partnership with Kevin's Song, a non-profit that seeks to support people who have survived the death of a loved one by suicide.

One-off events such as Life Remodeled, CROP Walk, Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners food packaging, serving lunch at Crossroads of Detroit and housing youth and adult groups during Detroit mission visits all happen through Acton's guidance.

"And we're developing something new — Rebuilding Together," she said. "It's active in Pontiac, but it's coming to the Jefferson-Chalmers area. We're having a build day June

the produce; and takes part in an annual health fair at the Second Mile Center.

Additionally, Acton makes sure newsletters, email blasts, bulletins, the website, bulletin boards and sign-up sheets are delivered.

"I try to make it so the congregation doesn't say, 'I didn't know anything about that,'" she said.

"I work with chairs of the different committees to make sure agendas are planned," she continued. "I organize hunger offerings once a month, vote for funding or partnering with organizations. ... My job is to make sure we're talking about the budget for that and the promotion of it so it happens effectively. It's fun. I'm just keeping all the balls in the air. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

When she's not working, Acton promotes voter services for the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. She helps organize voter drives and candidate forums, among other duties.

"We make sure all local information is provided to the community through vote911.org," she said. "We also put out the 'Your Elected

8."

But first, the church hosts a Faith in Action event, packaging toiletries for youth in transition; participates in the Great Tomato Giveaway, where members are given tomato plants to grow at home and then share

Officials' form. That's been a very good organization to be involved with. They do a really nice job of informing the community."

Acton has been with the League three years and much longer with Junior League of Detroit. Since 1985, Acton has served numerous positions with JLD, including as secretary for the last three show houses.

She rounds out her free time with a couple book clubs, crocheting, sewing, painting — "the walls and art" — traveling abroad and spending time with family — her children, Marissa and Justin; daughter-in-law, Samantha; grandson, Francis and stepson, Alex.

Her jobs make it easy to travel, she said.

"These are great retirement jobs and I hope to have them for a long time."

But what drives her to continue working runs much deeper than a convenient schedule.

"The reason I like my job and am involved in other things is because people in the past connected with their communities to a much greater extent than we do today," Acton said. "If I can be in a place where I can help people connect ... I think it helps on both sides — people we're trying to serve and the people doing the serving. I like to be in the place where I can say I'm still needed."

When she was new to Grosse Pointe and working in Detroit, Acton said she didn't know many people. Getting involved at church and other places was "a great way to see what's happening in the community," she said. "You find ways to serve. It just amazes me how many things got done for free because people said, 'Yeah, I'll do that.' ... I encourage more people to say yes."

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Jeep across the street. Upon further investigation, the officer observed the vehicle’s steering column cracked and ignition punched out. A Law Enforcement Information Network search showed the vehicle stolen from St. Clair Shores.

Drunken driving

◆ A 43-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and child endangerment at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13, on Lakeshore at Moross.

An officer observed the woman unable to maintain her lane while driving on Lakeshore and initiated a traffic stop.

While interviewing the woman, the officer noted she smelled of intoxicants, had red and watery eyes and slurred speech. Her 7-year-old daughter also was in the car.

The woman failed the field sobriety test and refused to take a preliminary breath test. She was arrested and her daughter was released to a family member at the police station.

◆ A 42-year-old Farms woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 12, in the 100 block of Merriweather.

She was pulled over after an officer spotted her driving erratically in the area. The officer initiated a traffic stop; however, the woman kept driving for several blocks before pulling into her driveway on

Merriweather. The officer noted the woman smelled of intoxicants and had red, watery eyes.

She initially refused a field sobriety test, but later was convinced by her husband to complete it. She failed the tests and refused the preliminary breath test. She was arrested and taken to the police station where a warrant for a blood draw was obtained.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Expired insurance

Officers arrested a 57-year-old Harrison Township man for driving without insurance after scanning the license plate of the 1999 Honda Civic he was driving on Lochmoor and Fairway at 10:47 a.m. Wednesday, April 10.

The car’s auto insurance policy expired March 25, 2019.

No license, insurance

◆ Officers arrested a 32-year-old Davisburg man for driving without insurance and with a suspended driver’s license at 3:11 p.m. Thursday, April 11, on Lakeshore and Colonial Road.

An officer scanned the license plate of the 2009 Ford Escape approximately 10 a.m. that morning while it was parked in the 10 block of

Lochmoor. The search uncovered the vehicle was uninsured and the driver’s license of the registered owner suspended.

◆ Officers arrested a 30-year-old Detroit woman for driving without insurance and with a suspended driver’s license at 2:50 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the 700 block of Lakeshore.

An officer scanned the license plate of the 2006 Volkswagen Beetle before initiating the traffic stop.

Can’t drive 35

A traffic stop for speeding on Lakeshore at 11:19 p.m. Friday, April 12, led to the arrest of a 26-year-old St. Clair Shores man for driving while intoxicated.

The officer who initiated the stop noticed the driver emitted an odor of alcohol and his eyes were bloodshot and watery.

The driver, who admitted to drinking alcohol earlier, failed field sobriety tests and blew .136 percent blood alcohol content during a preliminary breath test.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Prophylactic pilferer

An employee at the CVS in the 20400 block of Mack reported a man walked out of the store with an armful of condoms at 4:12 p.m. Thursday, April 11.

Another employee also saw the man, described as a white male in his late 20s with his hair in a bun and wearing black clothing and gray shoes, walk out of the store with unpurchased merchandise before getting into a red 1998 Lincoln Town Car driven by a woman.

An inventory search concluded the subject stole 13 boxes of condoms.

Wrong city

The traffic stop of a speeding driver led to the arrest of an intoxicated 34-year-old North Carolina woman who thought she was in Ann Arbor at 1:37 a.m. Friday, April 12.

A patrolling officer noticed the woman’s 2009 Volkswagen Jetta speeding through the intersection of northbound Mack and Vernier and running the red light. The officer followed the car onto Anita, then into the alley behind a building in the 20700 block of Mack.

The woman, who had an open can of hard seltzer in the vehicle, admitted she was drinking earlier. Asked if she knew where she was, the woman said she was on State Street in Ann Arbor. She underwent field sobriety tests, but refused to submit to a preliminary breath test. A warrant for a blood draw sent her to Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage.

During the investigation into the woman’s driving record, the officer uncovered two prior convictions for driving while intoxicated.

— Melissa Walsh
Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen vehicle

A black 2000 Jeep Cherokee was stolen in the 1100 block of Maryland between 9 p.m. Sunday, April 7, and 11:45 a.m. Monday, April 8. The victim reported parking the vehicle in the street overnight.

Cash stolen

A family member is suspected of stealing \$35,000 in cash from a house in the 900 block of Harcourt between 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, and 11 p.m. Sunday, April 7. The victim said while he was out of town, someone stole the cash from a safe inside his bedroom closet. There was no evidence of forced entry into the home or safe. A key to the safe also was missing.

Suspended license

A 44-year-old City man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and having a City of Grosse Pointe arrest warrant at 8:20 a.m. Thursday, April 11, on

Kercheval and Berkshire. The man was pulled over for making an improper U-turn.

Walk out

A 45-year-old Park man is wanted for larceny of services after walking out of a business without paying in the 15000 block of Jefferson at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 4.

Road rage

A black, heavysset male with a beard and dreadlocks is wanted for an assault at 8:25 a.m. Thursday, April 11, on Mack at Lakepointe. The victim reported he got into a road rage incident with the suspect, who then followed him to work and punched him in the face.

Package stolen

A resident in the 1300 block of Lakepointe reported a package stolen from the front porch between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 12. The package contained vitamins worth \$137.

— Anthony Viola
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OUR VIEW

Tiger’s back!

Tiger’s back,” the world proclaimed following Tiger Woods’ come-from-behind victory in The Masters Tournament Sunday. It was Mr. Woods’ fifth Masters victory and 15th major championship title. It also ended an 11-year major championship drought. Some writers have said Mr. Woods’ victory Sunday was the greatest comeback in history.

True, sports lends itself to hyperbole, but taken together with Mr. Woods’ personal and professional struggles, one could argue his victory is among the most remarkable.

Mr. Woods won his first green jacket as a 21-year-old in 1997 and his fourth 14 years ago. At age 43, he is the second-oldest player to win The Masters. Jack Nicklaus, the oldest player to win The Masters at age 46 in 1986, won six times at Augusta National, accumulating 18 major championships in all.

The “Golden Bear’s” records were all but guaranteed to be broken by Mr. Woods, who was only in his early 30s at his peak. Then everything came crashing down around him on Thanksgiving night 2009. Philandering, a car crash, divorce, multiple back and knee surgeries, painkillers and uncertainty all seemed to make Mr. Woods’ comeback near impossible.

But the impossible happened Sunday. Trailing by two, Mr. Woods bided his time. He played workman-like golf, keeping within striking distance of the leader, Francesco Molinari, of Italy. (The first Italian professional to win a U.S. major, the U.S. Open last year, Mr. Molinari would barely earn a mention with his tied-for-third finish paired up with Mr. Woods.)

Mr. Woods’ patience paid off as the top of the leader board began to fall apart at the 12th, the 158-yard par three hole at the heart of Amen Corner. Leaders Brooks Koepka, Ian Poulter, Tony Finau and Mr. Molinari all took turns dunking their tee shots into Rae’s Creek and carding double bogeys. With worry clearly written on his face, Mr. Molinari watched as Mr. Woods’ tee shot landed in the center of the green. He two-putted for par and a two-shot swing.

Going into the 18th with a two-shot lead, Mr. Woods had a stroke to spare as he tapped in a short bogey putt to win the title. After giving a “Tiger roar,” he hugged his mother, son and daughter, girlfriend and just about anyone within hugging distance.

In trying on his fifth green jacket, Mr. Woods commented, “It fits.” It certainly does.

OUR VIEW

‘Awesome Music’

Congratulations to the Brownell Middle School choir and vocal music teacher Carolyn Gross for putting on an amazing — and profitable — concert April 11. With a sellout crowd of 800, the choir’s “Awesome Music for Autism” concert raised \$12,850 to benefit autism services at the Children’s Center in mid-town Detroit.

“As a school, we focus on kindness during the month of March and autism awareness in April,” Ms. Gross said in a pre-publicity story about the concert in the April 4 Grosse Pointe News. “I wanted to teach my students that we can use our music for more than just personal enjoyment or entertaining others. We can use our music to help raise money for those affected by autism. Kids’ voices are powerful instruments, especially because they can be used to help others.”

As part of a partnership with the Children’s Center, two behavioral technicians from the center came to Brownell to give a short presentation to students on March 26. The next day, Ms. Gross took 10 students on a field trip to the center to learn more about the services it provides and how Brownell’s fundraiser can help.

“Our students came away with a sense of purpose to try and to aid in the center’s mission of helping and healing kids,” Ms. Gross said.

We say, “Mission accomplished and well done!”



Pure Grosse Pointe

The spring sunshine was around long enough for Kathy Ryan to lower the convertible top on her Volkswagen Beetle while her granddaughter, Maddie Johnson, sat alongside her pretending they were going on a road trip.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

GUEST VIEW By University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

5th-graders in for a ‘shock’

For more than a decade, enrollment in Grosse Pointe public schools has been on the decline. As a result, most school buildings are only partially filled and the school district’s coffers lose approximately \$1 million a year. Faced with budgetary constraints, the school district has proposed a series of options for saving money and to right-size the district.

Appearing in The Detroit News on April 10, Jennifer Chambers’ article, “Grosse Pointe schools weigh closures amid dropping enrollment,” details two of the options for the district: closing schools and grade reconfiguration. The district may elect to close some buildings and integrate fifth-graders into middle schools that historically housed grades 6-8. The district would then save money from cutting staff and potentially selling the empty buildings for housing developments.

Grade reconfiguration, however, raises concerns for the performance of fifth-graders according to University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy professor Brian Jacob.

“Wherever you look,” he said, “if you track students over time, whatever grade they make a transi-

tion, you see a decline in their performance and that rebounds when they are in a new space.”

The shock from the transition to a larger building in which students are granted more autonomy while also receiving more steady workloads has proved troublesome.

Fortunately, there are options to relieve the stress from grade reconfiguration. Professor Jacob points out that “Some schools have done advisory periods for fifth-graders.”

The district will hold numerous town halls to hear from the community and address some concerns parents may have such as transportation to new schools should their current building close. The district plans to make a decision by June.

The Walter H. Anneberg Professor of Education Policy, Brian Jacob also is the co-director of the Youth Policy Lab. Mr. Jacob also received the David N. Kershaw Prize for his contributions to the public policy field. He is co-director of the Education Policy Initiative and Youth Policy Lab, former director of the Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, as well as a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

LETTERS

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An indisputable state of affairs

To The Editor:

No one committed to our community and its values wants to close a school. In the 60-plus years I have lived in the Pointes I have seen only one closure — Barnes (which was actually just re-purposed). And while most residents are aware of the necessity of right-sizing our school system due to declining enrollment, there are other factors in play that are just as important.

First and most importantly, it is necessary to understand the state’s position on education.

Funding for public schools in Michigan is through a foundation allowance or a set amount each school district receives for each full-time student attending in that district. The state uses the foundation allowance method of public education funding to control teacher salaries statewide and ultimately their long-term related pension obligations, which if unchecked could affect the financial integrity of the entire state.

When the Headlee Amendment passed 25 years ago, Grosse Pointe was one of a small group of school districts allowed to receive additional funds through a “Hold Harmless” millage. These

funds amounting to an additional approximate \$2,000 per enrolled student were allowed because we were already paying more in educational costs per student than the proposed foundation allowance.

In the 25 years since Headlee passed, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has received between \$400 million and \$500 million more in educational funding than a similar-sized school district would have received to educate its students based on the state-provided foundation allowance alone.

Since more than 90 percent of Michigan public school districts receive just the basic foundation allowance, the questions that need answering are: Why are we unable to control costs? How has our extra revenue been spent? And, as a result, why are we now in this difficult situation?

Most school districts in Michigan spend between 85 percent and 90 percent of their revenue on human resources costs. If all districts had similar costs per employee, one might surmise that since we get an extra \$2,000 per student, our district would be flush with funds.

However, like other Michigan districts, we also spend 85 percent to 90 percent of our total

funds on human resources. We have used the extra allotted funds to basically subsidize teacher and administrative salaries over and above what the state thinks appropriate for those positions.

A further problem lies with the additional funding. Hold Harmless funds are not adjusted for inflation as are the basic foundation allowance funds through yearly increases (as available). For example, assuming a 2 percent inflation rate, over each of the last 25 years of receiving a Hold Harmless millage of \$2,000 per student, those extra funds have lost 50 percent of their “real dollar” purchasing power. Therefore, unless you are willing to reduce your HR costs attributed to the surplus funds proportionate to inflation on a yearly basis, you become more and more out of balance.

Over the years the district has striven to maintain contract salary levels even as those salaries have risen and benefit costs have dramatically increased. The reductions in real dollar purchasing power were made up through bargaining unit privatizations, deferred maintenance, extra-curricular assessments and other cost reduction techniques — not all of them palatable and essentially delaying the inevitable crisis.

