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Rates on the rise

Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Concerned parents urged city council to continue its support of keeping Maire Elementary School open during the Monday, May 20 meeting. The budget for fiscal year 2019-20, a rise in recycling rates and an exception to a signage ordinance also were voted on.

2019-20 budget

Through consideration of the 2019-20 budget, the property tax millage for the City has been set at 11.5121 mills for operations, 2.5524 mills for debt retirement, 2.4309 mills for road improvements and 1.7265 mills for solid waste.

The voter-approved road millage will go toward road repairs.

After reviewing the current fees the City charges, council determined an increase was necessary for two: the commercial food and beverage business's garbage compactor fees and marina well rentals.

To be more in line with the cost of providing the service, the City raised food and beverage compactor fees from \$0.03 per square foot to \$0.0327 per square foot, which will result in an estimated \$1,437 revenue increase for the city.

The City currently runs four compactors for res-

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House fire

Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety is investigating a fire at 1048 Yorkshire. The blaze began around 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Initially a three-alarm fire, the incident was elevated to four alarms. The cause was undetermined, but roofers had been working at the residence while the owners were away. The fire began in the third-floor attic. A City of Grosse Pointe firefighter suffered minor injuries.

Board revisits middle school closure

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — During town halls held at each school in April and May, Grosse Pointe Public School System administrators presented four options to communi-

ty members. Each of them included adopting a K-4, 5-8, 9-12 grade configuration while closing two of four elementary schools — Maire or Trombly elementary school on the south end and Mason or Poupard elementary school on the

north end.

A new option was proposed at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday night: closing one of the three middle schools to keep fifth-graders in elementary school.

While six of the seven

trustees agreed there were benefits to the new grade configuration and President Brian Summerfield suggested moving toward a more concrete plan, Trustee Cindy Pangborn

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Support for Mason

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council responded to community demand by announcing it will issue a public statement about the possible closure of Mason Elementary School.

At the end of a May 20 meeting that included approval of the fiscal budget and other agenda items, Councilman Richard Shetler Jr. raised a topic that dominated the first half of the council's session.

Many residents voiced their concerns that the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education named Mason, a nationally recognized academic institution, among buildings that could close due to declining enrollment in the district. Multiple speakers pressed Mayor Robert Novitke and the council to state support for Mason in a formal letter.

Just before the meeting's adjournment, after about a dozen citizens had already left the ses-

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Selfridge welcomes new commander

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Just two hours after his promotion to brigadier general, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Rolf E. Mammen was assigned command of the 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

He replaces Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum, who retired after a 35-year military career, including overseeing Selfridge since November 2014.

Flying has been a lifelong passion for Mammen.

"My mom will tell you ever since I was a kid I wanted to fly airplanes," he said. "I'm an airline pilot as well. I'm taking



COURTESY PHOTO

Brig. Gen. Rolf E. Mammen

a leave of absence from there to work here full time. I love the mission. The men and women here are wonderful people to work with. I hope to move the needle so

there is continuous improvement, so we keep doing the things we do to make a difference."

Mammen earned a bachelor's degree in astrophysics from Michigan State University in 1986, when he also was commissioned through the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps. After graduating from the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program at Sheppard Air Force Base in 1988, he served as an instructor pilot, teaching advanced pilot training before joining the Michigan Air National Guard in 1994.

Mammen is a distinguished graduate from

the C-130 Pilot Initial Qualification course and has flown numerous operational missions domestically and in the Pacific, European and South American theaters. In addition, he deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base Kuwait in 2004-05, in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom as the 738th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron's operations officer.

At Selfridge, Mammen has served as pilot/aircraft commander, command post officer, inspector general, deputy commander, commander and vice commander. Most recently, he served as director of operations at

Moving up

During his career, Brig. Gen. Rolf E. Mammen has earned the following promotions:

- ◆ Second Lieutenant, Dec. 4, 1986
- ◆ First Lieutenant, Dec. 4, 1988
- ◆ Captain, Dec. 4, 1990
- ◆ Major, Oct. 1, 1998
- ◆ Lieutenant Colonel, Oct. 24, 2002
- ◆ Colonel, June 17, 2013
- ◆ Brigadier General, May 4, 2019

the Michigan Air National Guard in Lansing, 2016 to 2019.

"This is such a great place to work," he said of Selfridge. "It's an organization that people are excited to come to. I want them knocking on the door to join our team

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expressed opposition.

“I have very serious concerns about the fifth-grade going to the middle school,” she said. “... The meetings I have gone to predominantly the parents are totally against fifth-graders being in with the eighth grade. ... There hasn’t been any real talk, research or anything about emotional stability.”

Trustee Christopher Lee, on the other hand, expressed support for the change.

“I really like the idea of this smaller step — that you have fifth- and sixth-graders as what I consider to be a senior elementary level and then you have the seventh and eighth that are sort of a junior high school level,” Lee said. “To me that’s a gentler step than suddenly jumping into sixth grade at middle school. That’s where I think the biggest adjustments are. I think the 5-8 softens that rather than makes it worse.”

Vice President Margaret Weertz agreed, but suggested putting a new option on the table if preserving the current grade configuration

was the main objective.

“The issue that we have with our middle schools is what we directed our administration to look at and they’ve come back with a lot of different plans to make middle school a more cohesive and gentler place and I think the fifth through eighth grade is going to be a better scenario,” Weertz said. “But, having said that, I would be happy to put on the table an option A that closes elementary schools and keeps our middle schools open and moves from K-4 to 5-8, or option B where we close a middle school and we keep the fifth grade down at the elementary schools and we figure out how many elementary schools we need to close.”

While Summerfield pointed out closing a middle school would result in the same annual operational savings as closing two elementary schools, leaving all nine elementary schools open wouldn’t solve any of the problems caused by the low enrollment, such as split classes, variations in class sizes, lack of availability of specialists and support staff split between buildings — the very problems the board directed the administration to address with the reconfiguration.

Based on the discussion at the meeting, Summerfield said he believed he reached consensus to add a vote to the agenda at the next regular board meeting Monday, June 10.

Board members will vote on the K-4, 5-8 grade configuration and closing two elementary schools — a decision on which ones will be made at that meeting — or to preserve the current K-5, 6-8 configuration and close a middle school. This also would require deciding how many elementary schools to close.

Closing a middle school has always been a possibility, Summerfield said, adding the board office has received multiple emails in favor of this option. However, it hasn’t been the focus.

“If the board were to choose to go down that path ... we would have to vet it out to the community as far as getting feedback, because it hasn’t been in the forefront of our town hall process,” Summerfield said.

In this event, the board and administration would have three weeks to gain community input before voting again at the regular meeting of the board Monday, June 24.



All aboard

The Great Lakes Boating Festival drew families to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club May 17 to 19.



Mary Treder Lang pretends to drive the Premiere 24 foot Sunsation 240 while friends Pete Gleason and Tom Stephenson lounge in the boat.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

More than 90 boats were displayed during the 31st annual Great Lakes Boating Festival.

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taurants since Kroger and Trader Joe’s have their own.

Marina well rental rates increased by 2 percent for the 2020 boating season.

Additionally, water and sewer rates will increase for the average resident by approximately \$12.34 per billing, a 6.2 percent increase from last year.

“Every year as we do the budget, we review water and sewer rates and input the budget into the formula to calculate what our water rates should be,” Finance Director and Treasurer Kimberly Kleinow said.

The rate changes will be spread out by .01 percent for readiness to serve, 10.80 percent for debt service, 16.67 percent for industrial damage and 6 percent for water and sewer.

The industrial damage rate will not affect the average resident as it largely applies to the hospital.

These rates become effective Monday, July 1.

Recycling

At the recommendation of City Manager Peter Dame, council followed Grosse Pointe Farms’ decision to extend the recycling contract for one year with GFL Environmental USA Inc.

This will raise residents’ recycling cost per bi-monthly billing cycle from \$4.92 to \$7.98, which is an increase of just short of \$20 annually.

“This cost increase is a reflection of the collapse of the recycling market caused by China’s decision last year to refuse to purchase recycled materials unless they met very high standards for cleanliness,” Dame wrote within a summary of the

recommendation.

The City has been part of a recycling coalition with Harper Woods and the other Grosse Pointes, apart from the Woods which bids its garbage and recycling together, but Harper Woods likely will not accept the extension according to council.

While the City contemplated bidding out, it was assumed there would not be any bidders other than GFL.

“We move to negotiate a one-year extension in the hopes that over the next year, the markets will settle down and the City will have an opportunity to explore alternatives,” Dame said.

Western Wayne County communities have begun talks on the concept of starting their own recycling center.

Building signage

Without support by Councilman Daniel

Williams, council approved an exception to a signage ordinance for the new Saros building, 17108 Mack.

In the RO-1 District, each building is permitted 50 total square feet of signage, which can be made up of wall signage and a single freestanding sign.

“This particular structure is larger than many along Mack Avenue, as well as being a multi-tenant structure,” City Planner John Jackson said. “We believe that some additional signage is warranted.”

The master sign plan for the building includes a 28-square-foot Mack wall sign, an approximately 23-square-foot parking lot vestibule wall sign and two 14.5-square-foot freestanding signs, with one at each entrance.

This surpasses the ordinance by 30 square feet.

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sion to attend a school board meeting also underway, the council drafted a statement approved for submission to school board members: “It is the position of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council that, although we do not want to see any elementary school close, we encourage you to keep Mason Elementary School open.”

The mayor and council acknowledged that the city has no authority to influence the school board’s final decision, but Shetler’s support for the citizens’ outcry was echoed by Councilman Arthur Bryant.

“I just feel this pull from the community, saying, ‘Lead us. Let us know how you feel,’” Bryant said.

Earlier, Novitke sympathized with citizens who voiced support for Mason. It was “not a close call, not a secret” that Novitke and other city officials present

opposed Mason’s closing, the mayor said. But he told the audience of about 30 that previous discussions led him and his colleagues to avoid making a formal statement.

“We thought it could end up having, perhaps, unexpected consequences,” he said.

Woods resident Brian Loos yelled from his seat in the audience, “Will you put it in writing?”

Loos had waited his turn to speak at the microphone a few minutes earlier, saying the closing of Mason would indirectly contribute to traffic congestion from the influx of vehicles delivering students to new locations along new routes.

“Traffic is going to be dumped on you and, thereby, dumped on us,” Loos said.

Woods resident Daniel Curis, in comments to the council, compared the closing of Mason to his experience as a restaurant owner. Curis said he would never have closed his best-per-

forming establishments in favor of keeping the doors open to his less successful locations.

“I don’t want to lower our standards for others,” Curis said. “I think we should keep our standards high.”

Some residents like Joyce Janowski acknowledged having no students who attend Mason, but cited lower property values in the Woods and other adverse impact as rea-

sons for objecting to the school’s closure.

“The closing of Mason affects the entire city of Grosse Pointe Woods,” Janowski said. “We don’t want to see our city fall down the tubes and that’s where we’re headed.”

Councilwoman Vicki Granger wasn’t present at the meeting, but Novitke said he would ask permission to add her signature to the formal statement.

Correction

The story “Crescent Sail Yacht Club nears completion of clubhouse renovations,” should have named the construction company involved as Kellett Builders Inc., of Grosse Pointe Woods, and the architect as Robert Wood and Associates of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Pointer reviving long-defunct library

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

She calls herself a “faux-brarian.”

Chelsea Groustra of Grosse Pointe Park boxes, has tattoos and loves building furniture.

“This is 2019,” she said. “I’m the anti-librarian. I don’t wear a cardigan, my hair’s not in a bun and I don’t wear horn-rimmed glasses.”

But she does care about the books available to students at Beacon Elementary School. The Harper Woods school hasn’t had a functioning library in more than 10 years. Thanks to Groustra’s efforts, students have access to thousands of books they are free to borrow.

It’s a job she fell into — like many of her past jobs — and one she hopes to continue.

“I came in to meet with Kenyatta Hughes, our principal, in November,” Groustra said. “She had done a tour with community leaders; Suzy Berschback (of Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods) was on the tour. Suzy knew I would be interested in this project.”

Groustra volunteered to assess the library — which had a few books and shelves, but no system in place to catalog its collection. Groustra told administrators the job went beyond volunteer work; they’d need to hire someone.

“Six months later, we have a fully functioning library,” she said. “I see 350 students every week.

“I’m so in love with this space,” she continued.



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Chelsea Groustra sits proudly in the library at Beacon Elementary School. She’s been working to resurrect it all school year.

“It’s so little, but it’s come so far.”

Most of the students she sees have never been to a library before.

“In a class of 25, maybe five per class said they’d been to a library,” she said. “These kids don’t have books at home. ... They’re so excited they get to take a library book home.”

Part of Groustra’s work — she’s at the school three days a week — involves cataloging every book. She’s entered 2,600 so far and expects to add another 1,000 by the end of the school year. Those numbers don’t reflect books that have been donated during the year. “The work is never done,” she said.

While cataloging and acquiring new books are part of her plan, she’s also discarding books that are outdated.

“I’m guessing the average age of these books

dates back to 1991,” she said, “before I graduated high school.”

The oldest books she’s found are from 1952 and others, like Hans Christian Andersen’s “The Nightingale,” date back to 1965.

To replace them, she’s focusing on diversity, differing family dynamics and other circumstances relevant to children in the community.

“They deserve this — African American authors, African American characters,” she said. “We are 97 percent African American here. There’s no reason why books shouldn’t reflect that. The books should have their faces on them.”

Groustra said she wants the collection to be fun, but reflective of the community. Books should be age-appropriate as well.

“This school started as

a K-5; now it’s a K-2,” she said. “Half of what’s in here, they can’t read.”

Currently, Groustra spends 30 minutes a week with children, but she’d like to extend that to 45 minutes, “so they can learn what it’s like to be a good library patron,” she said. “We already read aloud and have interactive discussion, but I want to add learning about how to find books.”

The library is funded in part by Beacon’s scholastic book fair, which occurs twice a year. Private donations also support it and Groustra recently sent a grant proposal in hopes of securing more funding.

“Beacon doesn’t have a PTO,” she said. “I came from L’Anse Creuse and Grosse Pointe schools, where the libraries are so supported by PTOs.

Being at a school district that doesn’t have a PTO

is a different thing.”

Groustra is invested in her library now, but that wasn’t always her ambition. She attended Mairé Elementary and Pierce Middle schools before graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School. She went on to earn a degree in communications and theater arts with a minor in English from Eastern Michigan University.

“I started out in education, but decided I didn’t want to be a traditional teacher,” she said. “I always have worked in some capacity with school-age children. My whole life has been working around kids.”

Groustra and her husband, Ted, have four children — Meghan, 22; Eric, 21; Charlie, 14 and Isabel, 12.