While the failure of previous G.P. Boards of Education to understand these financial machinations can be somewhat attributed to a general lack of public finance experience, the community’s problem is now a reality. Enrollment decline has been on the horizon for years; it should never have come as a surprise.

The administration offices on St. Clair should have been closed years ago as adequate space was available in other buildings. The community should have been polled long ago as to whether a school closing should be considered.

The equation is now very simple: establish the cost of keeping all schools open (if that’s what the community desires) and subtract that amount from our state-funded revenue stream. The remaining balance is what we can afford in HR costs to staff those schools.

The district’s current contract ties HR costs to fund equity levels. If fund equity drops below a certain level, the difference must be made up through employment group concessions and administrative cuts. Those contractual provisions, despite their painful nature, must be enforced.

While it is apparent the underlying issue pre-dating the school closures is the overwhelming HR costs, that problem does not originate from the generosity and willingness of our community to generously compensate our teaching staff; it originates from our state’s view as to what is the appropriate “all in” amount necessary to educate each of our resident children.

We are captives of a state-directed, sealed revenue stream and our options for increasing it are zero. Complaints should be directed to your state representative. Don’t shoot the messenger.

JOHN W. STEININGER
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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

1st in family, college-bound senior overcomes odds



Lucas (not his real name) and I met at a coffee shop in Indian Village halfway between his home and mine. His head was buried in his AP Calculus book, so I assumed he was there to study. It was a few moments before he looked up and inquired if I was there for an alumni interview for Princeton University. While later he revealed math was his favorite subject, AP IB Calculus

BC was only one among many advanced courses in his schedule. Lucas shrugged off the rigor of his classes. “I enjoy it,” he said, adding, “My parents have gone through too much for me not to try my best.” His parents are immigrants from Mexico. As the oldest child in his family, Lucas will be the first to attend college, paving the way for his four sisters while navigating the process without the parental support many peers take for granted. Lucas was soft-spoken and gentle in demeanor. He professed to being shy, yet described experiences taking him outside his comfort zone. Growing up in a mainly

Latin neighborhood in Detroit, he opted to attend a predominantly African-American high school, becoming a minority at school for the first time in his life. It was eye-opening, he said, forcing him to confront his own perceptions and ingrained biases. He started a Latin youth council in southwest Detroit, focusing on civic engagement, college readiness and mental health. As an officer for the National Honor Society, he pursued community service opportunities. And to pursue his passion for social justice, he participated in the Youth Dialogs on Race and Ethnicity at the University of Michigan,

an intensive residential program in which students from around metro Detroit traverse differences in race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status to address issues of social identity, racism and segregation. I’ve met a number of deserving candidates over my years of conducting alumni interviews. In fact, every earnest young overachiever demonstrated in multiple ways they were up to embracing the challenges a university like Princeton has to offer. Lucas was no exception. Yet it’s a numbers game. Luck and happenstance play as large a role as GPAs and test scores. No doubt this is

what led to the recent college scandal exposing parents who exploited their wealth to illegally gain admission for their children to elite colleges. But the problem extends beyond a few morally corrupt parents to the many ways the system is structured to benefit those best positioned to play the odds — white, affluent students with college-educated parents. White people often assume when a non-white person is admitted, presumably usurping a spot from some more deserving white candidate, it’s because their race gave them a competitive edge. This attitude led to the banning of affirmative

action at public universities in eight states, including Michigan, yet compare this “edge” to the accumulated advantages of generational wealth — ACT and SAT prep classes, tutors to ensure top grades and admittance to honors classes, consultants to help with applications and essays, elite travel sports, private music lessons, summer enrichment camps, mission trips overseas — the list goes on. No parent should have to apologize for giving their child these opportunities. I ask only they acknowledge them as advantages applicants with fewer resources

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YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1944
75 years ago this week

POST-WAR PLAN-NING: The time appears at hand for officials of the five Grosse Pointe municipalities to give some serious study to the possibility of amalgamating these four villages and one city into a Pointe municipal entity. This is an old question. It has never been studied thoroughly because of the obvious opposition which would be offered to the plan by some of the villages.

1969
50 years ago this week

NAB POINTERS IN DOPE RAIDS : Concerted raids throughout the Detroit area April 10 by Pointe, Harper Woods and other police and federal and state officers, climaxed an extensive two and a half months of investigation in the illegal traffic of narcotics which has been flowing into the Pointe. The raids are believed to have broken a ring

comprised of high school and college students supplying marijuana, THC, LSD, hashish, mescaline and even opium to both Grosse Pointe South and North high schools, as well as other Detroit-area high schools. Picked up in the raid was a 16-year-old Pointe boy. *Obituaries: Albert B. Ameal, LaVerne Beaupre, Julie Elizabeth Bell, Eleanor Brodbeck, Dr. Wilfred Cowan, Harley J. Earl, Herbert S. Hawthorne, USMC Pfc. Michael J. Kelly, Frank Moulin, Clara W. Pressel,*

Byron C. Schram, William J. Schumer, Edward J. Snethcamp

1994
25 years ago this week



PROP A COSTS WOODS \$90,000: While the passage of Proposition A may be good news for property owners, it has turned out to be bad news for the Grosse Pointe Woods city budget. Woods officials estimate Prop A will cost the city about \$90,000 in revenue, and making up the loss will be no easy task. *Obituaries: John B.*

Byusse, Donald A. Chrylser, Della Kain DeLand, Irene M. Grose, Cheryl Thomas Mlotkowski, Tom Sanders Nunally, Marjorie Wormer Rich, The Rev. Hector J. Saulino, Estelle Taggart, Mary E. Wilson

2009
10 years ago this week

STRUGGLING TO SOLVE BUDGET SHORTFALLS: Grosse Pointe Woods city officials thought they were very close to a balanced budget for the next fiscal

year, with few cuts in city services and no increase in the property tax millage rate. When an error in an accounting formula was discovered that resulted in a shortfall of \$1.8 million, officials were back at square one to develop a budget in time for public hearings and city council approval in May. *Obituaries: James F. Brownell, Hattie Gac, George H. Holman, Alice Clarissa Irvine, Helen M. Kaled, Margaret Baker Leyman, Dr. Walter A. Payne Jr., Virginia Canto VanLoon, Dorian Schulte, Mary Catherine Critton Smith* — Karen Fontanive



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Richard opens sensory motor room

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Across from the autism spectrum disorder classroom at Richard Elementary School is a newly created space where students can play, burn off energy, unwind or regroup. Funding for the sensory-motor room was provided by a grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for sensory motor equipment and a Donor's Choose account — similar to GoFundMe, but created for education — set up by Principal John Kernan and supported by parents and staff.

The new space is called Ricky's Woodland Retreat in honor of school mascot Ricky the Raccoon, who made an appearance for the ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, April 12. The forest theme is meant to be both fun and calming, according to occupational therapist Joe Evens, who helped design the space along with special education teacher Amy Wilson. Evens provides services in the district to Richard as well as Defer and Mason elementary schools, Grosse Pointe South High School and Barnes Early Childhood Center.

"Forests are fun," Evens said. "You can play in it and run around, but there's something serene about it. It's very calming. We wanted to focus on you can come in here and get your movement breaks, but you can also come in and calm down as well." Different sensory oils contribute to the atmosphere, from calming eucalyptus and lavender to more stimulating peppermint for "alerting activities," according to Evens. Outside in the hallway is a sensory walkway, or



Above, pictured with Ricky the Raccoon at the ribbon-cutting for Richard's new motor sensory room are, from left, ASD teacher Amy Wilson, occupational therapist Joe Evens and Principal John Kernan. Above right, Wilson, Allie Schervish, Ricky the Raccoon, Landi Lou, Joshua Smith, Evens, classroom assistant Liz Snella and Mazin Almadhrahi.

"regulation station," donated by Fredi Bello and the Fredi the Pizza Man Pizzeria and Foundation for Autism. Bello has donated funds for ASD resources at many area schools. "Our goal is for kiddos, usually from K-2, they'll come in if they need a break or a little movement activity ... and they'll run through this obstacle course we have set up," said Evens. "Each activity really focuses on strength, coordination, a lot of crossing midline activities."

Crossing the midline — reaching one hand across the body — is an important skill because it uses both sides of the brain, Evens explained, which provides academic as well as physical benefits, increasing students' reading, writing and math skills. Spending time in the room is not only rewarding for students, but it also provides an incentive for them to get their other work done so they can spend time in the room, Wilson said. "They all have visual



Allie Schervish enjoys the ball pit.

schedules, so if you put 'sensory motor room' on their schedules it's highly motivating," Wilson said. While the room is primarily used for students with special needs, it's open to all students, Wilson said. Students who receive occupational therapy with Evens come to the room for one-on-one services and any student in need of a break or calming activity can take advantage of the resources available. A "Take a Break Spot" in the back corner, created by

school psychologist Heather Carroll, provides learning activities as well as strategies for students to regulate their emotions. Taking deep breaths, doing wall push-ups, drinking water, listening to music, blowing bubbles, thinking happy thoughts and taking a mindful minute are some examples. A picture chart helps non-verbal students express how they are feeling, from angry or sad to confused, nervous and shy. Moreover, the "calm box" provides activities for

students to engage in, such as drawing, reading, writing about their emotions, counting, asking for more time, talking about it or giving a "self hug." The "Take a Break Spot" is helpful to the general education as well as special education teachers, Wilson said. Any teacher or the social worker can bring a student in to help them define and regulate their emotions, develop strategies and get back on track with their learning. Jon Dean, deputy superintendent for human resources and educational services, came to the ribbon-cutting to see the finished product. Kernan "was kind enough to send me an invite and say, why don't you come and take a look, it's an official grand opening," Dean said, adding he had seen similar spaces in the past in his role as principal and administrator in other districts. "I've seen it really make a difference for kids," he said. "So it's exciting we have expanded that opportunity for our kids

here at Richard." While many view sensory rooms as only serving students with special needs, Dean said while this is an important function, the room "also can be for all kids. All of us can use appropriate sensory input. ... I think it's probably good for every kid to burn off that extra energy. And that ball pit looks like a lot of fun." Assembling the room was a team effort, Kernan said. "It was fun. We had a team of us that were in there and putting things together. I'm not the most handy person in the world so we grabbed some partners and used people's expertise and it was great." This included maintenance and office staff, Wilson and ASD classroom assistants Allyson Andrews and Liz Snella. "It was kind of all hands on deck," said Kernan. "The cool part is it's not done yet. We're still getting more pieces. It'll be kind of an evolving space for all of our kids to use."



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South presents Beauty and the Beast

This year is the silver anniversary of Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” making history as the first musical from Disney Theatrical Productions to hit Broadway.

Grosse Pointe South High School is helping mark this milestone with its production of the musical for six performances April 26 to 29 at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

“The lessons are basic, but important,” said Meaghan Dunham, South’s drama director. “Of course, we know that beauty is more than skin deep, but this is also a story of jealousy, the pitfalls of arrogance, the path to redemption, parental love and more.”

Added music director Christopher Pratt, “The great thing about this play is that everybody will recognize the songs and the story, yet the music is amazing and really stands the test of time. It’s fun and familiar and enjoyable. We all know and love the characters.”

Performances are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 24; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, to Saturday, April 27; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

There are two casts. Sam McLeod is the narrator for both productions. The Blue Cast, performing Wednesday morning, Thursday and Saturday, features Gabriela Moncivais as Belle, John O’Dell as the Beast, Emilio



COURTESY PHOTO

Choreographer Andy Haines directs South students at a recent rehearsal for “Beauty and the Beast.”

Garcia as Gaston, Kerrigan Dunham as LeFou, Andrew Fleming as Lumiere, Cate Christinidis as Mrs. Potts and Alex Cline as Chip.

The Gold Cast, performing Wednesday afternoon, Friday and Sunday, highlights Grace Walsh as Belle, Tommy Thams as the Beast, Thomas Wacker as Gaston, Ethan Vernon as LeFou, Bobby Conlan as Lumiere, Melody Balos as Mrs. Potts and Bobby Cooper as Chip.

Elyse Tazzia is the student director. Sam Hermon is the stage manager. Awmeo Azad and Aiden Walsh are assistant stage managers and Maya Petropoulos is the dance captain.

Tickets are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens and are available at gpsouth.org and Duffey & Co., 15120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Gold Cards are accepted.

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As a special treat this year, children of all ages have the opportunity to enjoy tea with Belle and her friends before Saturday and Sunday’s performances.

The cost is \$15 per child and includes light snacks, beverages, a commemorative cookie and the chance to spend time and take photos with Belle and her friends Saturday, April 27, from 6 to 7 p.m. or Sunday, April 28, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Price for admission is separate.

Spots are limited, so visit gpsouthchoir.org or call Michelle Conlan at (313) 617-1500 for more information or to make arrangements.

The importance of empathy

The Grosse Pointe Academy welcomes best-selling author Bob Sornson to campus Monday, April 29. The early learning expert will address the importance of empathy.

Sornson will examine the importance of self-regulation and empathy, how they develop, and how to influence their development. His books include “Stand in My Shoes: Kids Learning About Empathy” and “Meeting the Challenge: Using Love and Logic to Help Children.”

Sornson said his talk should resonate with teachers and parents of even very young children.

“The message regarding empathy and how it develops is crucial to parents of children of all ages,”



Bob Sornson

Sornson said. “But it is especially helpful to have this information when kids are very young, so parents have the chance to build optimal social-emotional skills for life.”

The McMillan Lecture is at 7 p.m. in the Tracy Fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. It is free and open to the public.

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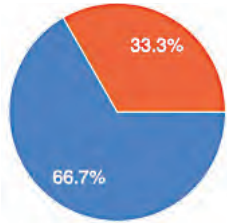
Schools named in reconfiguration process

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For the first time, schools potentially slated for closure were named as part of plans to address declining enrollment in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The Blue Ribbon Committee reconvened at the Parcels Middle School auditorium April 11 to continue the process of investigating options for potential building closures and grade reconfigurations.

“I guarantee you we’ll light up Facebook tonight,” said Superintendent Gary Niehaus in his introductory remarks. “I’ve said from day one, when you close a building, when you add or subtract a building from your building stock, you have to change the boundaries. Tonight the committee will get to see

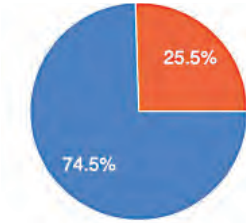


During a live survey, the majority of Blue Ribbon Committee members voted in favor of Kerby rather than Barnes serving as a standalone, expanded early childhood center (first pie); Mason rather than Poupard closing on the north end (second pie); and two rather than three elementary schools closing on the south end (third pie).

what it means to change boundaries.”

Before presenting eight scenarios for consideration, Jon Dean, deputy superintendent for human resources and educational services, reminded BRC members their role was to serve not as decision makers, but a filter.

“We’re going to take this information and filter it out like a large focus group,” he said.

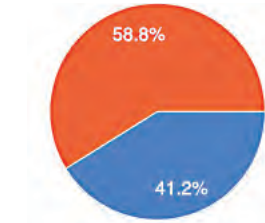


“Like any focus group, we don’t make the decision right now.”

That role will fall to the Board of Education after the BRC presents its recommendations at the next regular meeting 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, in Brownell Middle School’s multipurpose room. After two or three recommended plans are presented at a series of town halls through May, the board will vote in June, with changes slated for the 2020-21 school year.