“Once Izzy was in kindergarten, I needed a full-time job,” she said. “I went to work for L’Anse Creuse, working at two middle school libraries. I thought it would be more of a tech job, working in the ‘media center.’ ... I fell into that job — and I loved it.”

She was there more than two years, until the same position opened up in Grosse Pointe. She served as a library assistant at Richard and Mason elementary schools four years.

In Harper Woods she works as a consultant. Her goal is getting the library ready for next fall.

“I want to leave here on the last day of school and say everything on the shelves is ready for the fall,” she said. “I will be

really bummed if this doesn’t work out moving forward. But I’m happy it got to where I got it to. ... It’s been a nice little labor of love.”

Groustra sends progress reports to central office to keep them informed on her work. She said she has gotten support from her principal, Kenyatta Hughes, who told her, “We want to bathe our babies in as many positive literary experiences as we can while they are here.”

“I’m completely on board with that,” Groustra said.

Groustra said she’s received donations of books and she has an Amazon wish list, but what she really could use is funding. She’d like to not only expand the library’s collection based on the children’s interests, but also on curriculum so the library can work in unison with the classrooms.

When she’s not poring over reading material, Groustra likes building furniture.

“When we moved to Grosse Pointe, from a tiny apartment into a 2,500-square-foot house, we had a lot of space to fill ... and we have always been budget conscious,” she said. “And I’ve always been really handy with tools.”

So much so she asked for \$200 in lumber for her birthday. She turned that lumber into a king-sized bed that looks identical to the \$3,000 Pottery Barn bed she’d been eyeing.

“I go hard,” she said. “I don’t sit still very well.”

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen car & loose change

A 37-year-old Farms man realized his gray 2016 Jeep Wrangler was missing from his driveway at approximately 6:11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15. At 4:13 a.m., his camera system showed a blurry image of a suspect stealing the vehicle, the keys to which were stored in the

glovebox.

While speaking with the victim, an officer noticed the man’s 2013 Dodge Journey, also in the driveway, had been rummaged through, which the victim confirmed.

When asked if there was any valuable property in the vehicle, he stated, “No, just some loose change.”

The Dodge was investigated and the Jeep Wrangler entered into LEIN as a stolen vehicle.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Two-for-one larceny

On Wednesday, May 15, a 34-year-old resident on Roland Court discovered that someone had entered her unlocked vehicle during the night and taken \$50 in assorted bills, an unknown amount of oxycodone prescription pills, an EpiPen and various gift cards worth approximately \$150.

She then alerted her 66-year-old next-door neighbor, who found her vehicle had been rummaged through as well. Two rolls of quarters worth \$20 were missing.

No suspects were seen or heard.

Misspelled fraud Rescue

An employee at an organization in the 30 block of Kercheval left her purse unattended in her office on Mother’s Day and the next day two fraudulent charges were made on her personal card on eastbay.com for shoes costing \$196.10 and \$143.10.

These were caught in time and canceled with the company before the charges were approved.

The purchases were flagged as possible fraudulent charges because one of the orders had the victim’s first name spelled wrong, while the listed address for delivery and billing was Grosse Pointe Farms, spelled “Frams.”

On the victim’s company card, however, there were four fraudulent charges on the Uber app for low amounts: \$11.22 on May 14, and \$9.80, \$16.55 and \$7.30 on May 15.

Officers were advised of a possible vehicle in the water at 4:35 a.m. Thursday, May 16. Dispatch stated the caller was frantic and saying she was cold.

When an officer got to eastbound Lakeshore by Crescent Sail Yacht Club, loud breathing was heard coming from the lake where the 36-year-old Detroit woman was in neck-high water, holding onto the seawall.

Officers pulled the woman onto the grass and wrapped her in fire jackets.

She was experiencing symptoms of hypothermia and could barely speak.

After being placed in an ambulance, she stated she was trying to harm herself and jumped into the water.

She was brought to Ascension St. John Hospital, where her condition improved and she stated she would volun-

tarily commit herself for psychiatric evaluation.

Hit and run

A 15-year-old male was riding his bicycle on the southern sidewalk of Kercheval traveling east as he approached Touraine at 5:49 p.m. Friday, May 17, and almost crossed Touraine when a white minivan struck the rear tire of his bicycle, causing him to fall off.

The victim stated the driver was female and aware she had hit the bike. He asked for her name, at which time she left the area in the vehicle.

The male received lacerations to his forehead and a cut on his right knee.

Slashed tire

At approximately 1 p.m. Friday, May 17, a 60-year-old Farms man had his metallic blue 2015 Land Rover LR4 parked in the Farms municipal lot.

When he left, he noticed the tire pressure gauge was on and his tire was

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flat. After taking the vehicle to be repaired, he was informed the tire had been slashed.

The victim didn't know who could have done it, but suggested a suspect to police.

Operating while intoxicated

Noticing a vehicle had a defective passenger headlight, an officer initiated a traffic stop on Mack at East Warren on Monday, May 20.

The 21-year-old woman from Bowling Green, Ohio, didn't pull over but stopped in the roadway, was talking on the phone and attempting to use a GPS app as the officer attempted to speak with her.

When the officer was able to gain her attention, she indicated she was going to an address in Eastpointe, but the officer noted her vehicle was going the wrong direction.

The driver said she was coming from a bar and had consumed two or three shots.

When asked to pick a number between 21 and 19, she stated, "20 and 21 and 22."

The driver then exited the vehicle for a field sobriety test and was placed under arrest for operating while intoxicated.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Suspended license

After disregarding a red light at Mack and Rivard, a 27-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at 10:36 a.m. Wednesday, May 15. A LEIN/Secretary of State check showed he had five prior driving while license suspended convictions, 20 current suspensions and multiple traffic warrants.

He was arrested for the suspended license and issued a citation for that and disregarding the red light, while the vehicle's license was confiscated due to the five prior DWLS convictions.

iPhone theft

A 35-year-old Detroit woman looking to sell her black Apple iPhone XR arranged through Facebook to meet with an 18-year-old Detroit man in a parking lot in the 17000 block of Mack Wednesday, May 15.

Bringing her two sons, she remained in the vehicle while they showed the cellphone to the suspect in front of the vehicle before he grabbed it out of one son's hand and fled northbound across Mack.

The sons attempted to follow, but lost sight of the suspect near Cadieux and Denver. He was wearing a gray T-shirt, black pants with a white stripe on the legs and burgundy Air Jordans.

Officers attempted to obtain security footage from business management, but were told there are no security cameras covering the outside parking lot.

After the victim provided officers with the suspect's Facebook information and screenshots of the conversation between the two leading

up to their meeting, the officers were able to track down his residence via LEIN.

When officers arrived at the home, the suspect's father informed them his son was not there, but that he would contact them when he came home; however, when he called around 9:30 p.m., the suspect fled the location before officers arrived.

Pet adoption gone awry

On Saturday, May 18, the station received a call from a law enforcement officer who lives near Grand Rapids about fraud that occurred in relation to a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval.

The man's wife had visited the website brightgoldendoodle.com and selected a dog she wished to purchase, before wiring a \$460 down payment through Western Union on May 17, at the direction of the supposed owner of the website.

The victim informed officers that an individual picked up the Western Union funds at the store.

After meeting with store personnel and getting the receipt of the transaction, officers were able to determine the name of a suspect, who lives in Chicago.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores
Resisting arrest

A vehicle was traveling northbound on Lakeshore with a flashing amber and white light from the rear window at 9:03 p.m. Friday, May 17, when an officer pulled it over for stopping near Colonial Road.

The 23-year-old Detroit man was asked to turn off the rear flashing light and advised that there are posted signs on Lakeshore for no stopping, standing or parking.

The insurance paperwork he handed to the

officer showed it had expired May 10.

The driver exited the vehicle and stood on the breakwall grass without incident, but pleaded with the officer not to arrest him when he was told he was under arrest for no insurance.

After being advised again he was under arrest and to put his hands behind his back, he did not follow commands. When the officer went to grab his hand, the driver took off running southbound on Lakeshore, running across both lanes toward Stratton Place.

An officer stayed with the impounded vehicle and female passenger and notified Grosse Pointe Farms dispatch the driver was running south from the scene.

He was captured in a rear yard on Renaud through a combined effort of both departments.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Larceny from unlocked vehicle

A 36-year-old man lost \$1,200 in gardening and outdoor equipment when it was stolen from a backpack in the man's Jeep, parked on Young Lane at 6:35 a.m. Monday, May 20. The doors of the vehicle had been left unlocked.

Drug paraphernalia

A 55-year-old Detroit man was cited for possession of a crack pipe at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, May 19.

Police found the man pushing a shopping cart he said he used to carry bottles and other potentially valuable items he recovered from trash dumpsters.

When the man said he had taken the cart from a nearby grocery store without permission, he was searched and the pipe was recovered from his clothing.

Felonious assault

A 26-year-old woman was arrested Sunday, May 19, after she allegedly attacked her brother with a 10-inch knife at their home on Wedgewood.

The siblings had argued about the woman's need for a babysitter before the woman said her brother confronted her and bumped into her.

He was found bleeding from behind his ear, but told police he wasn't sure how he had been injured.

Suspended license, possession

A 29-year-old Macomb woman and her passenger were arrested at 2:40 p.m. Saturday, May 18, after the passenger was observed not wearing a seatbelt while the car drove northbound on Harper near Allard.

An officer detected the smell of marijuana after stopping the vehicle. The passenger presented a marijuana license, but the officer found the marijuana was not properly packaged.

The 2.8 grams of marijuana were confiscated and the vehicle impounded after the driver was found to have a suspended license.

The passenger also was cited for failing to wear a seatbelt.

Drunken driving

A 46-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man was reported by a citizen after he was seen driving erratically south on Mack near Anita Friday, May 17.

He admitted to an officer he had consumed cocktails. The driver was unable to pass sobriety tests after stumbling and slurring his words when he spoke.

His vehicle was impounded and he was cited for operating while under the influence of alcohol with a blood-alcohol level of .17.

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

Grosse Pointe Park
Check fraud

A landlord lost out on not just the tenant for an Audubon rental property, but also the deposit, police said. The landlord reported Monday, May 13, that the expected tenant from out of state asked for a refund in the form of a certified check after backing out of the plan to rent the unit. The landlord later learned the original check written was fraudulent.

Larceny

An Apple iPad, HP laptop, suitcase, wallet and Verizon hot spot were all taken from a vehicle parked on Three Mile sometime between the night of May 16 and morning of May 17. The vehicle's window had been left slightly open.

Larceny

An Apple iPad, credit cards, checkbook, earbuds and passport were taken from a vehicle on Kensington between

Thursday, May 16, and the morning of Friday, May 17. The vehicle was unlocked while parked on the street.

Operating while intoxicated

A 42-year-old Detroit man was arrested at Jefferson and Edgemont Park at 2:56 a.m. Saturday, May 18, after he was stopped for disregarding a red light. The driver was found intoxicated and in possession of a handgun. He did not have a permit to carry the weapon.

Larceny from unlocked vehicle

Ten dollars were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the driveway of a home on Berkshire. The theft happened between the morning of Saturday, May 18, and the morning of Sunday, May 19.

Stolen vehicle

A gray 2017 Nissan Rogue was stolen from the driveway of a home on Middlesex between the afternoon of Saturday, May 18, and the morning of Sunday, May 19. The keys had been left in the vehicle.

Suspended license


A 27-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at about 2 a.m. May 19 at Mack and Alter.

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OUR VIEW

Lake levels:
What goes down
must come up?

Lake St. Clair may well break its high record for the month of May this year, as daily readings have already overtaken the monthly average for May 1986, during the last high-water cycle. All it takes in these conditions is a sustained blast of wind from the northeast to tip the lake into overflow conditions around here.

If U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projections hold, the water level will stay within an inch of current levels for the next month as the Great Lakes system continues to absorb snow melt and runoff from the heavy rains this spring. (The Lake Erie basin, which includes Lake St. Clair, had 37 percent more rainfall than average in April; the Lake Huron-Michigan basin, which partially flows out here via the St. Clair River, had rainfall 30 percent above average.)

The projection is not a certainty by any means. Historically, lake levels have tended to rise a bit from May to June, before leveling off and then dropping

All it takes in these conditions is a sustained blast of wind from the northeast to tip the lake into overflow conditions around here.

in late summer as they head toward their winter lows. But the high-water year of 1986 was an outlier from the trend. The highest monthly average of all occurred in October of that year.

And even fractions of an inch can make a big difference under certain wind and wave conditions. So it’s hardly good news for marinas grappling with underwater docks and for cities dealing with other dilemmas in their parks and elsewhere.

But living with the Great Lakes, even a pretty good lake like Lake St. Clair, means being prepared for both high and low water. The lakes, in more than a century of record keeping, seem to have a cycle of 30 years, give or take, between high water levels. And there’s no guarantee that this year is the peak year.

Nor is there any guarantee that the record lows for Lake St. Clair, recorded mostly in the 1930s, will stay in the record books. If there’s any lesson climate change is teaching, it’s that extreme events are becoming the norm.

That means the municipal shoreline parks may need to invest in more flexibility, especially for their docks. Sandbagging at shoreline parks, as at least the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Shores did this month, may be the cheapest investment when high levels hit for only a year or two and occur every three decades or so. But shoreline buildings and docks need to be designed for both high- and low-water scenarios.

The high water also puts the spotlight on the seawall along Lakeshore Road. It has held up, but waves earlier this month flung remnants of lake growth, other debris and perhaps even fish up onto the grass almost to the road, according to Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber. The task of figuring out how to fix or replace the seawall, led in large part by Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, is “closer to the beginning ... than to the end,” according to the commissioner’s recent newsletter.

The plant growth along the shoreline adjacent to Farms Pier Park — a controversial field of tall, gangly spikes at one point in the low-water cycle — looks downright sparse now. Presumably the growth now underwater is providing food and shelter for the youngest fish, as well as some erosion control, as shoreline plant growth has over time.

It’s all a reminder that the lakes have a life of their own. And each generation must take care to pass the lessons of lake life on to the next.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

The Trombly Elementary School community is seeing red — as in ribbons and signs throughout the neighborhoods. Trombly is one school being considered for closure due to declining enrollment and revenue. Alternatively, Maire Elementary residents are having the blues — as in ribbons — in support of their school.

LETTERS

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What crisis?

To the Editor:

I attended the Trombly Town Hall meeting May 14, determined to listen with an open mind to what the school board and school administrators had to say.

I’m a Grosse Pointe Park resident and have no children in the school system. I do have great-nephews that would likely go to Trombly and a great-niece who goes to Maire with younger siblings that also would go to Maire. I have a great-niece and nephew that will likely go to an elementary school in Grosse Pointe Woods. Needless to say, I’m concerned about the best interests of all the children throughout the Grosse Pointe school district.