Each of the scenarios Dean presented was based on assumptions drawn from the blue ribbon committee’s previous work: all three middle schools would be maintained; fifth-graders would be moved from elementary into middle school in a K-4 and 5-8 grade reconfiguration; the early childhood program would be expanded; and elementary schools would close.

The largest criteria driving which elementary schools to maintain were



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size and location, according to Dean. Buildings with more square footage allow the district to address future capacity needs. To even out capacity at all remaining schools, closures would need to take place on both sides of the district, with Ferry, Mason, Monteith and Poupard elementary schools on the north end and Defer, Kerby, Maire, Richard and Trombly elementary schools on the south end.

Kerby or a renovated Barnes Early Childhood Center was selected as a potential early childhood center site because each met the requirements of more than 15 first-floor classrooms or classrooms on the second floor under certain conditions.

Capacity for more than 600 students at Ferry and Monteith was factored into which schools were proposed for closure on the north end. If Mason or Poupard closed, students would be redistributed to Ferry or Monteith. Due to

Poupard’s location across I-94, should it be selected for closure, limited transportation would be provided at an approximate annual cost of \$250,000.

Finally, while enrollment and capacity constraints limited closures on the north end to one elementary school, two scenarios included the closure of two schools on the south end.

◆ Scenario A — Convert Kerby to a dedicated early childhood center; close Mason and Barnes.

◆ Scenario B — Convert Kerby to an ECC; close Poupard and Barnes.

◆ Scenario C — Convert Kerby to an ECC; close Barnes, Mason and Trombly.

◆ Scenario D — Convert Kerby to an ECC; close Barnes, Poupard and Trombly.

◆ Scenario E — Close Trombly and Mason; expand early childhood education opportunities at Barnes.

◆ Scenario F — Close Trombly and Poupard; expand early childhood education opportunities at Barnes.

◆ Scenario G — Close Maire, Mason and Trombly; expand early childhood education opportunities at Barnes.

◆ Scenario H — Close Maire, Trombly and Poupard; expand early childhood education opportunities at Barnes.

Outlined for each scenario were the estimated enrollment for 2020-21, percent of capacity at each building, new attendance areas, general education classroom usage, possible locations for administrative services and financial savings, including annual operations, bond and land

value. These are available at gpschools.org under “Blue Ribbon Facilities Committee.”

Annual operational savings range from \$1,098,340 (Scenarios B and F) to \$1,976,340 (Scenarios C and G). Representing the largest land value at \$2,668,000 is Barnes.

Based on projected enrollment numbers for 2020-21, and assuming no attendance areas are changed, a K-4, 5-8 configuration results in a capacity of 62 percent at Pierce Middle School, 66 percent at Brownell Middle School and 91 percent at Parcels Middle School.

Withdrawn from consideration were a K-6, 7-8 configuration or maintaining the current K-5, 6-8 configuration, as they would result in the closure of a middle school.

The meeting concluded with a three-question survey conducted among 51 BRC members present.

◆ Should Kerby or Barnes serve as a standalone, expanded early childhood center?

66.7 percent Kerby;

33.3 percent Barnes

◆ Should Mason or Poupard be closed on the north end?

74.5 percent Mason;

25.5 percent Poupard

◆ Should one or two south end elementary schools be closed?

58.8 percent two schools;

41.2 percent one school

Like many in the audience, Geoff Horst and Chris D’Angelo attended to learn the latest scenarios for reconfiguring the district. Horst, a marine biologist in research and development at Kemin

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Healthy choices, from food to film

Elective program allows students to find their passion

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

With the start of The Grosse Pointe Academy’s third trimester comes a fresh slate of elective classes for middle school students to enjoy. The sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders had their pick from a range of selections focused on the arts, life skills, business and technology. Next year more classes will be offered, so students will have new choices over each of their three middle school years.

“We have a whole list of ideas we’re flushing out,” said Didi DeBoer, assistant head of school for grades 4-8. “We’re going to add to the menu.” Courses are offered based on students’ interests, while also tapping into teachers’ passions, DeBoer said. For example, DeBoer, who graduated with a business degree and worked 10 years in business before pursuing education, is running the business explorations



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From left, Saniyah Smith, Mallory Childs, Maya Rahaim and Elaina Cracchiolo sell snacks from the school store to maintenance manager Jim Omlor.

session, which includes operating GPA’s school store, new this year and located on the lower level. Dean of Students Sasha Murphy is the perfect choice to teach the foods and nutrition class offered this trimester, DeBoer said. The foods and nutrition elective focuses on creating healthy food options, with students planning and planting an organic garden, demonstrating consumer skills

and discovering the effects of making healthy food choices. “We all know Sasha loves that kind of stuff,” DeBoer said. “We offer people the opportunity to do something they’re really into.” “Nutrition is my passion,” said Murphy. “We’re always telling the kids to find your passion and take what you enjoy and take it a step further on academic projects. For me as a teacher, to take my passion and

expose it to the kids — I’m really excited.” On the third floor art loft, art teacher Melissa Lamb shares her passion for printmaking with students this trimester. It just so happens middle school language arts teacher Bridgette Murray also has a degree in art and is happy to help out, along with French teacher Amal El-Hosni. The printmaking elective introduces students to a variety of printmaking techniques, giving them the opportunity to practice art fundamentals while creating mono-prints, block printing, image transfers and screen printing. In business explorations, students are introduced to the world of business, from creating a



Alton Smith adds yellow to his blue design while Karter Richards presses his template brushed with orange paint onto paper.

business plan to running the school store. As they select and design products to offer, they learn about merchandising, promotions and display, DeBoer said, picking up on fundamentals of accounting principles, marketing and management along the way. For example, during class April 4, Katherine Cotton and Mary Wu were immersed in designing a pillowcase with the GPA logo, while Mallory Childs and Maya Rahaim looked into ordering water bottles, headbands and custom socks, which they believed would be popular sellers. DeBoer plans to take students on a field trip to visit local small business owners, learning tips of the trade directly from them as part of the real-world component of each elective. Finally, in Tech Ed, students learn all aspects of Google Suite, including coding, app design and other real world technological applications. They also create Academy

News, a monthly segment available on YouTube, discovering the process of filming, editing and finalizing a video production highlighting GPA current events. While students are exposed to all aspects of film while creating the news segment, several have favorite roles. Jarren Purify and Grace Rahaim like to be news anchors. Angelina Randazzo prefers to be behind the camera, while Alexander Kuplicki enjoys the editing process. “He’s creative. He’s the right person to do it,” said Jeremiah Johnson, who created background music for the segment using an app called Incredibox. “They do the music, the background pictures, the editing,” said social studies teacher Trevor Clor, who shares his own passion for video with the students along with technology teachers Megan Black and Robert Rochte, who also teach the coding and app design components of the class. “They do it all.”

Teacher of THE WEEK

Jack Pertile

School: Pierce Middle School
Years at Pierce: 16 (4 at Parcels Middle School)
Grade/Subject: 6th-grade Earth Science and 7th-grade Life Science
Nominated by: Sara Dirkse, principal
Principal’s quote: “As you walk through the halls of Pierce Middle School, one always knows where to find Mr. Pertile. He is right in the middle of the hallway directing traffic and engaging with students. “Mr. Pertile’s students thrive off the strong positive relationships he builds with each of them. Mr. Pertile has been a member of the Pierce science department for over 15 years, teaching all grade levels throughout his tenure at Pierce. His love of science is evident throughout his lessons. They are engaging and Mr. Pertile works hard to meet the needs of all his students. “Mr. Jack Pertile helps make Pierce Middle School the supportive and welcoming community it is.”
What do you enjoy most about teaching? There are many aspects that I enjoy about teaching. Each day brings a new experience. There is never a day that is the same. Each day the students challenge me with

an array of questions and as a group we work to overcome different problems in science. I enjoy guiding the students through the different experiments and allowing them to share their knowledge they acquired about the different subject matter. Lastly, I enjoy watching the students grow in their excitement of science from the sixth to the seventh grade.
Describe a teaching accomplishment you’re proud of or a “teachable moment” you experienced. One aspect of teaching I take pride in is my ability to joke and have fun with the students. The students generally look forward to the current science news I provide and often tell me that they look forward to coming to my class.
Please share a book or person that has



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inspired you or your teaching. Two teachers from my high school inspired me to enter the profession. Mr. Borton and Father Kiselica were both from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. They were able to teach their curriculum, but at the same time listen to the concerns of students and provide logical advice.
Favorite quote: “Be an army of one.”

Night out for senior citizens

Grosse Pointe North High School students Michael Hartt and Joey Haney have a promposal for interested seniors — senior citizens, that is. Will you go to the prom with them? Interact Clubs at both North and Grosse Pointe South High School have joined forces to plan a Senior Spring Soiree at North’s gymnasium Thursday, May 2, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. “Interact has hosted senior citizen proms in the past, but this is the first time in several years we’ve taken on a venture like this,” said Hartt, a sophomore and Interact club treasurer. “It’s really just a give-back to the community,”

he added. “The cost of the ticket isn’t to make a profit, but just to provide a fun dance for senior citizens.” Included with the \$10 ticket are dinner — pasta with red or white sauce, salad, coffee and desserts — and dancing to music from a range of genres and decades. Upon entry, guests may have their picture taken with their date. If they’re attending “stag,” a North

or South student volunteer from Interact or the National Junior Honor Society will pose with them, Hartt said. They will receive the photo in a frame as a gift at the end of the night. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact The Helm at the Boll Life Center at (313) 882-9600. Reservations are required. — Mary Anne Brush



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may lack, prompting admissions offices to seek other ways to open doors for deserving candidates.

My niece, who attended an elite independent school in Greenwich, Conn., told me once there were college consultants in her town who, for some astronomical fee, guaranteed near perfect SAT scores. I wondered at the time how one could prom-

ise such a thing without cheating or, at the very least, bending a few rules.

Her parents couldn't afford such high-priced consultants — nor did they need to enlist their help; my niece earned admission to selective universities, including her ultimate choice of the University of Michigan, through academic merit and hard work. But when I saw one of the accused college scammers was from Greenwich, I wasn't surprised. He's even quoted in a taped phone conversa-

tion saying, "Keep in mind I'm a lawyer. So I'm sort of rules oriented." At what point did he lose sight of his own ethics and decide everyone was doing it so why shouldn't he?

One could point to legal ways of "gaming" the system, such as wealthy alumni gaining favor for their children through generous donations or admissions officers shaving off a few academic requirements for a recruited athlete. At least in these cases, all the students at the university ben-

efit — from a shiny new building or academic space to institutional pride gained from thriving athletic programs. As for athletes, most earned their way through years of hard work and commitment to their sports, competing in a highly competitive recruitment pool for a handful of spots. No one handed them anything.

It's the job of admissions officers to sift through a staggering number of applications to fill not just sports teams, but choirs, stages, art studios, orchestras, clubs and academic departments of all kinds and sizes. In doing so, they may bypass qualified legacies, full-pay students and a pipeline of applicants from east coast boarding

schools in search of a shining star like Lucas.

Lucas received his acceptance letter at the end of March. Did he get in because he's a first-generation American citizen, the son of Mexican immigrants and the first college-bound member of his family? Or was he accepted in spite of the obstacles these factors posed?

Either way, he's an admissions officer's dream, checking the all-important boxes of academic rigor, passion for learning, strong work ethic, integrity, humility, kindness and commitment to helping others.

Assuming Lucas accepts its offer, Princeton will be lucky to welcome him to campus next fall.

Week Ahead

- MONDAY, APRIL 29**
- ◆ State Rep. Tenisha Yancey, 1st House District, is hosting an Education Town Hall, focusing on how K-12 education in Michigan is funded, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Panelists are leaders in education Nikolai Vitti, Detroit Public Schools; Randy Liepa, Wayne RESA; Gary Niehaus, Grosse Pointe Public School System; Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards; Derrick Coleman, River Rouge School District; and Terrance Martin, Detroit Federation of Teachers. Call (888) 254-5291 or email tenishayancey@house.mi.gov for more information.
 - ◆ University Liggett School hosts "Vaping: What You Need to Know" 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the ULS auditorium, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Leading the conversation on the increasing popularity and risks of vaping, particularly among teens and young people, is Sean Cassleman, D.O. Pre-registration is requested at uls.org/wellness.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 30**
- ◆ College Night, a one-stop shopping event, will be held 6 to 8 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School's gym, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Representatives from more than 100 colleges, universities, technical schools and military organizations will be on hand to answer questions and educate students and their parents.

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Industries, has three children at Richard Elementary School. D'Angelo is an emergency physician with the Henry Ford Health System with a 3- and 5-year-old not yet in the school system.

While both acknowledged the need for closures, they questioned the timeline and data used to base decisions.

"I will agree they need to close schools, but I don't think they need to close to the scale that they've suggested," said D'Angelo, adding he would be comfortable with closing one or two elementary schools.

"From my analysis, I would say two would be a safe bet," Horst agreed. "If they want to do more than one or two elementary closures, I think they're going to have to do so much more work as far as the due diligence."

While he didn't dispute the loss of approximately 1,000 students over the

past decade, Horst said he believed the data presented by Plante Moran Cresa, the real estate consultants hired to analyze the district's enrollment decline and facility needs, was faulty, as it relied on Wayne County live births. According to a handout Horst presented to the board and administration, enrollment already is showing signs of a rebound and "even CRESA's corrected slides acknowledge an increase in school age population by 2023."

Horst also questioned the cost of renovating the middle school to accommodate the addition of fifth-graders.

"How much would we save by just keeping the middle schools as 6 through 8 as they are right now and keeping the fifth grade in the elementary schools?" Horst asked. "If we do that, the simple math is you close two elementary schools. The elementary schools all go to around 80 percent across the whole district and the middle

schools are at 77 percent. It's pretty much what (President Brian) Summerfield wants as the 80 percent factor. Pushing these fifth-graders up into middle school actually makes more of a problem in my opinion. We haven't been shown the math of what's the savings or cost of that.

"Not to even mention the whole debate about whether it is good to have fifth-graders in middle school," he added.

In D'Angelo's view, the overall savings were minimal compared to the risk of exposing the district to growth it can't accommodate in the future.

Moreover, he said the process seemed rushed.

"There's very little cost to delaying this to get those answers and do it the right way," he said.

Next steps were for the BRC to reconvene Tuesday, April 16, to evaluate the scenarios before presenting recommendations to the Board of Education. Results of that meeting took place after press time.



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A sticky situation

Poupard Elementary School Principal Hussain Ali agreed to allow students to duct tape him to the wall of the school gymnasium if they met the PTO's \$10,000 popcorn fundraiser goal. Poupard families smashed this goal, raising nearly \$14,000. Pictured with Ali are Lauren Roosevelt, left, and Regina Fante.

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Celebrating Sweet 16
Tau Beta Spring Market days are May 2-4

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Tau Beta Association’s 16th annual Spring Market takes place May 2 to 4, at The Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. This year features 23 vendors, including nine newcomers.

“It’s more than we’ve ever had,” said Catherine Shell, who is co-chairing this year’s event with Melissa Hurley.

Vendors are coming from across the country to participate in this annual gateway to spring.

“That really says something about Grosse Pointe,” said Leslie Rajewski, a member of the Spring Market Committee.

Among the new ven-



dors this year is Golftini, from Westfield, N.J., offering women’s golf and lifestyle apparel.

“It’s a cool line of women’s and girls’ golf clothing,” Shell said. “It’s by a female entrepreneur who started it five years ago

and it’s really taken off. ... She’s never done a boutique show like this. These Golftini clothes are so cute and preppy; I can wear the skirts grocery shopping or around town.”

With numerous golf



Golftini apparel.

courses in and around Grosse Pointe, Spring Market is a great venue for the shop, Hurley said.

“It’s a great start for them,” she said. “This could be your venue of coming into the Midwest. We’re one of the few gift shows in the spring. Women come from all over to Spring Market.”

This marks the first year the event has taken place in May. Organizers hope for warmer weather, as well as returning snowbirds and college students.

“It’s a great time to shop for your spring or summer wardrobe,” Hurley said.



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Perennial favorite Creme de la Creme, which offers gifts for men, women and children, as well as accessories for the home, is participating in its last Spring Market.

“She loves coming here,” Hurley said. “This is her swan song.”

Added Shell, “Having that continuity is neat, though we’re excited about new vendors, too.”

The details

Spring Market officially kicks off with a preview party and raffle 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at The Grosse Pointe Club. Tickets are \$75 in advance, \$85 at

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Book helps readers create a spirit-centered life

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There’s a spark inside Grosse Pointe Woods resident Elizabeth Atkins and she’s ready to share it with others. The best-selling author, award-winning television host, actress and speaker has had a few too many miracles occur to not help others reach a similar outcome.

Through her new book, “God’s Answer is Know: Lessons from a Spiritual Life,” due out Easter Sunday, April 21, Atkins shares her life story as well as tips on creating a spirit-centered life.

Through her own spiritual awakening, Atkins said she learned tools to help her discover the spiritual power within. The tools of meditation, journaling and having a relationship with Jesus showed her the way.

It began with journaling, which helped Atkins lose 100 pounds after her son was born 21 years ago.

“Instead of eating, I would journal when I was stressed,” she said. “My first book came out then and I was on Oprah to celebrate my weight loss

success.”

Only after a Hindu spiritual leader taught her how to meditate did her awakening begin, she said.

“I’ve been on a spiritual awakening since 2010, when I learned how to meditate,” she continued. “Meditation transformed me from the inside out. It healed me from so many things. ... It changed my daily existence. Prayer is one way — up; meditation is two-way communication with the spirit.”

Atkins didn’t find success overnight. Her first attempts at meditation were “awful.”

“My mind was full of chaos,” she said. “Like static on the wrong channels. But I stuck to it. Every night before bed, I did it.”

Now meditation is her go-to solution for anything. Like the time her son and his father were at Cedar Pointe and her panicked ex-husband called to tell her he lost his keys.

“I went into meditation and saw the keys on the counter at the hotel desk,” she said. “I told him to go ask at the desk. He went and they had his keys. Those kinds of delightful

things happen all the time.

“When my son was little, he needed a snack before basketball,” she continued. “I wanted to go to a particular gas station ... but I heard, ‘Don’t go there.’ So I didn’t go. The next day, I stopped in and the owner said they had been robbed at the very time I got the warning not to go there. That red flag, or gut feeling or warning, is easy to ignore. But when you ignore it, you suffer.”

Meditation requires solitude, she explained. And it takes practice.

“When I first tried to enhance my spirituality, I did a lot of reading,” she said. “But I didn’t understand it, so I couldn’t use it. This (book) is Meditation 101. It’s for people who’ve never heard of a chakra who want to know what it is, for the average person who’s never meditated to try it and see how powerful it feels.

“My story is a teaching tool,” she continued. “You can do all these things every day — journal, meditation, yoga, kale smoothies, positive people. But we’re still human. We still get anxiety, fear,



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Elizabeth Atkins with some of the books published by Two Sisters Writing & Publishing.

things don’t work out. It doesn’t mean life is perfect, but you have the tools to cope and feel better. There’s no price tag on that.”

It was during a meditation session in 2011 the next pieces fell into place.

“Jesus appeared in my

meditation. I never really had a relationship with Jesus,” Atkins said. “Jesus is love; he’s the Prince of Peace. He told me I’m learning things that I have to teach. Since then, so many miraculous things have happened. It’s beyond belief, knowing

I’ll always be taken care of, provided for. Staying connected gives me a newfound comfort.

“Around the same time, I was sad about my career,” she continued. “I felt I should do more; my career was stalled.”

She was sitting in her car, holding her cellphone and crying, when the phone chimed. It was a movie producer from Los Angeles with whom she’d interacted.

“He said, ‘I want you to be in a movie,’” she said. “Three weeks later I was on the set of my first movie role. The movie was ‘Anything is Possible.’ ... I have no agent. God is my agent.”

Atkins believes divine blessing sparked her acting career just as it sparked her television show, “MI Healthy Mind,” which has won numerous awards, including five honors from the 23rd annual Communicator Awards, several Telly Awards and the 2017 Heroes of Mental Health Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Michigan chapter.

Atkins, who has an undergraduate degree in

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Grosse Pointe Theatre scholarship deadline nears

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For decades, Grosse Pointe Theatre has presented scholarships to promising young talent in and around the Grosse Pointes. Each year, hopeful high school students apply and perform, eager for feedback and the chance at a financial reward.

This year’s scholarships are no different. The application deadline is Saturday, April 27, with auditions Sunday, May 5, at Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Underclassmen auditions begin at 2 p.m., followed by senior auditions at 5 p.m.

Theater students who apply are asked to memorize and perform two monologues — one comedic, the other more serious — with an optional song or dance performance as well.

Additionally, Grosse Pointe Theatre awards students for technical theater work — costumers, set designers and the like. According to scholarship regulations, technical applicants must submit a portfolio of their work one week prior to

the audition, as well as prepare a presentation that could include sketches, photographs, models, programs or other features. The entire body of the student’s work will be considered. Performing a monologue also is recommended.

Scholarships also are awarded for a combination of theater skills and technical work.

Winning students receive financial awards written directly to the summer programs that undergraduates plan to attend or to the colleges seniors plan to attend.

“While the undergraduate programs need to be arts-related in some way, for seniors it doesn’t matter,” said Kathy Fisk, chairwoman of the scholarship program. “The reason for that is there are a lot of us involved in Grosse Pointe Theatre in some way who have been engineers, teachers, lawyers ... but we still participate in arts.”

Auditioning students must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- ◆ enrolled in a Grosse Pointe high school;
- ◆ resident of any of the Grosse Pointes;
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GPT open house April 27

Grosse Pointe Theatre welcomes the community to a free open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27, at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

The event includes a behind-the-scenes sneak peek at the theater’s upcoming production of “Annie,” kid-friendly activities, tours of the theater, refreshments and a chance to help paint part of the show set.

Visitors also will learn about volunteer opportunities and upcoming shows, including the theater’s Youth on Stage program. For more information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

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◆ have performed in or worked backstage for a Grosse Pointe Theatre show; or

◆ have participated in Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Youth on Stage program.

The amount of the scholarships depends on the number of students who are selected, which varies each year. Three adjudicators from Grosse Pointe Theatre make the call.

“I try to get former teachers or directors who

have worked with young people,” Fisk said. “They watch the monologues, which are done in public, in front of parents and other people, then they go to a private setting and adjudicate what was done. They can provide helpful criticism or praise.”

After the auditions, the adjudicators sit down with Fisk and decide who should get what award.

“Money is given each year by Grosse Pointe Theatre and divided up,” Fisk said. “It might be

everyone winning ... or maybe just four or five.”

Fisk said on average, eight to 15 students audition each year. Awards range from a couple hundred for underclassmen to a couple thousand for a talented senior.

“It depends on what the adjudicators decide,” she said.

Since 2001, more than \$80,000 has been awarded to high school students.

“While we have several people in Grosse Pointe who’ve received scholarships and come back to perform in Grosse Pointe Theatre, we also have several who’ve gone on to Broadway,” Fisk said.

Past scholarship winners include siblings Celia and Andrew Keenan-Bolger and 2008 Grosse Pointe North graduate George Abud, who have all gone on to find success on Broadway.

“I would hope anyone who has any interest in theater and feels comfortable with performing two monologues should come out,” she said. “It’s a wonderful and rewarding experience, whether you win an award or not. You get to perform in front of your peers and you’re getting valuable feedback from people who know what they’re talking about.”

The awards will be presented to winning students during Grosse Pointe Theatre’s general membership meeting Monday, May 13, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. During the meeting, winners will perform one of their audition pieces, Fisk said.

The public is welcome.

For more information, rules and regulations or an application, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

Entries for ‘People Stories’ due April 22

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association seeks entries for its upcoming exhibition, “People Stories.”

Throughout history, artists have been able to tell a story, evoke a memory, inspire emotion, energize a movement or define an era in a single image. Consider Edward Hopper’s “Nighthawks” or Dorothea Lange’s “Migrant Mother.” This is the power of figurative imagery. It resonates

because it connects with one’s own experience and humanity.

“People Stories” is open to all two- and three-dimensional media except installations. The deadline for entries is Monday, April 22. Contributors will be notified of their inclusion Friday, April 26.

Melissa Jones serves as juror for the exhibition. Born and raised in Detroit, Jones earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in art therapy

from Wayne State University. She has exhibited her work professionally in the Detroit area since 2006, winning numerous awards.

She is a past board member and current member of the exhibition committee of the Detroit Artists Market, curating its recent show, “symbiosis.”

Jones will select Best of Show, second- and third-place honors and two honorable mentions. Best of Show

receives \$300, second place receives \$150 and third place receives \$75.

Intake for accepted artists is Monday, May 6, with hanging set Tuesday, May 7.

The show runs Wednesday, May 8, to Sunday, June 9. A presentation and awards ceremony takes place at 2 p.m. either Saturday, May 18, or Sunday, May 19.

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The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs at its branches:

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- ◆ Sing-Along with Music Man Dave, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24.
- ◆ Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830
- ◆ Family Classic Movie Night, featuring “Shrek,” 6 p.m. Monday, April 29.
- ◆ Lego Club, 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.
- ◆ Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072
- ◆ “Art: An Introduction,” noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, at the

Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following classes and exhibits at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

- ◆ The College for Creative Studies offers a free graphic novel workshop 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 22, to area high school students entered in the 2019 Promising Artists exhibition.
- ◆ “Calligraphy: Copperplate Basics with Kathy McCreedy,” 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16 and 30.
- ◆ “Fall in Love with Figure Drawing: A

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Restaurant Week returns April 28 to May 4

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce welcomes residents and non-residents alike to try something new for breakfast, lunch or dinner during its eighth annual Restaurant Week event, which runs Sunday, April 28, to Saturday, May 4.

Thirty-one establishments have signed up to participate in the 2019 event, which is sponsored by Racing for Kids, Beline Obeid Realty, Grosse Pointe Theatre, Aesthetic Theory Detroit, Budget Blinds, Merrill Lynch: The Butler Ricca Group and Grosse Pointe Financial.

“Every year it grows due to

the exciting new restaurants that have opened in our community and wanting to be involved in this event,” said Linda Reid, the chamber’s director of membership. “The posters have been up for a full month and a half, so we tried to create a bit of a buzz around town to wet their whistle on it way ahead of time. Our restaurants love this week because they get to show off what sets them apart and bring in new customers.”

The variety of establishments participating this year is sure to appeal to anyone’s tastes.

“It is a cross selection of the culinary scene that encompasses our diverse range of cuisines and includes some of

our most time-honored restaurants and buzz-worthy newcomers,” said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president. “Whether you’re looking for a romantic restaurant for date night, a fun family outing or an unfathomably good deal, Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week has you covered.”

Reservations are not required, but are highly recommended. Each establishment offers a special menu with special pricing for the event; however, costs exclude tax, beverages and gratuity. To learn about deals and discounts, visit grossepointechamber.com.

“It’s the perfect excuse to eat somewhere new, whether it be for breakfast, lunch or dinner,”

Boettcher said. “Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week gives residents and visitors the opportunity to experience the quality, variety and hospitality that embodies the Grosse Pointe community.”

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Park Place Market
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Sidestreet Diner
Subway
The Hill Seafood & Chophouse
The Whiskey Six
Trattoria Serventi
The Cracked Egg of Grosse Pointe
The Charlevoix

Barbara Pierce Bush to address global health equity

The War Memorial hosts former first daughter Barbara Pierce Bush in its Patriot Theater at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, as she delivers her address, “One Person Can Make a Difference: Confronting Today’s Health Challenges.” The evening includes a VIP reception, keynote address and photo opportunity. Tickets are \$30 for students, \$40 for general admission and \$125 for VIP. Tickets may be purchased online at warmemorial.org.

“At The War Memorial, we believe unyieldingly in the power of community connectivity — that, as a society, we’re at our best when working together,” said Brooks Hoste, vice president of community engagement and programming. “As an institution, The War Memorial embraces a broad definition of community, but Barbara Pierce Bush pushes us to think even broader, to consider the global com-



Barbara Pierce Bush

munity and the vital impact that we all can have. It’s an honor to welcome Ms. Bush to The War Memorial and to host such a compassionate, knowledgeable and influential leader.”

Bush’s address will focus on her entrepreneurial experience in starting Global Health Corps — her organization that places young fellows around the world who aid in bringing global change to the areas that need it most.

“Like Ms. Bush, The War Memorial is dedi-

cated to fostering innovative leadership, especially among young people,” said Charles Burke, president and CEO. “We hope that those who visit our institution leave inspired to serve the community around them with integrity and honor. Our mission of being a patriotic, cultural and community leader can only be fulfilled when we engage with and learn from leaders on both the regional and global stage.”

The evening includes a VIP reception in the historic Alger estate, where premiere ticketholders will meet and converse with Bush in an intimate setting. Following the keynote address, guests will have the opportunity to take a photo with Bush on their own camera or mobile phone. Copies of “Sisters First,” the book co-written by Bush and her twin sister, Jenna Hager, will be available for purchase.

For additional event details and to purchase tickets, visit warmemorial.org/speakers.

Tlaib serves as keynote speaker

Rashida Tlaib is the keynote speaker at the Franklin Wright Settlements annual Nurturing Possibilities Breakfast, which takes place 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison, Detroit.

Tlaib is a well-known progressive warrior and, in her own words, “a mother working for justice for all.” Her two young sons are at the root of her unwavering passion to help change lives for the better. She is the oldest of 14 children, born and raised in Detroit, the daughter of Palestinian immigrant parents.

Tlaib made history in 2008 by becoming the first Muslim woman to serve in the Michigan Legislature. She is



Rashida Tlaib

beloved by residents for the transformative constituent services she provided and successfully fighting billionaires and corporations that tried to pollute her district.

As an attorney at the Sugar Law Center for

Economic and Social Justice, Tlaib took the movement to the courts, fighting racist emergency managers and abusive state agencies, and leading the fight for community benefits agreements that promote equitable development.

She currently is the Congresswoman for Michigan’s 13th Congressional District, which includes Detroit and many surrounding communities, where she serves on the Financial Services and Government and Oversight committees.