The first thing that struck me in the presentation was the deputy superintendent’s statement that the closing of a middle school had not seriously been taken into consideration in the evaluation process. The reason given was that the board just didn’t feel like they wanted to do that. No further explanation was offered.

I could not help thinking that if a school had to be closed, choosing a middle school could be the least disruptive option. The children would be in transition to another school anyway and perhaps the closing could be delayed so all the children currently attending the school could finish their middle school years at the school where they started.

There was no explanation or discussion of the pros and cons of going to the 5-8 grade middle school scenario even though that scenario was assumed in every option on the table.

Other options for cutting expenses or generating funds (other than the long overdue sale of the administration building) were barely mentioned.

After doing further

reading and research, I learned that the district is going to generate a surplus of \$1.4 million at fiscal year-end June 30, leaving it with a reserve of over \$10 million. This leads me to believe that the purported dire emergency supposedly requiring immediate action isn’t a dire emergency at all.

Instead, it seems to be a pretext for ramming through the 5-8 grade middle school system with little to no discussion, evaluation or public input. Grosse Pointe parents and taxpayers deserve better than this — especially after recently passing the bond initiative under the impression that part of the monies raised were to be used for maintenance and improvement of their own neighborhood’s elementary school.

In short, the school board and school administration is trying to radically change the structure of the Grosse Pointe elementary schools using a supposed emergency to avoid talking about the real issues. These issues are whether Grosse Pointe parents and taxpayers are willing to give up neighborhood schools in order to go to a 5-8 grade middle school model and whether the trade-off would be worth it to the affected children, parents and community.

I call on the school board and school administration to halt the dissembling and seriously and creatively reevaluate how expenses can be reduced without closing elementary schools.

The board and administration must also enter into an honest two-way dialogue with the community. If the 5-8 grade middle school model is such a great idea, it should be able to stand on its own and be honestly and fully evaluated by the community; it should not have to be put in place under the pre-

text of a highly questionable and supposedly imminent crisis.

ROBERT AND PATRICE TICKNOR
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor’s note: The oft-cited \$1.4 million surplus comes from a year-old document on the school district’s website. According to Assistant Superintendent Lisa Abbey, there have been three budget amendments since then. There were several one-time adjustments to revenue and expenditures, resulting in an overall surplus of \$2.1 million.

Good Samaritans

To the Editor:

On Friday afternoon, May 10, I was getting out of the car, holding my young dog, Lacey, by her leash, the loop not around my wrist.

She slipped from my grip and bolted down Neff, crossed Kercheval, continued running north and re-crossed Kercheval, flying back down Neff across the street from our house.

During the course of all of this, which seemed like 20 minutes to me but was just a short episode, numerous people in their cars not only stopped at those busy corners but got out of their cars and were trying to help catch Lacey. A Grosse Pointe City officer was parked along Kercheval and also tried to stop her.

During all of this, while trying to catch the dog, I was also attempting to yell thank you to the people who were kind enough to stop and help. I know I missed some chasers and I want to thank all of you who assisted in this “episode.”

There are wonderful people in this community and beyond who proactively help each other. This was a small incident that had a happy ending (with Lacey waiting for me on our front lawn, both of us panting), but it was not small to me.

It is with great appreciation that I extend my thanks and gratitude to everyone who helped save my pup.

SALLY OWEN
Grosse Pointe

K-6/7-8 is better

To the Editor:

It’s becoming increasingly clear that there is very little support for the K-4/5-8 reconfiguration proposals (it’s really

only one with four different flavors) that have been brought forward by the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Grosse Pointe Public School System, citizens, local mayors, city managers and council members, Realtors and the Grosse Pointe News have all expressed varying levels of concern and outright opposition to these proposals.

The timeline for this process is irresponsibly short: The BRC announced their proposal two weeks ago and the Board of Education is scheduled to vote on it in less than five weeks (June 24). We spent more time debating the merits of the Grosse Pointe South pool.

As an electorate, we need at least an additional 120 days to identify and discuss other options. During this time, we could conduct transparent, honest, inclusive discourse on possible courses of action.

As part of this process, the wishes of the electorate could then be brought forward to the BoE by way of a referendum or scientific survey/polling conducted by an independent third party.

The initial threshold “trigger” that started the GPPSS down this restructuring path was attributed to a financial gap driven by declining enrollment. As a measure of how far the Blue Ribbon Committee drifted from its original mission, they prioritized financial savings as the fourth most important out of a total of four priorities (a.k.a. “lenses”).

In other words, dead last!

...There has been recent discussion in the community of a proposed K-6/7-8 reconfiguration. This plan, which calls for all nine of the elementary schools to remain open and for one middle school to close, has been gaining a good deal of support in the past week.

It yields more financial savings than the K-4 reconfiguration, which closes two elementary schools and transfers our fifth-grade students to the middle schools.

The K-6/7-8 reconfiguration certainly merits further study, as do other possible reconfiguration plans. ...

MICHAEL C. KARWOWSKI
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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

Let’s hear it for the boys



My son played his last collegiate lacrosse game on April 27. His lax career began as a fifth-grader at The Grosse Pointe Academy under Coach D and with club and summer ball under Coach B. He and three of his teammates from Grosse Pointe South’s Class of 2015 went on to play in college. Each took to the field for his final regular season game on the same day, three at the exact same time. For my husband and me, our son’s last game

marked the end of an era watching our kids play sports. We made lasting friendships through their teams, from Little League A ball to Ivy League soccer, coordinating car-pools, co-hosting team pasta parties and post-game tailgates, chatting in the stands or at the stats table and bonding over shared victories and losses with fellow parents. We traveled around the state, country and even internationally — does Canada count? — for tournaments. We cheered teams on in rain and snow and temperatures from below zero to 104 degrees (Texas is hot in September). With our son and two daughters playing two and even three seasons of multiple sports — baseball, basketball, cross country, hockey,

lacrosse, soccer and volleyball — throughout middle and high school, spilling into summer with camps, tournaments and college showcases, athletics were a major focus of our family life. Jared’s four years with the Emerson Lions provide the perfect coda to this epic chapter. It was the team with the smallest roster in the league, but the biggest heart; the fewest subs on the sidelines, but the loudest bench. The best way to capture the spirit of this team is through the seniors who began the journey with our son freshman year. There’s Cam, fast, skilled and selfless, more a play maker than showman. Leading in assists, he was the one most likely to feed the ball at just the right moment. Unfortunately, he was

unable to play senior year due to a back injury and was truly missed, but he continued to support the team from the sidelines, making the trip to cheer them on for their final game of the season. Then there’s Bailey, starting goalie for three years. He was relegated to the bench senior year when a freshman recruit joined the team. This happens often in college sports. Hard work, dedication and commitment may be overlooked when “someone better” comes along. Loyalty may not always be rewarded, but Bailey showed it anyway. He proved as valuable a teammate on the bench as he did between the pipes, supporting the players and coaches and cheering on teammates from what became affectionately known as “the bench mob.” We’re sure

to hear more from Bailey — literally — as his already promising career in sports broadcasting flourishes. I have a special fondness for Marshall. Not only is he a redhead like my son, with a gentle smile and calm, steady demeanor, but we hosted him one night when he and Jared drove across the country together to spend their fall semester in Los Angeles. He played long stick defense, a difficult, thankless, yet critical position. He was a solid presence on the field and team, demonstrating leadership by example. Fernando started freshman year as a talented face-off specialist. Like Bailey, he lost this position to a new recruit, in this case, one who turned out to be one of the leading face-off players in the

league. Fernando forged a new role for himself as a defensive middie — a grinding and often thankless position requiring grit and endurance, but rarely the glory of goal scoring. He and Jared shared an experience together off the field — an improv class that took them out of their comfort zone to another level of teamwork and camaraderie with a different cast of supporting characters on stage. I feel fortunate our son had these fine young men not just as teammates, but friends. It was the team chemistry — the blend of leadership and loyalty and support for one another — that made Emerson lacrosse such a meaningful experience for Jared and source of inspiration for his biggest fans at home. The final whistle may have blown on their lacrosse careers, but we will continue to cheer on “the boys” with whatever’s next.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1944
75 years ago this week
ALL POINTE BEACHES ARE CLOSED: The wrangle that has been underway among the little municipalities up in Macomb County over whether they will or will not pay for the treatment of their sewage, and how much and when and how during which protracted argument they continue

to pour their sewage into the lake rather than divert it into the big interceptor sewer for conveyance to and treatment by the Detroit plant, has resulted in the official prohibition of public bathing at all the Pointe beaches.
Obituary: Seaman 1st Class William Lee Chambers
1969
50 years ago this week

WOODS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NABS BANDITS IN BANK HOLDUP:
Woods Director of Public Safety Donald Coats, who was in the Colonial Federal Savings bank on private business and in plain clothes, was standing at the teller window facing the cashier when two men burst through the front door and ordered everyone to lie down on the floor. Everyone complied. The bandits went

behind the tellers’ cage and scooped currency from the cash drawers into a paper bag. As the burglars backed out of the building, they ordered everyone to remain on the floor. Coats, however, got to his feet when the robbers passed the glass door, drew his service revolver and ran outside. When he was about 25 feet away from the robbers, he shouted to them that he was a police officer and to drop the gun and raise their hands.

One of the burglars spun around fast, shotgun raised and Coats fired one shot in his direction. The man dropped his weapon saying he’d been shot; the other dropped the money.
Obituaries: Walter Thorn Connor, Lottie Utley Corwin, Charles “Mike” Foster, Mabel S. Hammen, James Hennecke, W.G. Henschen, Dr. Harry Y. Kasabach, Albert F. Reilly, Taylor H. Seeber, Isaac E. Skeith, Edward C. Waltz, Harry E. Weiland

1994
25 years ago this week
Obituaries: Elizabeth Ann Allard Behrend, Russell Kellogg David Jr., Marion D. Gerds, Arthur H. Getz Sr., Herbert Stanley Jackson, Betty L. Mason, Mary Louis McLaughlin, Walter C. Sass, Gerald C. Schumaker, Isabelle Kanter Sumner
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Independent and in-depth

ULS seniors tackle topics of interest, prepare for celebration of research

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Madison Baltimore researched how the interior design of a teenager's bedroom affects their mood. William Higbie created a documentary examining what aspects of the narrative film create empathy and how media changes culture in America. Hope Kulka sought how visionary fiction installation art can be a tool for feminist activism by subverting subconscious prejudices within audiences.

These are three examples of senior academic research projects to be showcased at University Liggett School during its Celebration of Research 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, May 28 to 30. The public is invited to attend to view scientific experiments, watch films, experience an interactive art installation and enjoy standup comedy, among other highlights.

In a culmination of nearly two years of research on a chosen topic, students pose and answer a relevant academic question, conduct research and take their project beyond the boundaries of the school to work with mentors locally and nationwide.

Feng shui

For her final project, Baltimore replicated two different models of the ideal bedroom of a teenager to help stabilize their mood. Her research focused on color theory and feng shui, a system of laws originating from China considered to govern spatial arrangement and orientation in relation to the flow of energy.

"It's a lot to look at, because teenagers are really busy with sports, school work. That's a lot of energy and stress you bring into that main space you spend time in," Baltimore said. "That's



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Seniors, from left, Madison Baltimore, Hope Kulka and William Higbie prepare for University Liggett School's Celebration of Research May 28 to 30.

the tricky part about trying to ideally lay out this room because it's a different energy in a whole."

While Baltimore said she has always been interested in design and crafting, she plans to study biology at Bowling Green State University.

Culture shift

Higbie started creating films when he was young. A four-year project he started in eighth-grade on street art in Detroit earned him best documentary at the Michigan Student Film Festival and All-American High School Film Festival and premiered last year at the Freep Film Festival.

His current project, however, a documentary titled "Take a Walk in Their Shoes," provided his first opportunity to approach film from an academic standpoint.

"I understand that media is playing an ever larger part of our life," he said. "I read a study that the average American spends five hours watching television per day, which is baffling. If media is so present in our lives, how does it affect us and how does it change our perceptions and create ideas in our head about different things, different cultures, different places? I wanted to look at that and understand what techniques filmmakers use to achieve that and then ethically how that can be implemented in films in the future."

He selected three films to explore how films have brought empathy toward race, sexuality and the environment by examining cinematography,

sound track and character development.

"If you think about it, media makers, filmmakers have a huge responsibility," he continued. "I don't think we always understand how much movies and things on screen can affect our emotions. ... We do react very deeply to these things that happen on the screen. If you're going to be a filmmaker, you need to be aware that this stuff does affect people."

Higbie, who plans to study film at the University of Southern California next year, said this realization inspired his ARP topic on empathy.

"I came into this project saying OK, if I'm going to pursue a career in filmmaking, I need to ... realize the power you have when you create content."

Art activism

Kulka, too, hopes to carry her artistic interests with her next year to the College for Creative Studies, where she plans to major in illustration.

Her project blends her love of science fiction, politics and art.

"Something that is near and dear to my heart is feminism so I wanted to find out how to do art activism and combine that with the intertext that's between science fiction and world politics," she said.

"The fiction media is a way for people to approach challenging topics without feeling super attacked, and that's definitely prevalent in science fiction," she continued.

TV shows like "Star Trek" — "I'm a huge Star Trek fan," she admitted — explored "huge questions around race or sexuality or morality in general, but ... all hidden behind the veil of science fiction."

Kulka has created two art installations. The first is a visionary cityscape that revolutionizes the traditional skyscraper concept with circles, spheres and triangles "to reflect a more holistic class structure."

The second is a full immersion installation — a room within a room. Inspired by role-playing video games, Kulka's installation gives viewers the opportunity to interact with five different female characters, helping them build empathy through exposure to their experiences.

Art, Kulka said, is a way to deliver a message without making the viewer feel preached to.

"When you're feeling attacked, you're not always receptive to information," she said. "... But with the whole phantasmagorical visionary realm, you're not expecting to be challenged and it's all subliminal and you're taking it all in through the realm of fiction."

Owning it

As assistant head of upper school and ARP director, Shernaz Minwalla has worked closely with each of the students on their projects.

"The wealth of knowledge and the experience they have gained and the skills they have gained is unbelievable," she said. "... That's the beauty of the independent project. This is their own; they own this."

The students agreed they have gained new academic insights from the experience.

For Baltimore, it was learning new skills, improving her time management and increasing her understanding of the teenage brain.

"Even though I do have help, this is my project and what I want to see and what I want to do. It's great to see my ideas coming to fruition," she said.

Higbie said the project gave him the opportunity to step outside the creative side of filmmaking and deconstruct his ideas from an academic viewpoint.

For Kulka, the experience has been all-consuming.

"I definitely got so much out of this project," she said. "I don't think there's been a day since we started that I haven't thought about ARP. It's my favorite thing to do and I'm always thinking about it."