This is a free event and seating is limited. RSVPs are required by April 18, to Deon Mullen, (313) 579-1000, Ext. 248.

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Chorus presents dinner cabaret

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its 67th annual spring event, “A Dinner Cabaret,” at 6 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The dinner is presented by Marchiori Catering and the cabaret includes favorite songs from popular musicals.

Tickets are \$40. A limited number of tickets are available for advance purchase at Assumption. Call (586) 779-6111.

For general information, visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org

Born and raised in Michigan, Bob Sornson was a classroom teacher and school administrator for more than 30 years. He is the founder of the Early Learning Foundation, which works with schools, agencies and parent organizations to inform parents and school personnel about the skills and habits that should be well-established in the early years of life.

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OBITUARIES

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

Jacqueline Curtin

Jacqueline Curtin, 74, of St. Clair Shores, died Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Born Feb. 6, 1945, in Detroit, to John and Marion Curtin, Jacqueline graduated from Siena Heights University in Adrian and was a former Adrian Dominican Sister. She taught at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School in Grosse Pointe 38 years. She enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews. She liked to golf and enjoyed cards and games with her friends.

Jacqueline is survived by her sister, JoAnn Monaghan (John R.); nieces, Pat Landino (Ray), Terry Chait (Ed) and Julie Casey; nephews, Mike Curtin, Mike Monaghan (Amy), John Monaghan (Jennifer) and Dan Monaghan (Andrea); nephew-in-law, Gary Evans; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, David Curtin and niece, Dorothy Evans.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 12 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to Reverence Home Health and Hospice, a service of St. John Providence Hospital, at reverencehomehealth.org/donations or The Saint Paul Educational Trust, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd.,

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Arrangements were handled by Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home, Port Huron.

Share a memory at karrersimpson.com.

Barbara Ann Finch

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Barbara Ann Finch, 86, passed away Monday, April 15, 2019, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Born Dec. 2, 1932, in Grosse Pointe to Gerald and Emily Fitzgerald, Barbara attended Sacred Heart Academy and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. She attended Pennsylvania School for Women and graduated from Michigan State University with a teaching degree. She earned a master's degree from Wayne State University.

Barbara taught in the Detroit Public Schools. She also was the religion director at St. Matthew in Detroit and a religious education teacher at the Grosse Pointe Academy.

Barbara loved to entertain and had many friends. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, League of Women Voters and an honorary member of the Four Freshmen Society. She also helped spearhead an organization called Residents on The Hill.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Elise Finch-Sophiea (Bill Sophiea); sons, Michael Finch

(Mariela Fernandez Alsina) and Mark Finch and grandchildren, William and Jeffrey Sophiea and Zachary and Olivia Finch.

She was predeceased by her brother, Gerald Fitzgerald.

A funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the start of the service.

Burial will take place in St. Clair, next to her mother and other family members.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Michigan Women Forward, 1155 Brewery Park Blvd., Suite 350, Detroit, MI 48207 or at support@miwf.org or Alpha Chi Omega, Michigan State University, 243 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Bruce John Renaud

Bruce John Renaud, 97, died peacefully at home, Sunday, April 7, 2019, holding his wife's hand.

Bruce is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Jane "Ri" Wooten Renaud; children, John, Kirk, and Katie; grandchildren, Amanda, Alexander, Bryant, Emily and great-grandchildren, Addison and Annabelle. Bruce was predeceased by his sister, Joan Marshall; father, Bruce Renaud and mother, Ruth Renaud.

A wonderful father, beloved husband and respected community leader, Bruce was a kind and gentle man who will be missed by many. He was an avid bridge player, accomplished sailor and much-loved sailing instructor, commodore and board member of the Detroit Boat Club and president of the Indian Village Association.

Bruce earned a degree in chemical engineering at the University of Michigan and worked for Uniroyal 38 years.

At his request, Bruce's remains were donated to Wayne State University School of Medicine to help teach future doctors. There will be a private memorial service at a family gathering in North Carolina.

All of the members of Bruce's family extend heartfelt thanks to the many dear friends and caregivers who loved and supported Bruce and Ri,



Jacqueline Curtin



Barbara Ann Finch



Bruce John Renaud



Angela P. Kennedy

particularly during these last few years.

Angela Palombit Kennedy

Angela Palombit Kennedy, 80, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 14, 2019. She suffered 16 years from Parkinson's disease before succumbing to pneumonia.

Predeceased by Thomas, her husband of 43 years, and daughter, Lisa Fikany (Joe), Angela is survived by her daughters, Kristin Shatraw (David) and Kara Thompson (Brad); granddaughters, Angela Mnatsakanov, Katie Fikany and Kamie Berns; grandsons, Joseph Fikany Jr., Ryan Berns and Casey and Mac Shatraw and great-granddaughter, Anna Lisa Fikany. She also is survived by her sisters, Louise George (Bob Capstack) and Betsy Corona (Rick) and brother, Louis Palombit Jr. (the late Janet Coleman and the late Angela Cody), as well as several nieces and nephews.

"Angie" attended Dominican High School in Detroit and graduated in 1960 as a music major from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.

A resident of St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Shores for many years, she raised three daughters before purchasing Ruth Carney Dance Studio in Grosse Pointe Woods. There, she and her daughters flourished 37 years along with many wonderful teachers led by her protégé, Mary Lou Parker, raising the bar for dance studios throughout southeast Michigan, winning many regional and national awards, but more importantly, leaving a legacy in the com-



Margaret Mary Gerlach

munity by inspiring so many young girls whom she nurtured.

A funeral Mass was celebrated April 17 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to St. Joan of Arc Parish, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Margaret Mary Gerlach

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Margaret Mary Gerlach died peacefully Wednesday, April 10, 2019. She was 96.

She was born Feb. 27, 1923, in Detroit, to Richard and Maria Corteville, and married Philip Gerlach, in 1948. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and later a teaching certificate, both from the University of Detroit. After spending some time in accounting, she taught school at St. Paul School in Grosse Pointe Farms and Queen of Peace School in Harper Woods. She enjoyed running into former students as she spent her entire life in Grosse Pointe.

A polio survivor, Margaret spoke fondly of meeting with Fr. Solanus Casey as a girl, including his prayer for her miraculous recovery that led to a lifelong appreciation for her religion and the Capuchins in Detroit. Proud of her three children, Margaret worked hard to maintain a career in teaching and her post-polio health.

In retirement, Margaret enjoyed sewing with her Pregnancy Aid sewing group, spending time with her grandchildren (and greats and grand pets), and traveling with her husband to Europe, China, Australia and beyond. She was a member of the Altar Society at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. In her final months, Margaret was still sharp witted, spending her days singing opera, discussing cherished memories and enjoying visits from family and friends.

Margaret was predeceased by her beloved husband, Philip, who during his life served as her true partner.

Margaret was the mother of Philip Gerlach (Rose), Anne Stoehr (Leonard) and the late Alan Gerlach (JoAnn Gerlach-Roach); grandmother of Leslie



George H. Mittelbuscher

Halliburton (Josh), Patrick Gerlach (Elizabeth), Leonard Stoehr (Ashley), Kathryn Beck (Andrew), Mary Gerlach (Ian Brown) and Brian Gerlach; great-grandmother of Natalia, Ellena, August and Colton; and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at cskdetroit.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

George Henry Mittelbuscher

Harper Woods resident George Henry Mittelbuscher, 64, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019.

Born Aug. 3, 1954, in Detroit, to Oliver George and Jean Mittelbuscher, George graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1975 and worked at STEP, Services to Enhance Potential, more than 35 years.

George enjoyed reading history books, playing Uno and other card games, listening to The Beatles, eating out with friends and family and was a fan of the New York Yankees.

George taught those around him the value of tolerance and patience. He was witty and became immediate friends with people he perceived to be genuine and kind-hearted.

His family said George was unselfish and freely gave to others. His greatest lesson to them was to demonstrate the importance of love and kindness.

George is survived by his sister, Kathleen Mary Coates; brother-in-law, Daniel Eric Coates; niece Jocelyn Mary Coates and nephew, John Daniel Coates.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, May 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation of America at epilepsy.com.

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Kristin Elisabeth Beck-Pogue

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you
In the palm
Of His hand

With love to
Jenny Sandercott
Bobby Pogue
Jessie Pogue
and
Danny Pogue

And all my friends and family
Who have a special place in my heart

May 4, 1953 — April 4, 2019

"God's finger touched him and he slept"
Alfred, Lord Tennyson

In memory of Sean Thomas Albert Downey

April 23, 1970 - May 4, 2017

Sean was born with Tricuspid Atresia. His first surgery was at 5 1/2 months at Detroit Children's Hospital, Congenital Heart Clinic Department, when a shunt was put in his lung. He had a second surgery in 1979. In August 1998, he had a Total Cavopulmonary Connection. Sean became best buddies with every cardiologist he encountered in 47 years.

Sean beat all odds. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living patient with this condition. His sisters, Michelle and Jennifer; brother, Daniel, and many buddies — his band of brothers — were

there supporting Sean during his journey.

Sean graduated in 1988 from Grosse Pointe South High School. He has two sons, Alex and Tyler, now 15 years old. Sean was not soft or easy on them as he knew he would not be here to guide them through high school. He instilled in them integrity and honesty and taught them to strive to be good men.

As Sean's mother, I am so grateful God gave me such a beautiful soul and heart to care for.

Until we meet again,
Your Mom



OBITUARIES:
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Virginia Evans
Carlin

Virginia “Ginny” Evans Carlin, 83, died peacefully Thursday, April 11, 2019, in Decatur, Ga., after a long battle with dementia.

She was born Feb. 27, 1936, in Detroit, and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. She graduated from The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston and also attended the University of Colorado.

Ginny will be remembered for her sense of humor, playful spirit, love of travel and adventure and most of all, her love of her four children. Family was the most important thing to her; no matter where she lived, she always made sure she had a house big enough for her children and their families to visit. She also valued her long-time friends.

Ginny’s career was varied — ranging from a secretary at a top advertising agency in Montreal to the “drink lady” at Little John’s Deli in Charlottesville, N.C., to a stock broker to a vice president and trust officer at Bank of America in Atlanta, Ga. Though she moved around a lot, she always considered Michigan — especially her cottage at Pointe Aux Barques — her favorite place to be.

Ginny is survived by her children, Sara Carlin Baxter (Michael), Christopher Carlin (Lisa) and Stephen Carlin (Jennifer); grandchildren, Audrey and Jordan Baxter, Benjamin, Claire and Allison Carlin, Whitney Reddan and Jack, Ellie and Nicholas Carlin; brothers, Edward S. “Ned” Evans III and John Evans, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter, Pamela Carlin Reddan (Mike) and her parents, Florence and Edward S. Evans Jr.

A celebration of her life will be held in June in Michigan.

Donations may be made to support brain tumor research by giving to the Powered by Pam Jimmy Fund Walk team,

Dana Farber Cancer Institute, c/o Jessica Hogan, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445 or at danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/poweredbypam.

John Brown
Renick

John “Jack” Renick, 88, a Grosse Pointe resident 62 years, died Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Jack was predeceased by his father, John Marion Renick; mother, Elnora Brown Renick and grandson, Stephen Renick Durand.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy (nee Masi) Renick; daughters, Ellen Durand (Peter) and Elizabeth Bracher (Troy); grandsons, Robert J. Durand, Jack R. Bracher, Christian C. Bracher and George B. Bracher.

John Brown Renick was born Nov. 9, 1930, in Elkhart, Ind., but moved to the Detroit area as a child. He graduated from Southeastern High School in 1948. Jack attended Albion College before returning to Wayne State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in 1953. From 1953 to 1955, Jack served in the U.S. Navy. He returned to Wayne State and earned a master’s degree in history in 2003.

In June 1957, Jack married Nancy Masi at Christ Church Dearborn. They settled in Grosse Pointe, raised their two daughters and lived there 62 years. Between the bachelor’s and master’s degrees, Jack worked for IBM, The Detroit Toledo & Ironton Railroad, Ernst & Ernst and Kelly Services, from which he retired in 1995 as manager of information support services.

Jack served as president of the Detroit Chapter of Information Systems Audit and Control Association in 1989. He also served as an adjunct professor at both Walsh College and Lawrence Technological University. Religion occupied a prominent role in his life as Jack served as a lay reader and chalice bearer at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. He was a past president of the

Prismatic Club of Detroit, a member of Witenagemote Club, Civil War Round Table, The Players theater club, Senior Men’s Club, International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi and Grosse Pointe Club. His love of music was always in his life as he began playing the clarinet and saxophone in junior high school. He was a member of several dance bands and later played in the orchestra of The Players for 20 years.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Christ Church St. John’s Bible Fund, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Dan
Nearhood

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dan Nearhood passed away Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Dan is survived by his sons, Christopher (Anelia) and Nicholas; daughter, Elspeth; grandchildren, Matthew Rajt (Amy), Courtney Rajt, Emma Nearhood, Jack Nearhood and Addison Nearhood and great-grandson, Brayden Rajt.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harold and Elsie (nee Rickerd) Nearhood.

Dan had a passion for art and creative artwork. He was a creative art director in the advertising industry. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing and camping with his children and grandchildren, and was an avid bicyclist. He continued to bike even after an amputation.

He had a passion for politics and having debates. He loved sports, often coaching and serving as a referee with the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association, and was a fan of University of Michigan teams.

A volunteer with Meals on Wheels, Dan also loved animals, specifically his three golden retrievers, Mazey, Bailey and Hailey. Most of all, he loved being with his grandchildren.

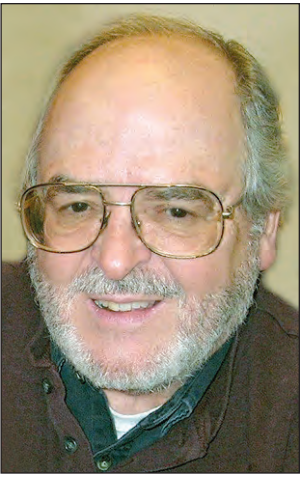
Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at A.H. Peters Funeral



Virginia Evans Carlin



John Brown Renick



Dan Nearhood

Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

The funeral service is at noon Saturday, April 20, at the funeral home. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Victor Hughes
Taylor

City of Grosse Pointe resident Victor “Bud” Hughes Taylor, 96, died Monday, April 8, 2019. He was a former resident of Bloomfield Hills and Metamora.

Born Feb. 16, 1923, in Detroit, to Florence and Harry W. Taylor, Bud grew up in Bloomfield Hills and graduated from Cranbrook School in 1942. He attended University of Virginia until enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving as a naval aviator. He flew transport missions throughout the South Pacific and Australia.

After returning to Michigan, he was an early collaborator with the Sea Ray Boat Co. He went on to apply the use of fiberglass in producing commercial building products ranging from drinking fountains to park benches and planters used in the then-booming shopping mall industry. Bud was one of the pioneers in the field of recycling industrial waste materials, founding businesses that manufacturing and sold recycling systems for the paper, wood and plastics industries.