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Trombly students and parents head toward Jefferson from Windmill Pointe Park to demonstrate how long it takes to walk to Defer Elementary School and how busy Jefferson is at rush hour.

Trombly parents stage safety walk

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Trombly Elementary School families gathered at Windmill Pointe in Grosse Pointe Park at 7:30 a.m., then headed toward their destination — Defer Elementary School.

The May 17 walk was a demonstration and "test run," according to Trombly parent and organizer Renee Jakubowski, to show what traffic was like at a busy intersection on Jefferson at rush hour and approximately how long it would take a student who lived south of Jefferson to walk to Defer if their home school is closed as proposed in two of the four Grosse Pointe Public School System reconfiguration options.

Should Trombly close, 100 percent of its students would relocate to Defer and 30 percent of Defer students would move to Maire. Twenty percent of Maire students would relocate to Richard.

In another plan proposing a Maire Elementary School closure, 40 percent of Maire students would relocate to Defer and 60 percent to Richard Elementary School, with 20 percent of Richard students relocating to Kerby Elementary School.

The walk route was from Windmill Pointe along Barrington to Jefferson. At the traffic light at Westchester, the crowd crossed Jefferson to Somerset and up to Kercheval. A crossing guard was stationed at both Jefferson and Kercheval.

The goal was to test both the safety of the Jefferson crossing and the amount of disruption the increased number of students would cause to commuters headed downtown.

Given its busy nature at that hour, there were parents who'd "be more likely to let their kids swim to Canada than cross Jefferson by themselves," Jakubowski said.

While she admitted "a fair number of our parents probably would drive," this option was not available to all Trombly families.

"We have more economic diversity," she said. "We have kids with fewer resources, but we're the ones being squeezed out. We want to support our diversity. We think we're an entry point for families who are looking for proximity to the city and affordable housing prices. ... We have kids who are in duplexes and kids who are in mansions in the same neighborhood."

The walk took longer and was harder even than anticipated, she said, with traffic backing up on Jefferson while approximately 150 pedestrians, including adults and children, crossed the intersection.

"Some of the kids had to turn around. Some of them started eating their lunches on the way," she said. "They needed a sugar pick-me-up."

Students who participated in the walk sent in forms in advance notifying the school they would be late.

"They couldn't excuse the tardy, but I'm sure they understood," Jakubowski said. "... We didn't want to make things terribly disruptive, but we're hoping (the district) will give us another look. All of our concerns have been ignored."

"What's the game plan? Don't just close us and say you'll figure it out later," she added. "We need to know our kids are going to be safe."

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Mason parents reflect on school closures

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

This is part two of a four-part series on Grosse Pointe Public School System elementary schools considered for closure.

Ali Sledz is new to Grosse Pointe. She and her husband recently relocated from Georgia, purchasing a home within walking distance of Mason Elementary School. They selected the area not only because of its proximity to Mason and the neighborhood feel, but because Sledz did her research. As a student teacher, she knew Mason, a National Blue Ribbon School, was highly ranked with a diverse student population. Both factors were important to her in deciding where to live and educate their children, a second-grader, kindergartener and 3-year-old.

Sledz was disappointed to learn of potential school closures as part of the district's reconfiguration plan and the impact this could have on neighborhood elementary schools.

"They're the heart of the community," she said. "They truly are."

Kris McKean, a long-time Grosse Pointe Woods resident whose grandchild is a third-grader at Mason, agreed.

"They tie the community together," she said.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Stevens T. Mason Elementary School, named in honor of the first official governor of Michigan, opened in 1929. It originally housed 99 students and six teachers.

McKean, Mason PTO vice president, is on her "second tour of duty." Her two children, now grown, attended Grosse Pointe Public Schools and in 1983, McKean was a Mason parent when the school was among four elementary schools the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education proposed for closure.

In an attempt to save Mason, McKean said parents hired a demographer to demonstrate how Grosse Pointe Woods was an area of growth for school-age children. Ultimately Mason escaped closure — only Barnes Elementary School closed and later was repurposed as an Early Childhood Center — but

McKean is disappointed to see it back as part of the current plan to close either Mason or Poupard Elementary School on the north end and Maire or Trombly elementary school on the south end.

Also proposed is moving fifth-grade to middle school rather than closing one of the three middle schools. The board plans to vote on a final reconfiguration plan in June.

"I just think this has become political warfare and it has pitted the north against the south, which is really sort of sad," McKean said. "This is a time to grow our community. We should be leading the charge. We should be setting some standard and I

don't think we're going to do that with this plan."

"People on the south end are saying 'not my school and not my kids and I bought this house for these reasons' and people on the north end feel the same way," she added.

Like in the 1980s, McKean views the Woods as an area for future growth.

"This is the entryway for many families," she said. "... The homes are spacious enough and still affordable."

She also is no fan of the fifth-grade transition.

"Fifth-grade needs to stay put," she said. "There are lots of kids who'll be fine. I'm a researcher by trade and in almost every research pattern (it's broken into thirds). A third will excel, a third will do fine and a third will fail. I don't want to risk any of the third who will fail. I just think we owe those kids more."

For example, McKean said she knows her granddaughter wouldn't be prepared for the middle school environment as a fifth-grader.

Amy Schubert, Mason PTO president, is concerned for the welfare of her third-grade daughter as well.

"Our daughters — granddaughter, daughter — are going to be the first fifth-grade class to move," she said. "It's going to be rough."

Amy Weglarz, Mason PTO treasurer, pointed out if Mason closes, her second-grade daughter will attend three different schools in three years — Mason for third grade, likely Monteith for fourth grade, given where she lives, and Parcels Middle School for fifth grade.

Yet Weglarz doesn't dispute the need to close

schools. Having followed the school board closely, she recognizes change is necessary.

"People who use the phrase 'kicking the can' — they're not wrong. The district has been kicking the can on doing this for decades and now we have a school board willing to do something," she said.

She also is less concerned about the impact of a school closure on property values — estimated at a 9 percent drop according to a National Association of Realtors study.

"There are roughly 200 houses on the market at any given time in the Grosse Pointe community," she said. "... The lower the inventory, the higher the prices, so we're actually set up really well to have the 9 percent drop everyone is talking about probably be lower than 9 percent."

Weglarz's chief concern is the schools targeted for closure.

"There are four schools that have a high at-risk population — Defer, Trombly, Mason and Poupard," she said. "Three of those are on the list. That is an inequity."

"Fifty percent of the Title 1 students which they label at-risk are on the north end," said Sledz.

"That's a huge percentage of your at-risk percentage population to put through a massive transition. Whether it's Poupard or Mason, we're affecting the kids that should not be affected. These are the kids who have home lives that are not ideal and people who are not going to be able to lift them up if things start to go haywire."

All four agreed the decision was less about the building and more about the quality of education and some of the intangibles associated with their neighborhood school.

"I care about walkability," said Sledz. "I care

Week Ahead

THURSDAY, MAY 23

◆ The Gearheads, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools' combined robotics team, hosts a Women in STEM Symposium from 6 to 8 p.m. in Grosse Pointe North's cafeteria, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, contact team1189gearheads@gmail.com.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Leslie Aldrich

School: Maire Elementary School
Years at Maire: 2 (7 in GPPSS)
Grade/Subject: Kindergarten
Nominated by: Ryan Francis, principal
Principal's quote: "Leslie is truly a kid-centered educator who is constantly reflecting and improving her craft. She creates a warm and nurturing environment where students take ownership for their classroom community. Leslie inspires a passion, a zest for learning in her students. We are lucky to have Leslie at Maire."
What do you enjoy most about teaching? It brings me so much happiness when children have their "ah-ha" moments. The way they light up when they read their first book or sound out their first word while reading, touches me every time. I also love the hugs — I have to admit.

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

A teachable moment happened here just this year. In the social studies unit, one project is to make a flag to symbolize America (through the student lens). I asked the children to share an idea with a partner or two before starting the project. After meeting, several students came to me and said that they'd prefer to create a flag of Maire. We took a vote and it was unanimous that the children wanted to do Maire flags. I loved this as they took a leadership position and made the lesson more relevant to them. This is a moment when, as a teacher, you know they are processing and applying everything they are learning.



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

Two of the people who inspire me the most are my own children. Two colleagues that inspire me to grow as a teacher are Courtney Dykstra and Ann Passino, both teachers in the district.

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100 years Cottage celebrates centennial

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

This the first part of a two-part series about the history of Cottage Hospital.

Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage has been a fixture in the Grosse Pointe community for a century. As it celebrates its 100th anniversary of meeting the community’s health care needs, here is a look back at its history.

Getting started

Cottage Hospital was founded as the direct result of the 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic, during which 600 cases and seven deaths were reported in Grosse Pointe Township. Many severe cases had to be neglected, according to the Grosse Pointe Civic News, because there wasn’t enough help.

At the time, the Neighborhood Club coordinated home visits, school checkups and vaccinations — and provided transportation to Harper or Henry Ford hospitals when the temporary beds set up in the gymnasium weren’t enough to handle the outbreak.

“Cottage was founded in 1919 by some Grosse Pointe ladies, including Maud Von Ketteler,” said Ed O’Malley M.D., a pediatric ophthalmologist whose

affiliation with the hospital began in 1994. “She and her pals decided Grosse Pointe needed a hospital because of the Spanish flu epidemic which affected 500 million people worldwide. There were no vaccines; all they could do was provide support through nursing care. They opened Cottage, which was a lying-in hospital, where sick people came and got nursing care — food, drink, support.”

The Baroness Maud Ledyard Von Ketteler, along with Mrs. Horace E. Dodge and Mrs. Benjamin S. Warren, focused their energies and influence on creating a facility for the shelter and care of the sick in Grosse Pointe.

Cottage Hospital began in a small, wood plank house on Oak Street — now Muir Road — that was purchased and renovated before its first patients arrived March 13, 1919. It included five adult beds, five children’s beds and three bassinets. By August 1919, 65 patients had been treated and the hospital was “taxed beyond its capacity,” according to information obtained from the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

In September, an adjoining cottage was purchased and between them an operating room and maternity room were built joining the two buildings. The hospital continued to



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The original Cottage Hospital.

receive support from its founders and the community.

“For a period of three years, the women of the Hospital Committee met once a week at Mrs. Dexter M. Ferry’s and made surgical dressings,” reads an account by the Grosse Pointe Civic News. “At present this work is being carried on at the residence of Mrs. Murray W. Sales. The sewing committee of the Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church has also helped in making garments as well as surgical dressings.

“Motor accidents, emergency, surgical and obstetrical cases and illnesses — both chronic and acute — are all brought to the Cottage, and the number of cases cared for each week more than justify its existence,” it continues. “... One of the most satisfactory results following the establishment of this hospital is the place it has won in the confidence of the entire community and, being small, homelike and near at hand, patients gladly turn to it for relief.”

“The epidemic blew over and at the new building they started delivering babies,” O’Malley said. “Then it started surgeries.”

As the hospital’s popularity grew, so did its need for more space. Plans were made for a larger, more permanent facility.

Already growing

A parcel of land was offered by Burns Henry. Boston architects Stevens & Lee and Detroit builders Corrick Brothers built a two-story hospital that was funded by donations from the likes of Murray W. Sales, Phillip McMillan, John Newberry, Emory L. Ford and Richard Joy, among others. The new hospital opened Nov. 6, 1928, at 159 Kercheval — where it stands today.

“In 1928, Cottage hired an architectural firm to design Cottage as it is now and the building behind it, the Newberry House,” O’Malley said. “The Newberrys were a philanthropy family who gave money to build a home for nurses.”

Initially, the new Cottage Hospital had a capacity of 58 beds and 13 bassinets. It included a laboratory, X-ray, operating rooms and a children’s wing, along with accommodations for adults and accident and emergency care. At the time, an extensive outpatient department was planned, according to an October 1928 issue of The Civic News.

Behind the new building, a three-story nurses’ residence was built honoring Mrs. John S. Newberry; it was furnished by Mrs. Emory L. Ford. Opened in February 1930, the residence



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Clemens,” he told the Detroit News in a 1970 article. “It’s the same with continuing care. Hospital beds are filled by acute cases to the point that they don’t have a chance to cool off between patients.”

The expansion also included short-term care for drug abuse patients.

“We are joining with the Northeast Guidance Center to form a community mental health service,” Wilgarde continued. “They will handle outpatient and emergency services and we will provide in-patient beds.”

Times are changing

According to a Detroit Free Press article published in 1985, “Cottage’s present-day health is also a surprise to some, considering it was almost forced to close in the late 1970s. That’s when the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan recommended the hospital take a 62-bed reduction to ease the problem of excess hospital space in the Detroit area. ... After extensive lobbying and public pressure, the plan was revised and Cottage took a 16-bed reduction, turning its obstetrical unit over to Bon Secours Hospital.”

The unit, one of the first in the area to allow fathers in the delivery room, closed in 1981.

“When you stop delivering babies, you’re kind of telling the world you’re not a real hospital anymore,” O’Malley said. “At one time, Cottage was the best intensive care unit in the city.”

“Cottage languished in the ’80s until ultimately they didn’t know what they were,” he continued. “People stopped bringing patients to the little hospital; they went to the big ones.”

In 1982, Cottage and Bon Secours Hospital agreed to share the cost of a tomography scanner. The unit was housed at Bon Secours and followed by physicians at Cottage, who would watch examinations via a cable television hookup. The cost-saving measure — along with partnering with other hospitals — was touted by the state as a cost-effective example for

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Baroness Maud Ledyard Von Ketteler

The morning of Dec. 5, 1918, in the Township of Grosse Pointe, Miss Jessie Hendrie, president of the Mutual Aid Society and the Neighborhood Club, accepted a motion that Baroness Maud Ledyard Von Ketteler, Mrs. Horace E. Dodge and Mrs. Benjamin S. Warren “see about the shelter and care of the sick on account of the influenza epidemic.”

Baroness Von Ketteler may have seemed an unlikely leader for the movement to found a hospital and shoulder the responsibility for its operation. A woman of international stature who had captured the imagination of Detroit society before the turn of the century, Maud Von Ketteler was a member of the wealthy and respected Ledyard family. The daughter of Henry B. Ledyard, the president of the Free Children’s Hospital, she was a descendant of Lewis B. Cass, Michigan (Territory)’s first governor and probably its most illustrious statesman.

Frail as a girl, she had been raised on the family’s summer estate, “Cloverleigh.” Her mother taught her all she knew. An avid reader who was blessed with an alert mind, Maud was anxious to be useful. The baroness’s niece, Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis, recalls the story that when Maud was 18 she announced she intended to be a nurse. The idea would not have seemed so unusual for a beautiful young debutante of the time, if nurses’ work in the 1880s had not required hours of floor scrubbing along with care for the sick.

Sent to visit her good friend, Ann McMillan, who had moved to Washington, D.C., Maud abandoned her ambitions for a time. She was presented to society in Washington in the 1890s and soon after met and fell in love with a young diplomatic secretary with the German embassy, Clements Von Ketteler. Married in S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Detroit in 1897, the couple settled into the life of diplomatic service for the imperial court of Kaiser Wilhelm



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Maud Ledyard Von Ketteler

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Babies at Cottage’s nursery, circa 1960s.

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Shores man, veteran celebrates a century

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Friday, May 24, Grosse Pointe Shores resident John Lutz will celebrate his 100th birthday.

In advance of the milestone, Lutz reflected on his life — largely his service to his country in the U.S. Navy.

Lutz was born in New York, N.Y., and attended P.S. 102 before graduating from high school in Newtown, N.Y., in 1936. He went on to earn an engineering degree from MIT in 1940, then moved to North Carolina.

“I was in North Carolina at the time building ships,” he said, noting a lot of men his age were enlisting. “I got tired of building them; I wanted to be on one. So I went to Raleigh ... and enlisted in the Navy.

“They sent me to Princeton for Naval Reserve School.”

After several assignments, Lutz was sent to Camp Bradford in 1944 for amphibious training. From there, he joined the crew of the USS LST 651.

“That’s the ship I spent all my time on in the active Navy,” he said.

Lutz served in various Pacific operations, including the invasion of Okinawa.



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John and Kathrine Lutz.

“I was an engineering officer,” Lutz said. “I had to make sure everything worked. And that we were able to take the ship and ram it up onto the beach.”

“He was on one of the first ships that invaded Okinawa,” his daughter, Jacalyn Margittay, said. “Thousands and thousands of troops were lost.”

In August 1945, Lutz was designated as the ship photographer.

“I took a camera with me, I had film with me and I developed the film onboard,” he said. “I got over 500 pictures.

‘Is there anything we can give you?’ I said, chemicals and film. I got a big roll of film that lasted me the rest of my time.”

Lutz was released from active duty in 1946 and stayed in the reserves. He worked at Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, until he was recalled in 1951, to serve in the Korean War aboard the USS Adria.

There he participated in another favorite pastime.

“I brought a piano on the ship into the ward room,” he said. “The ship was in overhaul in Baltimore at the time. There



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Lutz, at Officer Training School.

was a music store downtown. I went to see if I could find an old piano. I did and they gave it to me — and delivered it and assembled it.”

The piano was bolted to the floor, Lutz said.

And after his service?

“They probably threw it overboard when I left,” he said.

Lutz officially retired from the Navy in June 1964, after 22 years of service. He spent the rest of his civilian working years at McCord Corp., which became Textron Corp. He retired in 1986, thoroughly satisfied with his career.

“I always loved what I was doing,” he said. “If I didn’t, I would have moved on. Life’s too short.”

Lutz has been married to Katherine 47 years. They moved to the Shores in 1977. They met when she worked at General Motors and he was with McCord.

He has one daughter, Jacalyn, and a granddaughter. An older daughter, Janet, passed away.

“We traveled a lot,” he said of his favorite pastime. “Switzerland is the best. That’s because my grandfather and father came from there. I like Italy, too. And there’s nothing wrong with France. There’s nothing wrong with England.”

The East Coast also was a favorite destination of the couple.

“You don’t get around as much when you’re older,” Lutz said. “We went to New England just about every summer — and if we got hungry for lobster.”

The East Coast also is where they met and befriended several artists.

“We got to know an awful lot of artists in a town called Rockport,” he said. “Half the paintings in the house were made by an artist who lived in Rockport.”

Lutz’s Shores home is full of artwork — some by said artists, others original works. The self-taught painter has been at it his whole life.

“It’s just a hobby,” he said. “I used to draw cartoons for my high school newspaper.”

Many of his paintings are of waterways and ships — including LST 651; however, Lutz is not a sailor.

“I sailed enough,” he said.

Lutz initially credited his wife with his longevity.

“She’s first for living so long,” he said. “My cardiologist is second.”

He then decided it’s due to “good food and good whiskey — and a lot of it is just plain luck.”

“It’s been a good life,” Katherine Lutz said. “It’s hard to believe his age; he doesn’t look it. He’s a heartbreaker; the girls all envy me. ... It’s a happy household.”

Assumption’s annual garage sale is June 6-8

Spring cleaning has brought an abundance of treasures once again to Assumption Cultural Center, which is holding its 11th annual Giant Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 6, through Saturday, June 8.

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ture, gardening tools, bicycles, books and more. Food and baked goods also are available for purchase.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, May 24, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, May 24, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk, pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not

required and first-time guests eat free.

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◆ Filmmaking for Tweens and Teens, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25.

◆ Summer Reading Kickoff Party, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830

◆ Signing Story Time with Momcat Kelly, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 24.

Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072

◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, “Rebecca,” by Daphne DuMaurier.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, May 27, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Students

from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools are the featured guests.

Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit hosts its annual meeting and concert at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit tuesdaysmusicaleofdetroit.org.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its next Lunch and Learn event noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Cyndee Harrison presents “Instagram for Business” during an action-oriented presentation. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. RSVP by calling (313) 881-4722.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Wesley Berry, author of “Big Things Have Small Beginnings,” speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

The Helm

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

◆ The movie “Old

Man and the Gun” is shown, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 31. Cost is \$2. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. for an additional \$3.

◆ “Ask the Physical Therapist,” 9:15 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, with Jessica Malfa from David Gilboe and Associates.

◆ “Elder Law — Essential Legal Planning,” 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5. Presentations include powers of attorney, guardianship, conservatorship, deeds, wills, trusts, nursing homes and assisted living.

◆ “The Upside of Downsizing,” 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12.

◆ “Jewelry Bead Design — Beginner,” 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, June 19 to Aug. 14.

◆ “Quality of Life and In-Home Services,” 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 11.

◆ Free blood pressure screenings, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 11.

◆ The Helm Hip Hop Dance Company, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, June 11 to Aug. 6. Cost is \$54 for nine weeks.

◆ June birthday celebration, 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, June 13. Registration is required. Call (313) 882-9600.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at Lakeshore Senior Living, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Register online at redcrossblood.org.

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Improve golf swing at educational session

Ascension Michigan physical therapist Dan Ratkov hosts “It’s All in the Hips: The Importance of the Pelvis in the Golf Swing,” from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living, 648 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. The education session will help golfers understand the pelvis’ role in the golf swing and how

dysfunctions with its movement may be affecting their overall performance and/or putting them at risk for injuries. The interactive session will include demonstrations with Ratkov, who is Titleist Performance Institute certified. This session is free and seating is limited. All ages are welcome. Registration is required. Visit healthcare.ascension.org/events and search keyword “Golf.”

GPPL celebrates award-winning writers

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The three critically acclaimed authors who spoke at the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s 2019 Books on the Lake come from different backgrounds with varying interests and writing styles. But one thing unites them — a love of books from a young age.

In a new format this year, Desiree Cooper, Lillian Li and Maria Semple participated in a panel discussion in the Pierce Middle School auditorium May 3. They also spoke at a luncheon at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club May 4.

Brevity of writing

Cooper is a 2015 Kresge Artist Fellow, former attorney, Pulitzer-Prize nominated journalist and community activist.

Asked recently at a reading of her collection of flash fiction, “Know the Mother,” how she went from column writing to creative writing, Cooper said she responded, “The question is, how did I get into journalism?”

“I never wanted to do anything but write stories since I was 4,” she said. “I only had one other ambition in life and that was to be an astronaut. Both of them felt about equally unattainable for most of my life.”

Cooper started her journalism career as a columnist at the Metro Times, working her way to editor. Her 11 years at the Free Press were as a columnist as well.

“Journalism really became a way for me to professionalize my love for writing,” she said. “It was the job I was doing while I was still writing stories.”

The two writing styles went hand in hand, from concise story writing to fit in the space of a column to flash fiction, creative work characterized by its brevity while still offering character and plot development.

“When I was able to really focus on my creative writing, I found that that was my muscle,” Cooper said. “It was really hard for me to write longer than a few pages because I’d been trained to write shortened type. I did tell people if flash fiction didn’t exist, I would have had to invent it at that point. That’s just what I do.”

The opportunity to focus on her own writing came after she was laid off from the Free Press in 2010. Cooper worked in community relations for approximately five years, discovering when she wasn’t “pumping out that column,” she had more creative energy to put into her fiction.

Publishing her work didn’t seem a possibility until, while attending a literary event, she ran into M.L. Liebler, an internationally known Detroit poet and Wayne State University professor of writing.

“Cooper, where’s your book? Send me something,” Liebler shouted to her across the parking lot.

“That made me go home and take all those things I’d been writing and look at them as a body of work so I would have something to send



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Authors, from left, Lillian Li, Desiree Cooper and Maria Semple sign books during the 2019 Grosse Pointe Public Library Books on the Lake.

him,” Cooper said. “That’s how I started. I would probably still be in my hobby hole writing for fun if it weren’t for him pushing me.”

Among selections Cooper read from her collection of flash fiction was the title story, “Know the Mother,” about a woman “who realized she never really knew who this person was; she only knew what it was to be mothered by this person.”

While the story resonates with Cooper’s present experience — she left Michigan to serve as full-time caregiver to her parents, both of whom have Alzheimer’s disease — she wrote it 25 years ago.

Early success

Li’s debut novel, “Number One Chinese Restaurant,” was featured in Best-of-the-Season lists of The Wall Street Journal, Cosmopolitan, Time, The Millions and Bookbub. She is the recipient of a Hopwood Award in Short Fiction, as well as Glimmer Train’s New Writer Award.

Like Cooper, Li started writing as a child. The creative outlet for her imagination was fan fiction inspired by her love of the Harry Potter series.

Fan fiction is a work of fiction based on characters or setting originating in another work. Li said she wrote about Harry Potter and Ron Weasley “getting into hijinks that weren’t in the book” while she waited for the next book to come out.

In high school she transitioned from fan fiction to writing her own fiction and poetry. Attending the Sewanee Young Writers Conference introduced her to the world of short stories.

“I think that was really formative because that was the first time I was around writers who were my age and published writers as well who were reading my work,” she said. “... I think that was really what jettisoned me into the path I’m on right now.”

Li attended Princeton University, majoring in English with a certificate in creative writing. She took workshops in poetry and screenwriting as well as short stories, creating a collection of short stories for her senior thesis. From there she went on to receive a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Michigan.

Li started writing “Number One Chinese Restaurant” the first

semester of her graduate writing program.

“I started out writing it as a short story to see if I was comfortable with the space and the characters I had in mind, to see if I had some authority and could do this and make it bigger,” she said. “From there I kept expanding this idea. I ended up finishing it and selling the book at the very end of my third year.”

The stars aligned, she said, with the right idea hitting at a time she had the support to carry it to fruition.

The idea grew out of an experience Li had the summer between undergraduate and graduate school working at a Chinese restaurant near her home outside Washington D.C.

“If I had not worked very briefly at the restaurant that I did, it’s true that this novel would not exist,” she said. “But I also think that I worked so briefly at the restaurant — really just a month — it’s hard to say how much of it was inspired (by the experience).”

“I think it’s more the questions, the mystery of the place that stayed with me after I left that ended up driving what inspired it,” she continued. “It gave me the setting to explore a lot of the ideas about Chinese-American communities I was thinking about.”

Li added she also was searching for “a space where Chinese and Chinese-Americans were the default character. For example, when you read a book and the character’s race isn’t named, you often will default to white. I didn’t want to have to name my character’s race every time. ... I realized in a Chinese restaurant, the default is Chinese. And I thought that was amazing. Again, the stars aligned. The restaurant setting worked for everything I was trying to work through as a writer at the time.”

Li serves as adjunct lecturer at U of M’s Sweetland Center for Writing — she plans to take a break after this year — and works at Literati Bookstore in Ann Arbor.

While she said she tries to write every day, she admitted she isn’t always successful.

“I just don’t know what exactly I’m writing,” she said. “I think right now it’s more about just waiting for the next idea, the stars to align again. The first novel taught me that

you might have an idea or you might have some characters or a setting, but unless all of them click together, it’s not going to work for me.”

Writing with humor

Semple’s novel “Where’d You Go, Bernadette” was translated into 18 languages, spent a year on the New York Times bestseller list, won the American Literary Association’s Alex Award, was shortlisted for the Women’s Prize for Fiction and will be released as a major motion picture starring Cate Blanchett in August.

Semple described herself as “an unpopular kid who took refuge in books.” Books, she said, were her best friends.

“I went to college and

became an English major. I used it as an opportunity to read a lot of books — to go deep into Victorian literature and Shakespeare and James Joyce. It never occurred to me that I would be able to write a book. It felt like people who wrote fiction were just such a higher class of people, a vaulted kind of upper echelon in the universe that I had no access to. I thought novelists existed on a higher plane than me.”

Born in Santa Monica, Calif., with a father as a screenwriter, she grew up around movie actors and directors.

“Almost as a path of least resistance, I got into TV writing,” she said. Her television credits include Beverly Hills, 90210, Mad About You, Saturday Night Live, Arrested Development, Suddenly Susan and Ellen.

While the experience taught her a lot about story and humor, her focus was on character development.

“That was where my strength was, coming up with interesting story lines that were character based,” she said. “While I was doing that, though, weirdly I never watched TV. All I was doing was reading books. ... I couldn’t talk about the latest ‘Friends’ or ‘Everybody Loves Raymond’ episode.”

It was a friend, screenwriter and novelist Bruce Wagner, who suggested she write a book.

“It was a strange switch. It literally never occurred to me to write a book,” Semple said. “I

thought other people wrote books; not idiots like me. It wasn’t something I’d be capable of. Once Bruce said, ‘No, novels are an extension of your personality; you should just write what interests you,’ I then went and bought a book on how to write a novel.”

After reading “The Art of Fiction,” by John Gardner, Semple wrote her first novel, “This One is Mine,” published in 2008.

“More than anything, I worried about embarrassing myself because I didn’t think I belonged,” she said.

Her debut novel sold only 1,500 copies “and was a big failure and a terrible setback for me because I assumed I would do better than that and I was really crushed,” she said. “But I knew I was really a novelist and nothing could stop me.”

While writing for TV “felt as if the shoe was on the wrong foot,” Semple said the experience also strengthened her as a novelist.

“Certainly to the extent I have strengths as a novelist, I think a lot of that can be traced to the work I did in television,” she said. “It informed what I did in a good way. I understand character and story and how to write a theme and economy, because you always have to cut things down. And I’m very tuned into the reader experience. What you’re doing as a TV writer is to think about the audience. I think my job is to entertain in a good way.”

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OBITUARIES

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Marcy Jean McNeill

Marcy Jean McNeill, 98, passed peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, May 15, 2019, having enjoyed a long, interesting and adventurous life.