Bud and his wife, Mary, raised their three children in Metamora, where Bud passionately tended their 80 beautiful acres. They frequently welcomed the Metamora Foxhunt, which rode through the property. He relished hosting friends and family at country gatherings over the 50



Victor Hughes Taylor



Susan Shaw Sutherland

years they lived there, and later in Grosse Pointe.

Bud loved tennis and skiing and celebrated his milestone birthdays on the slopes of Aspen through his 80th. He instilled in his children and grandchildren a love for nature, outdoor sports and adventure, jazz music and the importance of lifelong friendship.

His personal style, wry sense of humor and love for life will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Bud is survived by his wife, Mary Boyer Taylor; daughters, Pamela Taylor Yates (Eames) and Stephanie Tryba (David); son, Jeffrey Taylor (Maura) and grandchildren, Caroline Tryba, Christopher Tryba, Irene Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor and Boyer Taylor.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Jane Holley and Joan Morris and brothers, Harry Taylor Jr. and Robert Taylor.

A private service will be held later this spring. Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Institutional Advancement Office, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Beaumont Hospice, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-5802.

Susan Shaw
Sutherland

Lifetime Grosse Pointe resident Susan Shaw Sutherland, 75, passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

She was the beloved mother of Elizabeth Sutherland, Paul (Katy) and Doug; grandmother to Robert “Butch” Stenz, Sarah, Phoebe and Peter; sister of Bonnie Frank (Jack), Patty Shaw, Nancy deFries (Ross) and Ted (Karen); aunt and cousin to many.

Born Sept. 23 1943, Susie attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grosse Pointe High School and graduated from Bradford Junior College. She was an avid bridge and Scrabble player and always willing to help others with decorating projects. She had a compassionate heart, creative mind, giving soul and was loved by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 31, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton Street, Grosse Pointe Park. A reception follows the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve at hospicewr.org. Select Ames Family Hospice House as the donation recipient.

PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

The only acceptable ending

In a week, Marvel Studios will release the film “Avengers: Endgame.” It is not an exaggeration to say this is among the most anticipated movie events of all time. “Endgame” is expected to break box office records and gross more than \$2 billion. Not bad for a movie about comic book characters. “Endgame” isn’t even a stand-alone film. It’s the second installment of last year’s blockbuster, “Avengers: Infinity War.”

At the end of “Infinity War,” a villain unleashes a weapon that destroys half of all life. Among those killed are characters who have become beloved over the course of 10 years and 21 films. Marvel fans have spent a year pre-occupied with one question: How will “Endgame” reverse the deaths of all those characters? In the minds of fans, the only acceptable ending for “Avengers: Endgame” is some kind of resurrection.

Even if you have a hard time taking movies, comic books or movies about comic books seriously, you can’t deny the urgency and universality of this theme: the des-

perate desire for death to be reversed. Death is humanity’s unassailable adversary — the “last enemy,” as the Apostle Paul puts it. What happy ending can there be if death ultimately erases our highest ambitions and abducts our dearest loved ones? The only truly acceptable ending to our stories and human history is some kind of resurrection.

It’s Easter time again. Every year we observe this holiday that has become little more than a pretext to sell candy. But at its heart, Easter is the celebration of a resurrection. When you cut through the organizational machinery and political rhetoric attached to Christianity, it is and has always been about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many dismiss the resurrection as just another comic book story line — entertaining, inspirational, but in the end, fictional. And yet without a historical resurrection, Christianity loses its unique value. There are plenty of philosophical and religious systems that motivate people to be better and do good. There are

plenty of stories and ideas that give people courage and hope. We need something more. We need a real resurrection.

The disciples of Jesus Christ insisted that three days after Jesus’ death by crucifixion, he rose from the dead. They embraced one mission: to bear witness. They went out into a world that would mistrust, malign and mistreat them for their message. Yet in the face of dire and often deadly adversity they maintained: Jesus Christ rose from the dead and, if you place your hope and trust in Him, you will too.

This Easter, allow yourself to imagine that Jesus is more than the punchline to a fictional plot line. See him as the disciples saw him the first Easter morning: as risen Savior, conqueror of the last enemy, humanity’s true hope, the only acceptable ending to our story.

Van Arragon is pastor at the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit firstcrcdetroit.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

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.

◆ Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women’s Group meets 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.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover at a Family Seder for members and their guests Saturday, April 20. It is at the Seder, the festive meal, where the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt is told. The Seder also is a celebration of the importance of religious freedom. The council strives to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of the Jewish religion and culture and provide an educational and social forum for members. For membership, call (313) 882-6700.



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Passion of the Lord
7:00 pm | Church

Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Baskets
12:00 pm | Church
Easter Vigil Celebration
8:00 pm | Church

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11:00 am Mass
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Good Friday, April 19, noon ~ Stations of the Cross
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Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon in the church

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Ecumenical Stations in the Street - 4:00 p.m. beginning on the ARK plaza

Lenten Dinner in the ARK - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 — HOLY SATURDAY

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BOOK:

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English and master's degree in journalism, initially tried to use writing as a way to obtain fame and fortune. It didn't work. But when she fell in line with her life's true mission, her television show, book writing and teaching jobs all came easy, she said.

"Our true purpose is in line with life's mission," she said. "We all have it; we just have to find it. Then money shows up, people show up, inner

peace comes. There's no price tag for that. You can't buy this connection. You have to cultivate it yourself. And it's free."

"God's Answer is Know" tells Atkins' life story with examples of power working through it. Sections focus on teaching, meditation, journaling, healthy eating—ways to take care of oneself to maximize power.

"It's about how to have a lifestyle that enables you to cultivate this power," she said, "so you can raise the vibrational frequency or lower it. Just like a radio channel, you want a

clear connection so you quiet all the static. You can tune into that frequency with journaling, yoga, meditation, eating a plant-based diet, avoiding alcohol, avoiding sugar and negative energy and people who gossip."

Additionally, she has combined journaling and meditation to create PowerJournal—a teaching tool she uses to maximize efforts. Two PowerJournals accompany the book, one about spiritual awakening and the other about finding life's purpose.

"God's Answer is

Know" was published by Two Sisters Writing & Publishing, a company Atkins and her sister, Catherine Greenspan, started a few years ago. The company not only publishes books, but also hosts monthly writing contests and the Two Sisters Writing Club, as well as their blog, A Tale of Two Sisters. Atkins has written more than 20 books, including one she co-authored with former Detroit mayor Dennis Archer. The sisters' company also published "The Triumph of Rosemary: A Memoir," written by their



mother, Judge Marylin E. Atkins, the longest-serving chief judge in the history of Detroit's 36th District Court, Atkins

said.

"God's Answer is Know" is available for preorder at twosisterswriting.com and godsanswerisknow.com. Those interested also may sign up for classes on the Two Sisters website.

Atkins stressed her message is not religious; it's about power.

"This power is available within yourselves," Atkins said. "You can use it to heal, transform, figure yourselves out, find purpose, find peace. ... We just have to activate it, strengthen it and use it. We have to trust it."

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‘Paint The Windows’ is May 11

Elementary school artists are invited to participate in The Village’s 31st annual “Paint the Windows” contest, which takes place Saturday, May 11, when storefronts in The Village become the canvas for young artists inspired by the theme, “Going on a Safari.”

Paint The Windows starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 11. Children who attend any Grosse Pointe school in kindergarten through fifth grade are eligible.

There is no charge to participate, but participants and their parents are asked to register in advance. Paint kits are available for \$8 at El’s Boutique prior to and

the day of the event. Application forms are available at El’s Boutique, 17110 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Applications also are available at thevillagegp.com.

Completed applications are due to El’s Boutique by Monday, April 22. Artists are notified of their window assignments by mail. Assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents may call El’s Boutique at (313) 571-3044 with questions.

Community members are encouraged to visit The Village to watch as the art takes shape Saturday morning. Awards will be distributed on the plaza on St.

Clair at 4 p.m. that day.

Children choose their subjects, create their works and help place the completed 18-by-24-inch safari-themed paintings on the storefronts. The art remains up for viewing through Saturday, May 18.

Paint The Windows is sponsored by El’s Boutique, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, City of Grosse Pointe, Hala Besmar, Print Xpress, The City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, Beaumont and William Rands. Support also comes from TCBY, Village Palm and Small Favors. The event is organized by the Grosse Pointe Village DDA.

EVENTS:

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Workshop with Amy Foster,” 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16.

◆ Art Making for Veterans, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Sam White, founder of Shakespeare in Detroit, speaks.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 2 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, Pier Park, 350 Lakshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 6, Monteith Elementary School, 1275 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register online at red crossblood.org.

The Helm

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

◆ “Keeping You Fit at Home — Effective Exercises and Stretches to Increase the Proper

Alignment of Your Body,” 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, with physical therapist Keith Finley.

◆ \$5 Friday Lunch and Movie Special, Friday, April 26. Lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The movie, “Crazy Rich Asians,” begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for both, \$2 for the movie only.

◆ “Senior Spring Soiree,” 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Cost is \$10 and reservations are required.

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

Parkinson’s support

Parkinson’s workshops and support group meetings previously held at The Helm have moved to Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. A support group meeting for people with Parkinson’s meets 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 25. Call Deb Champion at (313) 520-9082.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, April 26, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Emma C. Nickel, pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Alliance Française program looks at New France

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe invites the community to learn how nearly 800 French women in the mid-17th century answered the call of their king, Louis XIV, and left their homes to start new lives and help populate New France, aka Quebec.

They were called “Les Filles du Roi,” which translates to “The Daughters of the King.” Most of the millions of people of French

Canadian descent today in Canada, the United States and beyond are descendants of one or more of these women.

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe presents the perspective of five such women through a reenactment at 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Cook Schoolhouse, next to Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is free, but res-

ervations are necessary due to limited seating.

For a reservation, email president@afgrossepointe.org with the name(s) of the attendees before Monday, April 22.

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to teach the French language and promote French culture. Visit afgrossepointe.org to learn more.

Symphony welcomes acclaimed violinist April 28

The Grosse Pointe Symphony presents Yoonshin Song, concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, as the featured soloist on the final concert of the season. She will be playing Beethoven’s Violin Concerto.

Song has earned many prizes throughout her career, including top-prize awards in international violin competitions such as the Stradivarius International Competition. In her native South Korea, she has won virtually all the major national competitions and has received the David G. Whitecomb Foundation Award and the Korean Minister of Culture’s Award.

Also on the program is Grosse Pointer Andrejs

Jansons, a Latvian composer, conductor, oboist and teacher who has conducted orchestras from the Bronx to Moscow; has been an oboist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and pit orchestras on Broadway; and to date has written seven musicals.

The concert takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Charles Greenwell hosts a pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and free for students. Tickets may be purchased at gpsymphony.org or at the door.

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the door.

The event includes cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, a night of shopping, music and a raffle drawing. Raffle tickets are \$25 each, five for \$100. The drawing is at 8:30 p.m., but ticket holders need not be present to win.

Raffle items include a beauty package donated by Neiman Marcus featuring services from Girlie Girl Salon and Massage Green; Meira T gold and diamond drop earrings donated by edmund t. AHEE jewelers; Taste of Detroit, featuring a collection of gift cards for Detroit’s finest establishments and an Uber gift card; and an original oil painting by local artist Jane McFeely.

“It’s a good couple’s night out, a good girls’ night,” Rajewski said.

Those who attend the preview party get a free pass to shop the next day. Also included is a free drink ticket for Spring Market’s signature Market-ini cocktail, available 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 3.

During the Market-ini event, guests have a chance to win a drawing for a B. May bag donated by Girlie Girl.

Spring Market shopping opens to the public at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4. Admission is \$5. Apart from shopping from new and returning favorite vendors, shoppers may enjoy a cash-only buffet lunch in the Spring Market cafe from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Whether shopping for oneself or looking for that perfect Mother’s Day gift, a wide range of



Ellie Kai fashions.

vendors should attract shoppers of all ages and price points.

“We’ve got to come up with creative things each year to draw people out,” Shell said. “We have to keep it fresh. ... You don’t just go to Somerset and find these things. You’re not going to find Velvet Road at Neiman Marcus.”

Beneficiary

Proceeds from Spring Market benefit the Children’s Center of Detroit, Tau Beta’s signature beneficiary since 2004.

“They are our sole focus,” Shell said. “We award grants here and there to other deserving organizations, but Children’s Center is it for us.”

Last year Tau Beta donated \$115,000 to the Tau Beta Center for Literacy, Tau Beta Center for Discovery and food pantry at Children’s Center. The pantry is largely stocked by Tau Beta donations and operated by Tau Beta volunteers, who contribute clothing, home goods and more to assist clients in need.

“Tau Beta was started by extremely wealthy women who were not content to just be social-

ites,” Shell said.

Added Hurley, “These women are committed to help, even to this day.”

Tau Beta Juniors, high school-age girls, also support Children’s Center in a variety of ways, from packing backpacks with school supplies to delivering Thanksgiving turkeys and hosting Halloween parties, among other activities.

Fifteen percent of every Spring Market sale goes to Tau Beta, which in turn designates it for Children’s Center. All the proceeds from raffle ticket sales also benefit Children’s Center.

“The shopping is a fun event, but at the end of the day, you’re helping children and families,” Rajewski said.

Eight new sponsors were added to the roster this year and more sponsorship opportunities are available.

“We’re very fortunate,” Hurley said. “We couldn’t do this without patron support and our corporate sponsors.”

To become a sponsor, visit taubeta.org/corporatesponsorship.

For more than 100 years, Tau Beta Association has promoted philanthropic projects to benefit children. To date, more than \$1.2 million has been contributed to Children’s Center.

“It’s a fundraiser, but also a friend-raiser,” Hurley said.

For more information or tickets to the preview party, visit taubeta.org or email springmarket@taubeta.org.



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Baseball

RIVALS

Kensora, Good stymie South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North baseball team played arch rival Grosse Pointe South last weekend for the first time since losing to them in a state district tournament last June.

Head coach Dave Martin and his Norsemen, ranked No. 2 in the state according to MaxPreps, brought an undefeated record into the double-header and left with two more wins, 9-5 and 2-0.

The Norsemen’s pitching was stellar as Jack Kensora tossed seven innings of relief in the opener to earn the win, and in game two it was Nic Good tossing a gem.

“Our pitching and defense were solid today,” Martin said. “Everybody is contributing, and we are playing “team” baseball right now. Today was a good example of everyone



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

North’s Jack Kensora earned the win in relief, pitching seven complete innings in game one.

stepping up to win a couple of big ballgames.”

“We competed. We hit the ball better,” South head coach Dan Griesbaum said. “They are a solid team. The wind hurt us in the first game, but both teams had to play in it.”

In the opener, each team came out swinging with the Norsemen scoring two runs and the Blue Devils answered with three in the first inning.

Kensora came in with nobody out and runners on second and third. He

gave up a two-run double to Devin Slaughter as the Blue Devils took a 3-2 lead.

The turning point came in the top of the fourth inning. Thomas Hutchison retired the first two Norsemen, but a wind-aided pop fly



South’s Thomas Hutchison started on the mound for the Blue Devils in the opener.

dropped between the shortstop and left-fielder to put a runner on base. After that, Ryan Shanley walked, Matt

Mazzola singled home the tying run, Kensora singled home a run,

See RIVALS, page 4C

Track & field

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils edge Romeo

Grosse Pointe South girls track and field team won its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener last week, beating host Romeo 76-61.

The Blue Devils won 8 of the 17 events, but had enough depth in the other events to hold off the Bulldogs.

“We did not win a relay (a first-ever) and won less than half the events and still managed to beat a very good Romeo team,” head coach Steve Zaranek said. “The obvious difference were the many second- and third-place finishes. We had just a little more depth, and that was the difference.”

With the relays and the three distance races factored in, the Blue Devils had a 39-point difference to make up.

Led by the first-place finishes of Helen Dodge in the 100- and 200-dashes, along with

second-place finishes in those events by Danice Doles in the 100 and Lauren Kanan in the 200, the Blue Devils started to make up the difference.

The Blue Devils swept the 100-hurdles as Zoe Wagstaff, Kate Duncan and Emily Burke went 1-2-3. Burke and Wagstaff came back later to finish 1-3 in the 300-hurdles.

The 400-dash also gave the Blue Devils a boost as Lizzy Bellovich and Megs Bojarczyk finished 1-2.

Devon Krasner gave the Blue Devils their only distance points with a second in the 1,600- and a third in the 800-runs.

Payton Roy was a double winner for South, taking first in both the shot put and discus, while teammates Martha Dawson, Alexis Herrell and Sarah Wholihan completed sweeps for South in those two



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South’s Helen Dodge helped the Blue Devils edge Romeo by winning the 100- and 200-dash.

events.

Erica McGraw and Anna Majni tied for second in the pole vault with teammates Mary Claire Diamond and Jet Wilson taking second and third in the long jump.

Kanan added a victory in the high jump with Kate Duncan tying for second.

The boys were winners, too, beating Romeo 74-62.

Head coach Mark Sonnenberg’s relay teams were key to the success.

The 400-relay team of

Owen Bollaert, Aaron Dyas, A.J. Benson and Grant Hart won, as did the 800-relay squad of Chase Tomlin, Dyas, Benson and Hart.

The Blue Devils’ 1,600-relay group of Blake Weaver, Ben Gabrion, Tomlin and Bashar Abouljoud was victorious, and the 3,200-relay team of Charlie Rulison, Gabrion, Abouljoud and Weaver also took first.

Individual winners were Abouljoud in the 400-dash and 800-run, and Terrance Lane in the discus.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen see progress

The Grosse Pointe North girls and boys track and field teams had some outstanding performances in their Macomb Area Conference Red Division loss to Chippewa Valley last week.

The girls lost 78-58, but sophomore Cate Gagnier won the pole vault and set a new school record with her vault of 10 feet, 3 inches.

Double winners were sophomore Tiara Cherry in the shot put and discus and junior captain Zoe Madden in the long jump and high jump.

Cherry had marks of 31 feet, 4 inches, and 72 feet, 4 inches, while Madden had marks of 15 feet, 11 inches, and 5 feet, 1 inch.

Other firsts went to sophomore Elise Nyquist in the mile with a time of 5:58 and senior captain Sara Michalik in the two mile with a time of 12:59.

Finishing second in their events were junior captain Kiyah Forrest in the 300-hurdles, 53.38; junior Abby Gretkierewicz in the pole vault, 8 feet; senior Hannah Zalewski in the discus, 66 feet; senior Vivian Liagre in the 800-meter run, 2:47; and freshman Gia Derrick in the 400-dash, 1:07.

Other placing performances were senior Cari Humphries, third in 400-dash at 1:11.6; junior captain Sarah Seagram, third in the mile at 6:17; freshman Ava Hopko, third in discus at 65 feet,

6 inches; junior captain Doni Sailor, third in 100-hurdles at 18.1; Gagnier, third in long jump at 14 feet, 10 1/2 inches; junior Laila Logan, third in high jump at 4 feet, 9 inches; and junior Caroline Mrsan, third in the two-mile at 14:21.

In the boys meet, the Norsemen lost 79-57, but had several first-place finishes, including Zac Ozormoor in 110-high hurdles and 300-hurdles with times of 15.96 and 42.2.

Kuvin Satyadev took first in the mile and third in the 800-run with times of 4:36 and 2:04, and Andrew Spiteri was first in the two-mile run at 11:19.62.

KaRonn Henderson was first in the high jump with a mark of 6 feet, while Marlon Davis took first in long jump at 19 feet, 3 1/2 inches to help the Norsemen.

Other first-place winners were Nate Truss in the 400-dash, 53.57, and the duo of Eric Cueter and Connor Lefebvre in the pole vault each cleared 9 feet.

Preston Navarre took second in the mile at 4:36.7, and three others were runner-up in their events, Max Kluge in the two mile, 11:54.47; Ryan Taylor in the shot put, 37 feet, 3 inches; and Zac Hogerbe in discus, 119 feet.

Zac Doerr was third-place in the 400-dash with a time of 55.7.

LIGHT READING

Book released on beer league

Curt Lesnau — a veteran of more than 50 years of beer league amateur men’s hockey including years as a member of the Grosse Pointe Old Devils hockey club — has collected hundreds of stories, vignettes and anecdotes

from his favorite sport and published them in a new book “Legends of Beer-League Hockey.”

Lesnau, a retired IRS computer programmer, said the stories are a combination of general audience and “adults only” tales that more

than not could not be made up.

Lesnau collected his stories from beer leagues and teams and tournaments in the Metro Detroit area.

As mentioned, beer, the beverage of hockey player’s choice, also

fueled many a funny moment, including one player who headed out to the ice for a game with his pants on backwards. Another player sought out a late evening bite to eat by standing in line at a McDonalds, only to be told he had to be in a car.

Lacrosse

RIVALS

South lax teams beat city rivals

Blue Devils get revenge

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team members patiently waited one year to get the chance of redemption when they played city rival University Liggett School last week.

After losing to the Knights a year ago, the Blue Devils beat them this time, 11-4, to regain bragging rights.

“We played like a team today and had everyone back and healthy,” South head coach Justin Macksoud said. “We had some guys score their first goals of the season, and that was pretty cool playing against one of your rivals. It was a team effort today, and hopefully we keep it going because our schedule continues to be tough.”

“We didn’t play as well as I wanted us to,” ULS head coach Mike Costanzo said. “It’s disappointing, but we need to regroup and get ready for our next game.”

One key to the win was the quick start by the Blue Devils. They led 3-0 just three minutes into the game.

Senior Miles Dingeman scored 36 seconds into the first period, and senior James Rauh tallied the second and third goals at the 9:27 and 8:34 marks to give the Blue Devils the 3-0 advantage.

The Knights scored at the 4:49 mark of the first period when freshman Doug Wood tallied.

Each team scored in the second quarter, Rauh for the Blue Devils and senior Dan Bowen for the Knights, to make it a 4-2 game at the half.

It was a tight third quarter with each team tallying twice. Junior



PHOTO BY TOM DAILEY

South’s Jacob Adams, left, runs an offensive play with University Liggett School’s James Dailey, No. 3, defending.

Stuart Standish and sophomore Thomas Smith scored for the Blue Devils, while Bowen and Wood scored for the Knights.

It was a 6-4 game after three quarters. The difference could have been worse if it wasn’t for the stellar play of Knights senior goaltender, Henry Combs.

He had 20 saves through three quarters. It was all Blue Devils in the final period as they put five goals on the board.

Senior Jacob Adams scored at the 8:53 mark, followed by Rauh at the 7:22 and 4:14 mark to push the lead to 9-4.

Junior Nikola Bogoevich and Standish scored to finish off the scoring for the Blue Devils.

Senior John Coyle had eight saves. He wasn’t pressed too much since the Blue Devils had possession for a majority of the game. However, he came up with a couple of timely saves in the third quarter when the Knights

had chances to tie it.

Grosse Pointe South evened its record at 2-2 with its victory.

Liggett results

Early in the week, ULS used a six-goal outburst in the first half to beat visiting Madison Heights Bishop Foley 12-4 in a Catholic League contest.

After falling behind 2-1 early in the first quarter, the Knights scored the final two goals of the period and added four more in the second stanza to lead 7-2 at the half.

The Ventures couldn’t contain Bowen, who scored one goal in the first quarter, three in the second, two in the third and one more in the fourth to finish with seven.

Other goal scorers were senior Todd Costello with two, followed by freshmen Wood, Henry Meraw and Alex George with one apiece.

Combs was rock-solid in net, making 16 saves before Costanzo gave

him a breather early in the fourth quarter.

ULS is 3-2 overall.

North results

The short-handed Grosse Pointe North boys lacrosse team used a quick start to beat Utica Ford 14-1 early last week.

“We’re missing four starters, so we will see who steps up tonight,” head coach Mark Seppala said before the game.

It took the host Norsemen just 33 seconds to take a 1-0 lead as senior Will Sottrel scored, and a little more than three minutes later senior Gianni Moro scored to make it 2-0.

Seniors Chris Lorelli and Connor Albrecht also scored in the first period, and Sottrel added his second tally of the quarter to give the home team a 5-0 lead.

They would cruise from that point to earn the victory.

In the second quarter, sophomore Dylan Holman, Moro, junior Will Shehadeh and senior Ben Hartley scored to give the Norsemen a commanding 9-0 halftime lead.

In the final two periods, Lorelli (three), Holman and sophomore Nicholas Asimakis tallied.

North is 2-3 overall.

Blue Devils stifle

Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North/Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse teams battled in the cold and wind last week on the Norsemen’s home field.

It was the most competitive game in the rivalry in several years, but in the end the Blue Devils won 15-4.

“We had a lot of girls scoring goals, which was great for us,” South head coach Alycsa Valentine said. “We always get up for this game.”

“I think we held our own this time around,” North head coach Lauren Nixon said. “I like the attitude we had, and the girls played hard.”

The No. 1 star was South junior goaltender Hadley McSunas, who had 13 saves. The Norsemen had scoring chances and a couple of those shots could have went in and made it a completely different game. However, McSunas made the saves to keep the Blue Devils in front.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils was junior Caitlin Rionda, who scored three goals. Seniors Rose Williamson, Julia Gigante and Kristen Eschbach had two goals apiece.

Scoring one goal apiece were senior Isabelle Adams, juniors Hannah Blanzky and Anna Stumb, sophomore Alston Smith and freshman Abigail Keane.

For the Norsemen, senior Karine Nahra scored two goals, while seniors Lainey Aldridge and Emma Andreoli had one goal apiece.

Earlier in the week, South tied Rochester Adams 13-13, while Grosse Pointe North earned its first win of the season with a 17-6 triumph over visiting Utica Ford.

“It was nice to get that first win, but I thought

we had times where we didn’t play particularly well,” Nixon said. “The important thing is the girls earned the win and gained some needed confidence heading into our rivalry game with South.”

The Norsemen raced out to a 12-3 halftime lead and cruised in the second half.

Aldridge and Nahra, as well as junior Lexi Poulos, scored three goals apiece to pace the offensive attack.

Junior Madeline Dodenhoff scored two goals, and scoring one goal apiece were seniors Bella Welke, Brittney Miller, Meaghan McSkimming and Emma Andreoli, and juniors Isabel Weber-Alatorre and Lily Kassis.

Grosse Pointe South is 2-0-1 and Grosse Pointe North is 1-3.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School girls lacrosse team remained undefeated after crushing Rochester 12-2 and Warren Regina 18-11 last week.

Against Rochester, Emma Wujek paced the offense with five goals, followed by Delaney Garvey with two.

Elise Buhl, Maggie Dunn, Mia Filipof, Abby Doppke and Mimi Wujek had one goal apiece.

Those with assists were Emma Wujek and Garvey with three apiece, followed by Dunn, Filipof and Ava Cipriano with one apiece.

In net, Allie Quint had four saves and followed that with a seven-save performance in the road victory over Regina.

Emma Wujek was once again the goals leader. This time she had nine, while Garvey had four and Buhl three.

Dunn and Cipriano also scored a goal, and Garvey had one assist to help the Knights improve to 5-0 overall.

The 5-0 start is the best for the Knights in several years.

ULS hosts Utica Eisenhower at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, and travels to Academy of the Sacred Heart Saturday, April 27.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2019

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Cheryl A. Costantino.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Costantino from tonight s meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To add an Executive Session to the agenda.
- 3) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 18, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held March 11, 2019.
- 4) To open the public hearing on the continuation of a special assessment district.
- 5) To close the public hearing on the continuation of a special assessment district.
- 6) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a proposed settlement of an employee matter.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 116243 through 116356 in the amount of \$465,876.71 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Statewide Transport, Inc. in the amount of \$8,374.57 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of February, 2019. (3) approve payment to Schoolcraft College in the amount of \$8,636.78 for the enrollment of two officers to the Fire Academy at Schoolcraft College. (4) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$221,053.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for January through March 2019, \$118,648.39 for the City s proportionate share of the SRF Project interest and \$177,922.00 for supplemental funding for construction for quarters 1 & 2 for a total of \$517,624.14. (5) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,055.08 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of April. (6) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$18,718.19 for professional services during the month of February 2019 for the following projects: Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; 2017 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-188; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Housing Rehab Project, #180-178; 8 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-179; 2022 Federal Aid Projects, #180-212; and 2018 Gas Main Replacement, #180-198. (7) approve payment to Visicom Services, Inc. in the amount of \$5,396.79 for the routine IT support for February 2019 and also for the email hosting, security and backups for our computer system for the month of April 2019. (8) approve payment to BB&T Governmental Finance in the amount of \$23,659.99 for the interest payment on the Capital Improvement Bond..

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2019

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilpersons Cheryl A. Costantino and Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilpersons Costantino and Sawicki from tonight’s meeting because of prior commitments.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 4, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on January 17, 2019.
- 3) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing an attorney client privileged document
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 116148 through 116242 in the amount of \$825,611.40 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Badger Meter in the amount of \$22,432.11 for the purchase of 72 Orion M-25 series 5/8” meter tops and 48 Orion 5/8” meters. (3) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$29,337.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of February, 2019.
- 2) Approve payment to Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$25,743.60 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2018 SAW Grant - Storm Sewer CCTV Investigation Project, #180-202.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen start on right foot

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls tennis team opened its season last week with a 5-3 victory over Allen Park. Freshman Ana Todesco won her varsity debut, winning 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, and freshman Evelyn Stahl followed suit, winning 7-6, 4-6, 10-5 at No. 2 singles. Head coach John Van Alst watched his singles players sweep Allen Park as junior Silje Jensen won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3 and junior Mia Eugenio cruised 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4. At No. 1 doubles, seniors Claire Williams and Rachel Stone lost

6-2, 6-4, but sophomores Evelyn Riley and Julia Riley won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles to secure the team victory. Junior Jamie Delas and sophomore Maegan Daher lost 6-4, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles, and at No. 4 doubles it was freshmen Meredith Olzem and Tasha Burr falling 6-3, 4-6, 11-9. Last weekend, the Norsemen beat Port Huron 8-0 and tied Romeo 4-4 in a home event. In the victory, Todesco won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1 singles, and Stahl was a 6-0, 6-0 winner at No. 2 singles. Jensen won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3 singles, and Keelin McCarthy posted a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 4 singles.