She was born in Terre Haute, Ind., April 18, 1921, to William and Fay Bauer. Marcy was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where she was an active member of the Alpha Phi sorority. She met Roger F. McNeill as he was entering medical school. They married in 1945 and raised two children, Nancy and Douglas in Grosse Pointe Park.

Marcy and Roger traveled around the world several times but found Switzerland their special place. In one excursion, they climbed sections of the Matterhorn mountain. Their Colorado cabin showcased a number of Swiss architectural elements. Her love of Colorado grew through her many hiking and Jeep-ing trips, including her summit of Long’s Peak, a 14,000-foot mountain, several times with her family. Her energy level was abundant, often referred to as the “Energizer Bunny” by family and friends.

Marcy chaired the Women’s Auxiliary of Bon Secours Hospital, served on the Junior Goodwill Board and volunteered at many community events. She was an avid tennis player with her tennis group at Lochmoor Club and played in various bridge groups for many years. Along with her husband, Marcy loved the University of Michigan football team and was a faithful fan and attendee

for 60 years.

Most importantly, she was loved by her family and many friends. She will be missed.

Marcy is survived by her children, Doug McNeill (Anne) and Nancy Ziemba (Michael); grandchildren, Lindsey McNeill, Jeff Ziemba (Jamie), Scott Ziemba (Joanna) and Luke Terra (Megan) and great-grandchildren, Sidney, Ziemba, Cole Ziemba, Michael Ziemba, Finn Ziemba, Anum Terra and Orin Terra.

Salvatore William Ciaramitaro

Salvatore “Sammy” William Ciaramitaro, 34, passed away Monday, May 6, 2019.

Sammy attended Maire Elementary, Pierce Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools. He was happy and fun-loving. His family said his smile and contagious laughter would light up any room. He loved spending time with his brother, sisters and extended family, with whom he shared many wonderful times, especially summers in Caseville. He will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

Sammy is survived by his father, John; step-mother, Lynn; sisters, Holly, Lucy, Lizzy and Grace; niece and nephew, Knox and Lilah; grandmother, Marie and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother, Debbie Avery; younger brother, Dominic and grandfather, Salvatore Ciaramitaro.

Donations may be

made to Families Against Narcotics at familiesagainstnarcotics.org/donate.

Carl Baranski

Carl Baranski, 92, passed away quietly Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Carl was born in Detroit to Charles and Celia Baranski. Carl lived through the tumult of the Great Depression and World War II. As a young man, he spent summers working on his grandparents’ farm in Kinde with his cousins. The days of hard work in the fields with his cousins and lake outings became treasured memories. He often returned to the area in the summers for family reunions and vacations.

After high school, Carl was drafted into the Army, and fought in the Philippines and served as an MP in the occupation of Japan. Back in Detroit, he became an apprentice plumber with his father and later was joined by his brothers in the trade (and later his children, Donna and Tom, and several nephews). He remained a proud member of Plumbers Local 98 throughout his life. As a young apprentice without the means to buy a truck, he often rode the streetcars downtown with his pipe and tools. His intelligence, mechanical skills and hard work took him from installing pipe in the field to managing the bidding office and eventually his own business. He was respected for his fairness and integrity. He was proud to say that as a union contractor, his



Marcy Jean McNeill



Salvatore Ciaramitaro



Carl Baranski

employees could send their children to college. His final project before retirement was working as a consultant on the new Waterworks Park in Detroit.

When he returned from the war, he became reacquainted with Dolores Zanger. They married and remained together until she passed in 2014.

Carl enjoyed golfing, bowling, boating, bicycling, kayaking, bread baking and woodworking. He remained fit and active into his 90s. He and Dolores enjoyed traveling with many special friends and relatives throughout his life. He was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club. His kindness and charm were combined with fierce loyalty, integrity and humility.

Carl is survived by his children, Lawrence (Maureen), Thomas (Missy), David (Allison) and Donna Curran (the late Robert); grandson, Phillip (Anna) and brother, Richard Baranski. He was predeceased by his wife, Dolores; sister, Catherine Nowak and brother, Frank Baranski.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.

Brian A. McLeod

City of Grosse Pointe resident Brian A. McLeod, 69, passed away Friday, May 17, 2019.

Born Sept. 7, 1949, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to William and Dorothy McLeod, Brian earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a master’s degree in finance and international business from Pepperdine University. He was vice president of sales at Roland DGA in Irvine, Calif., before moving to Michigan in 2008. He was the former general manager of Stahl’s ID Direct in Sterling Heights.

Brian was a gentle, kind and humble man. He was proud beyond words of his daughters, Hannah and Samantha. Brian also was proud of his Canadian heritage and grateful to be an assistant coach for his daughter’s youth ice hockey team.

Brian loved working at Stahl’s and the challenges it brought. He was always looking for ways to help co-workers better their careers.

Brian was predeceased by his stepdaughter, Hannah Talbot Brunner, as well as his parents. He is survived by his wife, Sally Brunner McLeod; daughter, Samantha McLeod of Grosse Pointe and brother, Wayne McLeod of Winnipeg.



Brian A. McLeod

His family is confident Brian is enjoying a game of golf in heaven with his parents and friends who have gone before him, with Hannah driving the golf cart.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The family would like to thank God and all those who have supported them through the past four years during Brian’s battle with Lewy Body Dementia, and extends a special thank you to the staffs of Lakeshore Senior Living, Memory Care Unit and Seasons Hospice for the dignity and respect they showed Brian the past 13 months.

Donations may be made to the Samantha McLeod College Fund, c/o Chas Verheyden Inc., P.O. Box 36248, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236-0248.

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Lawrence F. DuMouchelle

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident and renowned auctioneer-appraiser Lawrence F. DuMouchelle died Thursday, May 16, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 84 years old.

Larry was born in Detroit to art dealer Joseph N. DuMouchelle and his wife Charlotte LePain, and lived above the family store on St. Aubin, later moving to the Boston-Edison District where he spent much of his youth. The oldest of five children, he attended Blessed Sacrament, the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and the University of Detroit, where he served in the ROTC.

As a young boy, Larry spoke French before he spoke English and enjoyed spending summers with his grandparents and cousins at the family farms in Windsor — fondly recounting stories of selling vegetables door to door.

Larry was introduced to his family’s business, DuMouchelle Art Galleries, at a young age as an apprentice at eleven years old. His first experience as an auctioneer was at the age of sixteen when his father had him stand on a crate at an estate sale selling floor lamps. Although Larry had hoped to study accounting and law at Notre Dame, he was needed at home to assist with running the family business — as his father had become terminally ill.

In 1956, Larry proposed to and married his St. Mary’s of Notre Dame sweetheart, Mary Jo McCarthy — whom he met on a blind date while he was at U of D and she at Immaculata. She was the love of his life and most trusted advisor.

In March of 1957, Joseph DuMouchelle passed away. Larry, then 22, took over the family business and became President, a position he held until his death. Over the next several years, Larry worked diligently to maintain the confidence and clientele

that had been associated with his father.

Larry always believed in Detroit. Although economic downturns and urban unrest resulted in several difficult transitional years, Larry refused to move the company. He began to modernize and expand the scope of the operation.

Major art collections drew record auction prices and an international clientele developed. But local customer support was always key to DuMouchelle’s sustainability. True expansion and recognition began in the early 1970s when the firm began to handle many prominent auto and lumber estates, as well as those of international political and business figures. Larry always felt it an honor and privilege to be entrusted to handle any family’s estate.

Larry contributed his time to many organizations and served on the board of trustees for the Detroit Institute of Arts, Meadow Brook Arts Commission, the Central Business District Association, University of Detroit High School, and served as President of the DIA Founder’s Society — as well as the President of St. Paul on the Lake Parish Council. Over the years, he received numerous business awards, but one that was close to his heart was the University of Detroit High School businessman of the year. Larry, who was described by many as the “Gentlemanly Auctioneer” also enjoyed his many trips around the country as an appraiser for The Antiques Roadshow.

Larry was instrumental in forming Bricktown in Detroit. This sparked his interest in real estate, where he began his investments in Detroit properties, including several historic homes and buildings. He purchased the Joseph Campeau and Trowbridge homes, listed as some of the oldest homes in Detroit.

Throughout his life, Larry believed in helping others. In his line of work, he was

able to raise funds for thousands of charitable organizations, foundations and schools, including auctions for the American Red Cross, Easter Seals, the Metropolitan Opera, 1986 Statue of Liberty Gala, Hats Off to Heart Research, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Public Library, DIA Founder’s Society, Grand Prix Auction for Project Hope, Common Ground, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Meadowbrook Estate, University of Detroit, Cranbrook Academy, Kensington Academy, St. Mary’s Academy, Northwood Institute, Women’s City Club, Channel 56, Tennis & Crumpets, Grosse Pointe Symphony, Michigan Ducks Unlimited and was instrumental in developing the Action Auction for the Grosse Pointe Academy, which became recognized as the model of excellence for fundraising auctions.

Larry was a 53-year member of the Detroit Athletic Club. He was a tennis enthusiast for over 54 years and forged many lifelong friendships competing at Lochmoor Club, Wimbledon Racquet Club, L’Arbre Croche and with his friends from the Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club. In later years, he joined the Neighborhood Club, where he enthusiastically worked out each week with his dedicated trainer.

Larry was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan and never missed a game. He enjoyed long walks and barbeques at the Farms Pier Park, trips up north and to Sanibel Island and always looked forward to reunions at the family cottage in Windsor, which he helped his grandfather build at a young age.

Larry was pleased to be a part of Detroit’s comeback, helping to maintain his father’s legacy downtown as a Detroit anchor for over 93 years. He came through the many years with his partners and siblings, Joan Walker and Norman, Rosemary and Ernest DuMouchelle, his children and now grand-



children and his much-valued, dedicated employees.

Larry was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Mary Jo McCarthy DuMouchelle. He is survived by his loving siblings, sister-in-law, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will take place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with prayers at 7 p.m.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms with in-state at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen; St. Paul Educational Trust, Grosse Pointe; University of Detroit Jesuit High School Scholarship Fund; or Beaumont Hospital Foundation, Grosse Pointe.

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Timothy P.
DeTine

Timothy P. DeTine, 57, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Tim was passionately devoted to his wife and two children and was deeply loyal and generous to his many siblings and friends. His family said, once a friend of Tim's, you were always a friend. Tim was someone everyone felt comfortable going to for advice and support because of his honesty and understanding. As the go-to man for many who were seeking personal or professional guidance, Tim offered it caringly without judgment.

Tim began his professional career as an accountant at Arthur Young, where many of his colleagues became lifelong friends. He later managed operations and financials in the dairy industry, including the past 12 years at Royal Crest Dairy as its president and CFO. He was fiercely proud to be part of the Miller family legacy.

Tim was the seventh child of 10 born to Elizabeth and Louis DeTine. Tim cultivated

special relationships with each of his siblings and maintained them through the years while growing up in Detroit and later living near Chicago and Denver. Tim is a proud graduate of Michigan State University where he met his wife, Maureen. They celebrated 31 years of marriage this past year. Their daughter, Paige, and son, Sean, have been a tremendous source of joy and happiness. Tim held the bar high for both of them and always offered each his loving encouragement and praise. In them he was most proud of their virtuous character, above of all their individual achievements.

Tim is survived by his wife, Maureen (nee Byrne); daughter, Paige; son, Sean; siblings, Greg DeTine, Paula Elias, Kim DeMarco, Michelle DeTine, Pam Calder, Liz DeTine, DeDe Ward, Collette Dicino and Patrick DeTine; Maureen's eight siblings, her parents, and 28 nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A celebration of Tim's life was May 17, in Lakewood, Colo.

Donations may be made to the Griffin Holland Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis at gofundme.com/the-Griffin-Holland-foundation-for-cystic-fibrosis.

John H.
Griffin

John H. Griffin, 95, died Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at Sunrise on Vernier assisted-living facility in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Born Oct. 25, 1923, in Camden, N.J., to John H. Griffin and Clara (nee Adams) Griffin, John attended St. Rose grade school in Haddon Heights, N.J., and graduated from St. Joseph's Jesuit high school in Philadelphia. He then attended St. Joseph's College. During his third year of college, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as part of the V12 program. He was sent to Villanova University by the Navy for his last year. He did not graduate from college, but was accepted into Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia. He attended classes at the medical school and worked at both Brooklyn Naval Hospital and Philadelphia Naval Hospital between classes during the war.

When the war ended, John was discharged from the Navy, but continued at Jefferson Medical School, graduating in 1948.

He married Patricia Gallagher of Haddonfield, N.J., at St. Rose Church in Haddon Heights Dec. 28, 1946. He did his



Timothy P DeTine



John H. Griffin



Helen Priest

internship at Cooper Hospital, across the Delaware River in Camden. After completing his internship, he was asked to return to the Navy as a medical officer. John was stationed at several naval facilities, as well as serving in Korea in a field hospital attached to the marines. After the armistice, he was transferred to Yokosuka Naval Station hospital in Japan. Following that assignment, he was transferred to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. In 1956, he left the Navy and went into private practice at McKeesport Hospital, Pa. In 1967, the family moved to Fox Chapel, Pa., and he worked at Allegheny General Hospital.

In 1969, several of his old Navy friends offered him a job at St. John Hospital in Detroit. The

family moved to Grosse Pointe. In 1975, he became head of the radiology department. During his tenure, he oversaw the addition of new services including CT scan and advanced ultrasound. He retired in 1988.

After retirement, he and his wife, Patricia, moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C. During the next 25 years, they enjoyed their retirement and the friends they made on the island. They taught literacy, delivered Meals on Wheels on the island and instructed newly-hired workers for the hospitality businesses around Hilton Head in proper health procedures and the underlying reasons for these precautions. He was a Mass lecturer and worked in the parish office.

In 2009, Patricia suffered a stroke and soon passed. In 2015, John moved to Detroit. He first moved to ShorePointe Village and later to Sunrise on Vernier.

John was predeceased by his wife, Patricia; sister, Jean, and son-in-law, Frank Medina. He is survived by his brothers, James Griffin (Marie) of Plymouth, Pa., and Robert Griffin (Barbara) of Cincinnati, Ohio; children, Michael Griffin (Margaret) of Oakland, Maine, Patty Medina of San Marcos, Calif., Dennis Griffin (Eileen) of Engelwood, Colo., Christopher Griffin (Marlene) of Traverse City, Timothy Griffin (Debbie) of Eastpointe and Peter Griffin (Jennifer) of Grosse Pointe; 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 6, at Inn at St. John in Plymouth. John's friend, Cardinal Adam Maida, retired

Archbishop of Detroit, will preside.

Memorial donations may be sent to The Literary Center, 4 Oak Park Drive, Hilton Head, SC 29926 or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.

Helen Priest

Helen Priest, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe, died peacefully Saturday, May 18, 2019, in Novi. She was 95.