At doubles, Stone and Williams won 6-4, 6-1 at the No. 1 flight, while the No. 2 squad of Julia and Evelyn Riley won 6-0, 6-3. Delas and Daher won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles, and Burr and Olzem cruised 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4 doubles. In the tie with the Bulldogs, the Norsemen won 3 of 4 singles matches, and lost 3 of 4 doubles matches. Winning singles matches were Todesco, 6-1, 6-0; Stahl, 4-6, 6-0, 12-10; and Jensen, 6-2, 6-4. Burr and Olzem won their doubles match 7-6, 6-3 to help the Norsemen earn the tie. Grosse Pointe North is 2-0-1 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD BRIGGS

Record holder

Tucker Briggs, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and pictured far left on the podium, recently competed at the 13 & Over State Swim Championships held at the University of Michigan March 14-17. He set two new state records for the 13-14 age group in the 50-freestyle with a time of 22.2 and as part of the 200-medley relay swimming for Club Wolverine. He also won the 100-freestyle with a time of 47.9, 800-freestyle relay and 400-freestyle relay. He also placed seventh in the 100-butterfly with a time of 53.8, sixth in the 200-freestyle at 1:49.9, second in the 200-freestyle relay and second in the 400-medley relay. Briggs was a big part of Club Wolverine winning its 36th state championship in a row by more than 3,400 points over the second-place team. He looks forward to competing for the Grosse Pointe Farms summer swim team this June.

Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Teams see highs and lows

It was a successful return to the pitch for the Grosse Pointe South girls soccer team last week. The host Blue Devils used a five-goal first half to beat Almont 7-0, improving to 2-2-1 overall. Sophomore Cameron Lundh got things started with a goal five minutes into the game. Junior Jordan Zak, sophomore Christina Ibanez-Merino, senior Margaux Flournoy and senior Katherine Costello followed with goals to give the home team the five-goal cushion. In the second half, senior Sarah Carr and Flournoy tallied for the final outcome. **Liggett results** University Liggett School played a pair of one-goal games last week, losing 1-0 to Wixom St. Catherine and beating Clarkston Everest Collegiate 1-0.

In the victory, Izzy Brusilow had the goal, assisted by Kate Birgbauer. ULS is 2-3 in the Catholic League. **North results** Grosse Pointe North returned from spring break with a tough home game against Detroit

Country Day last week. The Norsemen played a strong first half, but trailed 1-0. They didn't have the same zest in the second half as the Yellowjackets dominated, scoring three goals to send the Norsemen to a 4-0 loss. North dropped to 1-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win 3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After taking a little more than a week off for spring break, the Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team was back in action last weekend in the Hudsonville Invitational. The Blue Devils cruised to a perfect 3-0 mark, beating Ann Arbor Skyline 9-0, Hudsonville 8-1 and Rockford 7-2. "The girls really played some good tennis today, even after having the long break," head coach

Mark Sobieralski said. In the shutout win over Skyline, Lily Jones, Laurel Sullivan, Gigi Bonnell and Moira Hix won their singles matches. Earning doubles victories were the teams of Kate Beardslee and Maddie Hurley, Anna Dietz and Claire Beardslee, Kaitlin Ifkovits and Mairin Heimbuch, Alex Walz and Meghan Wysocki and Molly Perkins. Against Hudsonville,

they once again swept the singles matches with Jones, Sullivan, Bonnell and Hix winning. Also winning were Kate Beardslee and Hurley, Dietz and Claire Beardslee, Ifkovits and Heimbuch and Walz and Meghan Wysocki. Jones, Sullivan, Bonnell and Hix won again in the Rockford match, and taking doubles victories were Dietz and Claire Beardslee, Walz and Meghan Wysocki and Molly Perkins.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights earn win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls tennis team finished 1-2 in its Catholic League matches last week. Head coach Cathy Hackenberger and her Knights beat Frankel Jewish Academy 6-2, and lost 7-1 to Wixom St. Catherine and 6-2 to Dearborn Divine Child. In the victory, Melanie Zampardo, Olivia Valente and Meena Pandrangi won their singles matches. Zampardo won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, while Valente won 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 No. 2. Pandragni cruised in her match at No. 3, winning 6-1, 6-0. Lizzie Lukas lost 7-5, 6-1 at No. 4 singles. At No. 1 doubles, Sioghan Haggarty and Izzy Vidal won 6-3, 6-1, and taking the win at No. 2 doubles were Leah Coleman and Darshana Subramaniam 6-0, 6-1. The Knights' final win came at No. 4 doubles where Logan Merriweather and Bella Merideth won by default. At No. 2 doubles, Kennedy Campbell and Kaitlin Fox lost 5-7, 6-4, 7-5. Zampardo was the

lone winner against St. Catherine, winning 6-1, 6-0, and she beat her Divine Child foe 6-1, 6-0.

Pandrangi won 3-6, 7-6, 6-2 at No. 3 singles to complete the Knights' list of victories.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2019

- The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.
- ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.
- MOTIONS PASSED**
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 20, 2019 and the Special City Council meeting held February 19, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Local Officers Compensation Commission meeting held February 20, 2019.
 - to schedule a public hearing on April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the continuation of a Special Assessment District and further to schedule a second public hearing on April 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the effect of the Special Assessment on the tax roll.
 - That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
- RESOLUTION PASSED**
- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 116041 through 116147 in the amount of \$230,828.41 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment in the amount of \$14,100.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several watermain breaks, stop box repairs at various residential locations and flushing and replacement of several fire hydrants. (3) approve payment to Six Brothers Construction LLC in the amount of \$27,463.00 for the renovations and repair work at 18784 Kenosha as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (4) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$13,953.32 for professional services during the month of January 2019 for the following projects: Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; 2017 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-188; Housing Rehab Project, #180-178; and 8 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrade, #180-179. (5) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,055.08 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of March, 2019. (6) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$7,340.32 for the purchase of new 5/8" Orion meter tops.
 - approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Patrol Officers, Dispatchers and Detectives Unit covering the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and further to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to sign the agreement.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor
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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
2019 CONSUMER'S ANNUAL REPORT
ON DRINKING WATER QUALITY
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that copies of the 2019 Consumer's Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality for the City of Harper Woods are available to the public free of charge at the Harper Woods City Offices and the Harper Woods Public Library. Copies of said report were previously distributed to all residents in the April 17, 2019 Advertiser Times, however, additional copies are available to interested persons at the above designated locations. For more information, call the Department of Public Works between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (313) 343-2570.

City Of Harper Woods
Leslie M. Frank
City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2019-2020 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, on the proposed 2019-2020 City Budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.

The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website (www.grossepointefarms.org)

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Municipal Court | \$ 294,300 |
| General Government | 1,718,930 |
| Public Safety | 5,348,490 |
| Public Works | 2,202,500 |
| Parks & Recreation | 1,491,820 |
| Other Functions | 2,463,500 |
| Contingency | 51,500 |
| Transfer - Other Funds | 2,143,300 |
| Total | \$ 15,714,340 |

MEANS OF FINANCING

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Taxes | \$ 11,767,500 |
| Licenses & Permits | 506,050 |
| State Grants | 12,000 |
| State-Shared Revenue | 921,900 |
| Charges for Service | 1,750,590 |
| Fines/Forfeitures | 353,200 |
| Interest Income | 25,000 |
| Other Revenue | 178,100 |
| Fund Balance Appropriation | 200,000 |
| Total | \$ 15,714,340 |

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

DERRICK KOZICKI
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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RIVALS:

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Chad Lorkowski singled home a run and Dom VanDoorne singled home a run in the game-changing inning. A run also scored off a wild pitch.

The Blue Devils answered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth as Ryker Mazey plated a run with a ground out and Drew Maccagnone singled home a run to make it a 7-5 game.

The Norsemen added single runs in the fifth and seventh innings, and Kensora did the rest on the mound.

Offensively for the Norsemen, Lorkowski had three hits and two RBIs, while Mazzola had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Joey Rheume had two hits, one walk, one double and two runs scored.

Others with one hit were Shanley, Kensora, VanDoorne and Jackson Hall.

Kensora pitched seven innings, giving up seven hits, two earned runs, one walk and striking out seven.

“It was all positive,” Kensora said. “I wanted to pound the strike zone, and let my defense make the plays, which they did. I felt good out there.”

For the Blue Devils, Cameron Mallegg had three hits, one walk, one run scored and one RBI. Maccagnone had two hits, one run scored and one RBI.

Others with one hit were Mazey, Conor McKenna, Slaughter and Weston Brundage.

Game two was a pitching duel between Good and Brundage. Both were solid on the mound as the Norsemen scored the only runs of the game in the fourth inning.

Lorkowski and VanDoorne singled. Joey Tedesco singled home one run and Danny Duquet scored the other with a ground out.

Good earned the win, pitching 6 2/3 innings. He gave up only four hits, walked two and struck out seven.

The Blue Devils had a threat in the bottom of the seventh. McKenna led off with a single, and with two outs Alec Applegate singled. Eden Frevik walked to load the bases.

Good was at his maximum pitch count, so Martin brought in Lorkowski, who struck out the final hitter to get the save.

“I needed to throw strikes and stay focused,” Good said. “I had some help from my defense. I felt good on the mound.”

Brundage took the tough loss, giving up six hits, three walks and striking out two. Brady McCarron tossed one inning.

For the Blue Devils, Maccagnone had two of the team’s four hits.

For the Norsemen, VanDoorne and Tedesco had two hits apiece, while Lorkowski and Duquet had one hit.

Earlier in the week, North edged visiting Detroit Edison High School 6-5 and Farmington 9-0 to improve to 8-0 overall.

South also played two games, losing 8-2 to host Birmingham Brother

Rice and beating visiting Marine City 8-6 to see its record move to 2-6 overall.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School baseball team opened its season last week with two tough league doubleheaders against state-ranked Madison Heights Bishop Foley and Riverview Gabriel Richard.

The Knights used stellar pitching to sweep Bishop Foley, winning 3-0 and 7-0.

“We played good baseball,” head coach Dan Cimini said. “We had great pitching and timely hitting. We also benefited from a lot of walks.”

Alec Azar won the opener, giving up only one hit and striking out seven, and Logan King won game two, allowing only one hit and striking out eight.

Offensively, Kellen Banaszewski and Matthew Greene had a couple of hits, while Patrick Ilitch and Mickey Walkowiak combined to walk 11 times.

The Knights split with Gabriel Richard, the defending Division 3 state champion. They lost the opener 4-2 and won game two 4-2.

“We couldn’t get the big hit in the first game, but came back to earn the split,” Cimini said. “It was a couple of well-played games against a solid team.”

Azar was the losing pitcher in the first game, and King won game two.

Greene had two hits in the opener, and in game two it was Drew Zelenak driving in Ilitch with the winning run.

ULS is 3-1 overall.

Softball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights win five

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School softball team rebounded from a tough opening week to post five wins last week.

The Knights started with a double-header sweep of Waterford Lakes, winning 10-5 and 10-2.

The Knights scored five runs in the third inning and added a run in the fifth, three in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Maddie McKee had three hits, scored three runs and drove in one to lead the offense.

Jenna Hummel had two hits and two runs scored, while Natalia Dragovic had two hits,

one run scored and two RBIs.

Evie Bournias also had two hits, with one run scored and one RBI.

In the nightcap, McKee had another three-hit game, scoring four runs and driving in one, while Hummel and Bournias had two hits apiece. Hummel scored two runs and Bournias drove in three.

The 20-2 win over Greenhills lasted only two innings and ended with the mercy rule.

ULS ended the week with wins over Birmingham Marian, 18-13 and 11-10, to move to 4-4 in the Catholic League and 5-4 overall.

In the opener, the Knights had 30 hits with Hummel leading the way

with six and Dragovic netting five. Hummel scored five runs and drove in two, while Dragovic scored two runs and drove in four.

Olivia Dickey and Bournias each had four hits. They combined to score five runs and drove in three, while McKee had three hits, two runs scored and three RBIs.

Kia Borum had two hits.

ULS won game two by scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh after trailing 10-7.

Borum led the way with four hits, one run scored and two RBIs, while Hummel had three hits and three runs scored. McKee also had three hits, two runs scored and two RBIs.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North softball team has big aspirations this season, thanks to a solid group of returning veterans.

Head coach Ron Smith has one of his most experienced teams as seniors Erin Kane, Kayla Kettler, Rachel Liagre, Mekelle Pace, Natalie Wietecha and Evelyn Zacharias lead the way.

All bring varsity experience and versatility to the field and lineup.

The Norsemen’s juniors on the varsity team are Samantha Bastien, Sydney Brumme, Hannah Davis, Katelyn Gloster, Grace Haynes and Brenna Marsin.

Smith also has two highly talented youngsters on his varsity, sophomore catcher Dylan Cardinale and freshman pitcher Miraina Smith.

The Norsemen lost the opener to the Big Reds, 12-7.

Hitting standouts were Gloster with a three-run homer and Cardinale

with two hits, one run and one RBI.

Brumme suffered the loss on the mound.

In other action last week, North edged Algonac 5-4 and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 3-2.

In the win over Lake Shore, Kettler was the hero, dropping a bunt down with the bases loaded and one out. That scored Liagre with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Smith earned the win, pitching in relief.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat DR

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls softball team finished runner-up to Melvindale in the Detroit Renaissance Tournament last weekend, beating Renaissance 13-1 and losing 8-6 and 7-2 to Melvindale.

The Blue Devils scored early and often against the host team, and put the game away in the

late innings.

Caroline Gallagher was the winning pitcher, scattering five hits and walking one in five innings. She struck out four.

Leading the hitting attack was Kendall Volpe, who had three hits and scored two runs. Shannon Dane with two hits and two runs scored, and Julia O’Halla also had two hits and two runs scored.

Overall in the three games, Volpe was 5 for 9 with three doubles and five runs scored, while Adriana Agosta was 4 for 9 with two doubles and four RBIs.

O’Halla was 3 for 9 with two RBIs, and Colleen Morris was 3 for 8 with two RBIs.

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4 Uses an old
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9 Taxi
12 Lemony drink
13 "Snowy" bird
14 11-Down
cousin
15 Woodworker
17 Fish eggs
18 Parisian pal
19 McCormick's
invention
21 Tennis need
24 Palm starch
25 — Khan
26 Morning mois-
ture
28 Phobos and
Deimos, to
Mars
31 " — Your
Enthusiasm"
33 British rule of
India
35 Merriment
36 Military caps
38 Wrigley prod-
uct

DOWN
1 Fond du —,
Wis.
2 Actress Lupino
3 Apiece
4 Considered
5 Pilot light, e.g.
6 Illustrations
7 Lecherous
looks
8 Rill

40 Listener
41 Heidi's range
43 Piece of pasta
45 Half a dime
47 Ailing
48 Jimmy
Kimmel's net-
work
49 "Seize the
day" in Latin
54 Half of XIV
55 Elbows' coun-
terparts
56 Dove's call
57 Tokyo's old
name
58 Begin
59 Conclusion

9 Used the HOV
lane
10 Lotion additive
11 Brewery output
16 LPGA's Se Ri
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20 Quite enthusi-
astic
21 Poolroom item
22 Chills and fever
23 Thin-sliced raw
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27 Witty one
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30 Withered
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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.

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