Helen was born April 7, 1924, in Cleveland, Ohio, earned a nursing diploma from Aultman College and studied advanced nursing at Yale University. She was the president of Questers Michigan and on the board of her condominium homeowner's association. For many years, Helen was involved with the women's groups and committees at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

Helen was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Robert J. Priest; brother, Dan Stoica and grandson, John Herbst.

She is survived by her children, Margaret Herbst (Jan), William Priest (Rose Mary) and Barbara Kehbein (Klaus); grandchildren, Helen and Mary Herbst, June and Robyn Priest, Pete Kehbein (Kayla), Karen Kehbein (Eric Phillips) and Jessica Sonk (Michael); great-grandchildren, Emma and Cora Kehbein; sisters, Pearl Phillips, Mary Flossie and Margaret Mihau, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Private services will be held.

Donations may be made in Helen's name to doctorswithoutborders.org or Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Dr. Jennifer K. Mertz has a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan and has been practicing orthodontics since 2006.

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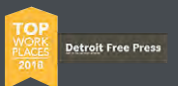
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Track & field

NORTH & SOUTH

South boys win first regional title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys track and field head coach Mark Sonnenberg has turned the Blue Devils into a title contender during his short tenure at the helm.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils reached the pinnacle, winning the program's first Division 1 regional championship on their home track by edging city rival Grosse Pointe North 142-123.

Warren De La Salle was a distant third with 88 points.

A key to the win was winning not only one relay, but all four to earn big points.

The 800-meter relay team of Owen Bollaert, Chase Tomlin, A.J. Benson and Grant Hart won with a time of 1:30.09, and the 400-meter relay squad of Bollaert, Aaron Dyas, Benson and Hart won with a time of 43.49.

The 3,200-meter relay foursome of Charlie Rulison, Ben Gabrion, Blake Weaver and Bashar Abouljoud won with a school-record time of 8:03.27, and the Blue



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK SONNENBERG

The Grosse Pointe South boys track and field team members are all smiles after winning the program's first regional title.

Devils finished the meet in style as the 1,600-meter relay team of Weaver, Gabrion, Tomlin and Abouljoud cruised to a win in a time of 3:29.93.

Other state qualifiers for the Blue Devils were Terrance Lane, second in the discus with a throw of 136 feet, 3 inches; Hart, first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.36; Tomlin, second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.36; and Abouljoud and Weaver,

first and second in the 800-meter run with times of 2:00.54 and 2:00.79.

Jeremy Baldes and his Norsemen stayed close to the Blue Devils through most of the meet, thanks to state qualifiers Ka'Ronn Henderson and Eric Cueter taking second in the high jump and second in the pole vault with marks of 6 feet, 3 inches, and 11 feet.

Zac Ozormoor is headed to the finals in two events after winning

the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.16 and 300-meter hurdles at 40.60.

Preston Navarre and Kuvin Satyadev took first and second in the 1,600-meter run with times of 4:23.92 and 4:24.55 to make the finals, and the Norsemen's final state qualifiers are William Hofmann and Navarre, who took first and second in the 3,200-meter run with times of 9:52.40 and 9:52.69.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North's Zac Ozormoor won both hurdle events and is headed to the state finals in both events.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Owen Bollaert and Grant Hart helped the Blue Devils win the regional.

Next for the couple of dozen Norsemen and Blue Devils is the Division 1 state championship meet Saturday, June 1, at East Kentwood High School.

NORTH & SOUTH

North edges South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

There is nothing more exciting than a state regional championship coming down to the final event.

Last weekend, host Grosse Pointe South held a three-point lead over Grosse Pointe North entering the 1,600-meter relay.

"South was up by three points going into that last event, so that meant if we finished second behind top-ranked Cass Tech and South finished third, we would lose the title to South by one point," North head coach Diane Montgomery said. "So, we needed to beat Cass Tech and hope that South finished no higher than third."

North's relay team of Kiyah Forrest, Michaela Cosgrove, Gia Derrick and Annaliese Thomas ran a season-best 4:11.89, and South's foursome of Sydney Ceyzyk, Sabel Imesch, Sarah Bellovich and Izzy Bellovich took third with a time of 4:20.11, to give the Norsemen a 150-149 victory.

"It was truly inspired. I sent word down to the infield shortly before the race, so they would



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANE MONTGOMERY

The Grosse Pointe North girls track and field competitors pose for a team shot after winning a state regional title.

understand that second place wouldn't win us the meet," Montgomery said. "I think the best win for a team is a 1-point win. Every single athlete who scored in that meet could feel like her performance made the difference."

"This was an amazing regional that quickly narrowed down to two teams, North and South," South head coach Steve Zaraneck said. "Our South girls fought so hard and had numerous brilliant performances. In the end it could have gone either way. North earned a great victory, and we were extremely proud of our South finish."

For the Norsemen in the 3,200-meter run, Lyndsay Kluge ran a 16-second PR 12:59.37 to finish third and score enough points to keep us

within reach of South.

"That was a pivotal moment for us," Montgomery said.

Other qualifiers for the Norsemen were the 3,200-meter relay team of Vivian Liagre, Sarah Seagram, Elise Nyquist, and Jackie Albo that came in second with a time of 10:17; Zoe Madden, who won the high jump with a mark of 5 feet and second in the long jump at 16 feet, 8 ½ inches; Laila Logan, second in the high jump at 4 feet, 10 inches; Cate Gagnier, first in the pole vault with a mark of 10 feet, 6 inches; Tiara Cherry, second in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet, 11 ¾ inches and second in the discus with a throw of 94 feet, 7 inches; and Sara Michalik, second in the 3,200-meter run with a

time of 12:02.18.

The Blue Devils qualified competitors to the state championship meet in seven events.

Devon Krasner started the day anchoring South's winning 3,200-meter distance relay team with Sarah Rabaut, Sabel Imesch and Sarah Bellovich posting a season-best time of 10:10.

Krasner then came back to win the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:33, and Sarah Bellovich placed second with a career-best time of 5:49.

Krasner kept the momentum going, winning the 800-meter run in 2:25, and 15 minutes later she was on the starting line for the longest race of the day, the 3,200-meter run.

Krasner took an early

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UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Five make state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Five University Liggett School athletes, Errol Service, Ashton Pongratz, Margaret Hartigan, Madison Baltimore and Emilia Bronk — punched their ticket to the Division 3 state championship meet. They finished in the top two in their respective events in last weekend's regional meet at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

For head coach Alan Parish, the boys finished fifth with 42 points and the girls were sixth with 48 points.

In the boys' meet, it was a two-team race with Warren Michigan Collegiate winning with 161 points and Bishop Foley taking second with 134.

In the girls' meet Michigan Collegiate also won with 171 points.

For the Knights, Pongratz won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:12.98 and Hartigan was second in the same event, running a time of 2:44.33.

Bronk was second in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 14:29.34, and Service was runner-up in the long jump with a mark of 19 feet, 7 inches.

Baltimore is competing in the finals in two events, the shot put and discus. She was second in both, throwing the shot put 32 feet, 10 ½ inches, and the discus 88 feet, 2 inches.

Other Knights who earned points for the boys were Giorgio Malkoun in the discus; William Gregory in the shot put; Service in high jump; 1,600-meter relay team of Dylan Ponman, Russell Floyd, Malik Pierce and Pongratz; Evan Provenzano in the 3,200-meter run; Floyd in the 800-meter run; Ben Kouyate in the 300-meter hurdles; 400-meter relay squad of Anthony Green, Cam Floyd, Pierce and Service; Jacob Whitton in the 1,600-meter run; and the 3,200-meter relay squad of Russell Floyd, Whitton, Provenzano and Pongratz.

Other girls who earned points were Kaeleigh Harmon in the discus and shot put; Allie Mulder in long jump; and the 1,600-meter relay team of Sadie Ancona, Hartigan, Ella Harvey and Keri Inge-Marshall.

Coming up for the five Knights is the Division 3 state championship meet Saturday, June 1, at Jenison High School.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils sweep way in regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Mark Sobieralski and his Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team knew coming into their Division 1 regional tournament winning would come down to how their four doubles flights finished. After a lengthy discussion with his players the week before, Sobieralski said the girls knew exactly what they had to do to achieve victory. First it was Alex Walz and Meghan Wysocki winning 6-4, 7-5 in a tough match at No. 4 doubles. Second, Kaitlin Ifkovits and Mairin Heimbuch also earned a

tough 6-4, 7-5 win at No. 3 doubles to give the Blue Devils a 2-0 advantage over rival Troy. Claire Beardslee and Anna Dietz won another tough one, 7-6, 6-3, at No. 2 doubles, and completing the doubles sweep was the No. 1 doubles team of Kate Beardslee and Maddie Hurley, who won 6-3, 7-6. The Blue Devils went on to win the regional championship with a perfect 32 points. “What a day of tennis for our girls and our program,” Sobieralski said. “The girls were awesome today. They prepared for this pressure and they performed very well.” At No. 1 singles, Lily



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South’s Anna Dietz, left, and Claire Beardslee high-five after earning a point during a regional match.

Jones beat Troy Athens’ Agata Szwczuk 6-0, 6-2 in the finals, and Laurel Sullivan defeated Troy’s Aishani Gargapati 6-2, 6-1 in the finals at No. 2 singles. Gigi Bonnell cruised 6-0, 6-1 over Troy’s Heidi Blackwell in the No. 3 singles finals, and Moira Hix beat Raya VonPlagenhoef of Athens 6-1, 6-0 in the finals at No. 4 singles. Also making the state finals were runner-up Troy and third-place Athens, which earned 22 and 18 points. Next for the Blue Devils is the Division 1 state tournament Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at the Greater Midland Tennis Center.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen tie for 2nd

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North’s girls tennis team is heading back to the state finals after tying for second place in last weekend’s Division 2 regional tournament. Birmingham Groves swept the regional, winning all eight flights to earn 32 points. Host North tied with Berkley with 20 points for second place. “The girls really dug deep and believed in themselves this season, and their dedication showed with a good showing today in the regional,” head coach John VanAlst said. “I’m

proud of the girls.” Each of the four singles players, Anna Todesco, Evelyn Stahl, Silje Jensen and Mia Eugenio, made the finals, while the four doubles flights made the semifinals. Todesco lost 6-2, 6-3 to Sullivan Patel in the finals at No. 1 singles, and Stahl dropped a 6-3, 6-4 decision to Marin Wachs at the No. 2 singles final. Jensen played a tough three-setter, but lost 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 to Anna Chikhalenko in the finals at No. 3 singles, and Eugenio lost 6-2, 6-0 to Arielle Bauer in the finals at No. 4 singles. Claire Williams and



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North’s Evelyn Stahl played well at No. 2 singles for the Norsemen.

Rachel Stone lost 6-1, 6-0 to Berkley in the semifinals at No. 1 doubles, while Evelyn Riley and Julia Riley lost 6-1, 6-2 to Berkley in a No. 2 doubles semifinal. Jamie Delas and Maegan Daher lost 6-3, 6-3 to Berkley in the semifinals at No. 3 doubles, and at No. 4 doubles the duo of Meredith Olzem and Tasha Burr lost another three-setter, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to Berkley in another semifinal. Next for North is the Division 2 state finals Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at Hope College.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights make finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls tennis team is heading to the state finals after earning 19 points in a Division 4 regional tournament at Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart Academy. The top two teams automatically made the state finals, or a third squad could make it if it earned 18 or more points, which the Knights did. Sacred Heart won the title with 27 points, and Clarkston Everest Collegiate was second with 24. “An amazing finish for a ‘swan song team’ start to the year,” head coach Cathy Hackenberger said. “Our players we committed to this pro-

cess all year, so proud of each and every girl.” Melanie Zampardo led the way, winning the No. 1 singles title with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Everest Collegiate’s Moorea McNally in the title match. Zampardo won 6-0, 6-4 in the semifinals and 6-0, 6-0 in her first match. Olivia Valente made the finals at No. 2 singles, but lost 6-0, 6-0 to Everest Collegiate’s Sarah Schmidt, and Meena Pandrangi was a semifinalist at No. 3 singles, falling 6-2, 6-1 to Everest Collegiate’s Madelyn Vitu. Kaitlin Fox lost 7-5, 6-0 to Sacred Heart’s Alexis Harman in the semifinals at No. 4 singles. Siobhan Haggerty and Kennedy Campbell made the semifinals at No. 1



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School’s Melanie Zampardo, shown earlier this spring, won the No. 1 singles flight at last weekend’s state regional tournament.

doubles, losing 6-0, 6-2 to Everest Collegiate, and the duo of Isabella Meredith and Angelina Polizzi made the semifinals at No. 2 doubles, but lost 6-2, 6-1 to Everest Collegiate. The No. 3 doubles squad of Leah Coleman and Elizabeth Lukas won a match, but lost a

tough three setter to Regina 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, and the No. 4 doubles team of Logan Merriweather and Darshana Subramaniam made the title match before losing 7-5, 6-1 to Sacred Heart. Next is the Division 4 state finals Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at Kalamazoo College.

Softball

RIVALS

Blue Devils bounce ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South’s softball team hosted city rival University Liggett School last weekend, and came away with a 16-6 win in six innings. Offense was the name of the game as the Blue Devils finished with 12 hits and the Knights had eight. Pam Savich and her Knights jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Jenna Hummel doubled, advanced to third on a single by Natalia Dragovic and scored on a ground out by Maddie McKee. Bill Fleming watched his Blue Devils immediately respond, scoring five runs on four hits, two walks and two errors. Katie Drew and Lauren Sickelsteel drove in runs with singles in the bottom of the first. The first three runs scored on two infield errors by the Knights. Kia Borum blasted a long home run in the top of the second, but once again the home team answered with two runs to lead 7-3. The Blue Devils scored four more runs in the third inning, thanks to run-scoring hits by Kendall Volpe, Julia O’Halla and Sickelsteel, and they put the game away by scoring one run in the fourth, two in the fifth and two in the sixth. The Knights scored runs in the fifth and sixth

innings, but it wasn’t enough. The Blue Devils ended the game via the 10-run mercy rule when Volpe doubled and scored when O’Halla reached on an error. O’Halla scored the final run when Adriana Agosta grounded out. Volpe finished with four hits, including two doubles, two runs scored and two RBIs for the Blue Devils, and O’Halla had three hits, five runs scored, a double and two RBIs. Drew had two hits and one RBI, and Sickelsteel had two hits, two RBIs and one run scored. Colleen Morris and Caroline Gallagher also had hits for the Blue Devils, and the winning pitcher was Agosta. For the Knights, Emily Switchulis had two hits and one RBI, while McKee had two hits, one run scored and one RBI. Others with hits were Hummel, Dragovic, Evie Bournias and Borum. On the mound, Switchulis suffered the loss as the Knights are 10-10 overall. South was busy last week, losing 5-4 to Fraser, but rebounding to beat Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 15-0 and 10-0, and defeating Warren Cousino 11-10. Gallagher threw a no-hitter against Chandler Park, while O’Halla and Volpe led the offense. Grosse Pointe South improved to 12-14-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win 2 of 3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North softball team beat St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 10-2 early last week in division play. The Norsemen were led by senior Kayla Kettler and sophomore Dylan Cardinale, who each had two hits. Juniors Brenna Marsin and Katelyn Gloster each drove in two runs to help the offense score 10 runs. They jumped out to a 9-0 lead and then let junior pitcher Sydney Brumme do the rest as she earned the win on the mound, limiting the Shorians to only six hits. Defensively, seniors Evelyn Zacharias, Rachel Liagre and Natalie Wietcha played well. The next day, the Norsemen hosted first-place and state-ranked L’Anse Creuse. Head coach Ron Smith and his Norsemen fell behind 5-0, but battled back to make it a game. They scored a run in the fifth inning on an RBI single by Zacharias, scoring freshman Miraina Smith, and added three in the sixth. Gloster doubled and

Liagre walked. Gloster scored when Brumme doubled, and Liagre came home when Smith singled. Marsin’s ground out produced the third run. The Lancers held on as the Norsemen added another run in the seventh inning. Junior Samantha Bastien singled and scored on a wild pitch. With the win, the Lancers clinched the Macomb Area Conference White Division title. North finished its week with a 14-8 win at Sterling Heights Stevenson. After being down 8-3 after two innings, the Norsemen came back behind a 17-hit attack. Zacharias had three hits, while Cardinale had two hits, including a home run. Smith, Brumme, Liagre and Marsin also had hits, while Bastien had 3 RBIs. Brumme got the win for North, and Grace Haynes pitched excellent in relief to earn the save. Grosse Pointe North is 6-4 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 10-12 overall.

Lacrosse

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights throttle Ravens

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Mike Costanzo was anxious to lead his University Liggett School boys lacrosse team on the field for its Division 2 regional playoff opener against Royal Oak last week.

The Knights, the No. 3 seed, hosted the No. 6 seed Ravens. However, the Knights hadn't played a game in more than a week thanks to rain outs and postponements.

"Wow we really want to get out there and just play a game," Costanzo said while his players were warming up.

ULS now gets to play a regional semifinal after whipping the Ravens 16-7.

"We couldn't pick up a ground ball in that first half, and we didn't play that well," Costanzo said.

The Knights played a sloppy first half, but led 7-4.

They turned up the intensity in the third quarter, out-scoring the Ravens 6-3 to build a 13-7 advantage.

Before the fourth quarter started, Costanzo told his players, "You have to keep playing. You have to play smart to move to the second round. Stay focused."

It was all Knights in the final quarter as they



PHOTO BY TOM DAILEY

University Liggett School goalie Henry Combs makes a save during the Knights' regional win over Royal Oak.

out-scored their guests 3-0 to win and move to the regional finals.

Senior tri-captain Danny Bowen, playing his final home game of his high school career, led the Knights with eight goals, followed by freshman Doug Wood with four goals.

Scoring one goal apiece were seniors C.J.

Morris and Jake Rosenberg, as well as juniors Dakota Jones and Tristan Reilly.

Senior tri-captains Henry Combs and Connor Barthel were stellar in net and on defense, helping to limit the Ravens to only seven goals.

ULS improved to 7-6 overall.

RIVALS

Norsemen fall to rivals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls lacrosse team finished its regular season last week, battling city rivals Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School.

First up was the Blue Devils, who were playing on senior night.

It was a good first half with the Norsemen hanging in there. They trailed 6-3 and were in position to try to get an upset.

It was all Blue Devils in the second half as they out-scored the Norsemen 12-2 to win 18-5.

Freshman Abigail Keane led the Blue Devils with four goals, followed by senior Rose Williamson with three.

Seniors Kristene Eschbach, Julia Gigante and Izzy Adams scored two goals apiece, and scoring one goal were senior Jacqueline Mercier, juniors Anna Stumb, Hannah Blanz and Sumner Verlinden and sophomore Mary Fannon.

For the Norsemen, seniors Lainey Aldridge, Bella Welke and Meaghan McSkimming scored one goal apiece,

as did juniors Alexis Poulos and Emma Burney.

Next for North came a road game against ULS. The Knights jumped out to a 5-0 lead and cruised to a 14-4 victory.

For the Knights, sophomore Delaney Garvey led the initial offensive burst with three goals. The Knights led 7-1 at the half.

Garvey led the Knights with five goals, followed by sophomore Ella Karolak with three. Senior Abby Doppke had two goals, while seniors Emma Wujek, Elise Buhl and Mimi Wujek and junior Maggie Dunn had one goal apiece.

Head coach Jennifer Larson and her Knights improved to 11-2 overall.

For the Norsemen, 2-12 overall, Aldridge and Nahra each scored two goals.

Each goalie, Sables for North and senior Allie Quint for ULS, had a dozen saves.

South finished its regular season with home games against Utica Ford and Utica Eisenhower. They beat Ford 20-10 and lost 14-12 to Eisenhower to see their record stand at 7-3-1 overall.

NORTH & SOUTH

Blue Devils, Norsemen win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team cruised to the next round of the state playoffs with a 13-3 home win over Troy Athens last week.

Junior Stuart Standish led the Blue Devils with four goals, and sophomore Miles Wujek added three as the home team cruised to the playoff victory.

Senior Jimmy Rauh chipped in with two goals, and scoring one goal apiece were seniors Jacob Adams and Turner Sine, as well as sophomores Thomas Smith and Henry Shields.

Senior Miles Dingeman had four assists to lead in that department, while seniors Michey Kuchta and Adam Ebenhoeh,

Sine and Adams each had one assist.

Playing a huge part in helping the Blue Devils dominate time of possession was Sine, who won 16 of 18 face-offs, and senior Jack Coyle had 13 saves.

Earlier in the week, South edged host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 11-9 to improve to 14-4 overall.

Grosse Pointe South battles top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice in a regional semifinal. The game is played Wednesday, May 22, and the results will be in the June 6 issue.

"We're actually excited to play these guys," Macksoud said. "We're very aware of all the hype and all of the players they have, but we're not scared at all. We're not the ones with something to lose here. No

matter what happens, these boys will walk off the field proud and satisfied knowing they gave it their all."

North results

It's been a rough ending to the regular season for Grosse Pointe North.

Head coach Mark Seppala and his Norsemen hosted Ann Arbor Skyline early last week and lost 14-3.

Ben Hartley scored first to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead.

Skyline scored the final two goals of the first quarter and added four more goals in the second period to take a 6-1 halftime lead.

Hartley and Chris Lorelli scored goals in the third quarter, but Skyline put three goals on the board to build the lead to 11-3.

The Norsemen

couldn't get anything going in the fourth quarter and lost, and the following evening they lost 15-2 to Bloomfield Hills.

North regrouped and hosted L'Anse Creuse in the first round of the Division 1 regional playoffs later in the week.

The Norsemen won 15-9 as Mitchell Mills led the way with four goals, while Will Weiss had three goals and one assist.

Connor Obermok finished with a seven-point game, scoring two goals and assisting on five others, and Lorelli had two goals. Jason Michalski had one goal and two assists.

Others with goals were Joey Kettler, Gianni Moro and Connor Albrecht, and Jon Hartley had one assist.

Grosse Pointe North is 6-9-1 overall.

Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Norsemen beat Blue Devils, Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The second go around between the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls soccer teams was a nail-biter compared the first meeting a couple of weeks ago.

In the first game, the Norsemen cruised to a 3-0 win, but this time Chris Bolio had his Blue Devils playing better.

The Norsemen needed a comeback to beat the Blue Devils 3-2.

The Blue Devils dominated most of the first half and bolted to a 2-0 lead on goals by Lily Adams on a penalty kick at the 14:41 mark and

Anne Reid at the 10:52 mark.

Bolio and the Blue Devils had control of the game and all of the momentum.

However, the Norsemen got back in the game when Maddie Kohler scored late in the first half to cut the deficit to one, 2-1, at the half.

The second half provided a dozen good scoring chances for each team, but it was head coach Olivia Dallaire and her Norsemen that tallied.

Senior Katelyn Louwers tied it with a goal at the 27:06 mark of the second half, and Kohler netted the game winner at the 19:40

mark.

South entered the game playing some of its best soccer of the season.

"We are stringing together some nice efforts, including a solid game against Dakota, even though we lost," Bolio said. "We should have won the game. I think we out-played them."

South lost 2-1 to Dakota, falling to 1-8 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. The Blue Devils also lost 3-2 to St. Clair and 4-0 to Anchor Bay to end the regular season 4-12-1 overall.

North played its other

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Golf

RIVALS

South beats rival North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys golf team wrapped up another perfect season in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, beating Utica Ford and Romeo.

The Blue Devils shot 148, while the Falcons had 158 and the Bulldogs 159.

They also shot 165 in a win over Grosse Pointe North, and finished 8-0 in the Red Division.

In other recent action, the No. 2 ranked Blue Devils shot 301 in a tour-

namment at Pine Lake as Coalter Smith shot 68 to medal and Tommy Sullivan posted 72.

For the Norsemen under coaches Jim Hansinger Jr. and Jim Hansinger Sr., their roster has consisted of seniors Frankie Lucido and Joseph Paglino; juniors Conor Fleming, Joey Lucido, Bobby Wesley, Shane Campbell, Jonathan Smith, Zack Rockwell, Nicholas Eugenio and Brock Spicher; sophomore Tyler Richardson; and freshman Niko Karoutsas.

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lead and won in a season-best time of 11:52.

The Blue Devils' Helen Dodge and her sprinter teammates were on fire.

Dodge anchored the winning 800-meter relay team with Zoe Wagstaff, Lauren Kanan and Lizzy Bellovich posting a time of 1:48.

Earlier, Dodge gave South a fourth place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.10, and was on the 400-meter relay team, with Wagstaff, Danice Doles and Bellovich, that placed fourth with a season-best 52.1.

Lizzy Bellovich also qualified to the state finals in the 400-meter dash with a season-best 63.5, and teammate Sydney Ceyzyk was right behind in third at 64.4.

In the field events, Anna Majni vaulted a career-best 9 feet, 3 inches to place second and qualify to the state meet.

Teammate Erica



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North's Sarah Seagram, left, and South's Devon Krasner at the start of the 1,600-meter run.

McGraw was right behind in third at 8 feet, 3 inches.

The other teams competing were St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Detroit Martin Luther King, Detroit Cass Tech, Warren Cousino, Roseville, St. Clair

Shores Lake Shore, Warren Woods-Tower and Eastpointe East Detroit.

Coming up for the Norsemen and Blue Devils qualifiers is the Division 1 state championship meet Saturday, June 1, at East Kentwood.



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North's Cate Gagnier, rear, hands off to Gia Derrick, front, and for South it is Lauren Kanan handing off to Lizzy Bellovich in the 800-meter relay.

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city rival, University Liggett School, the following night.

It was their annual Kick It To Cancer game, and both teams honored Jake Pennar.

The Norsemen led 1-0 at the half on a goal by

senior Meghan Gallagher, plus added two more goals in the second half to beat the Knights 3-0.

Senior Maddie Mills scored at the 17-minute mark to make it 2-0, and adding an insurance goal late was sophomore Meadow Venet.

Senior Hannah Martin earned the shutout in net for the Norsemen.

She was tested by the

Knights' senior All-State forward Izzy Brusilow, who sent several rockets at Martin, but she made the saves.

For the Knights, junior Bella Cubba came up with her share of saves to keep the Knights in the game.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-9-1 overall, while ULS dropped to 6-10.

College signing

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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College hockey

Grosse Pointe North senior Clare Murphy, seated center, signed a letter of intent to play college hockey at U-M Dearborn for head coach Tim Ames. Murphy will be a member of U-M Dearborn's inaugural season on the ice. Joining her at the signing were, back row, from left, Grosse Pointe North girls hockey head coach Casey Quick; older sister Molly Murphy; younger sister Erin Murphy; North girls hockey assistant coach Emma Huellmantel; and Ames; and sitting, parents Suzy and Sean Murphy. Murphy is joining high school hockey teammates Bella Welke and Hannah Martin as teammates at U-M Dearborn. Murphy was one of the leading scorers in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League the past couple of season, earning All-State honors.

Baseball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win division crown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North baseball team clinched a Macomb Area Conference White Division title last week.

Head coach David Martin's squad was all business in the opener against Anchor Bay, winning 12-0 in five innings on its home field.

Sophomore lefty Nic Good earned the shutout win, giving up four hits, four walks and striking out seven in five innings. Defensively, senior catcher Dom VanDoorne picked two runners off, one from second base and one from first.

He also threw out a runner attempting to steal.

Everyone got in on the hitting attack. The Norsemen scored one

run in the first inning, three in the third and eight in the fourth.

Seniors Matt Mazzola, Jack Kensora and VanDoorne had two hits apiece, as did junior Danny Duquet.

Others with hits were seniors Ryan Shanley, Chad Lorkowski, Foster Dodge and Jackson Hall and junior Joey Tedesco.

Two of the biggest hits were a two-run double by VanDoorne in the third and a bases loaded triple by Tedesco in the fourth.

Game two was at Anchor Bay, and the pitchers dominated as the Norsemen squeezed out a 2-0 win.

Senior Louis Cardinale earned the win, going 6 2/3 innings, and Kensora recorded the save, getting the final out.

At the plate, Shanley

and Kensora had two hits apiece. Driving in the runs were Kensora and Duquet.

In the series finale, the Norsemen used a walk-off homer from Kensora to beat the Tars 6-5. Mazzola had three hits, while Jackson Hall had two.

Kensora, Lorkowski and Hall each drove in two runs.

The Norsemen officially clinched the MAC White Division title after L'Anse Creuse had to forfeit its second win over the Norsemen.

According to Martin, the MAC Conference overturned one of our losses to L'Anse Creuse for using an ineligible player/pitcher.

With that, North is 12-2 in the MAC White Division and 22-2-1 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights win semi

By Anna Post
Special Writer

After sweeping Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 7-0 and 7-2 in a double-header and losing 8-0 to Saline High School last week, the University Liggett School boys baseball team was eager to improve.

Despite the home team's tough loss against the Hornets, head coach Dan Cimini saw the non-league matchup as a way to warm up the team before heading into the Catholic League semifinals.

"Today was just a tune-up game," Cimini said. "I thought the guys played very well. We've been pitching and playing some younger guys ... it's great momentum to have for the semis."

Cimini's tactic was deemed successful. On May 12, the Knights' grit helped them clinch a 6-2 victory against Ann Arbor Greenhills, earning themselves a spot in the Catholic League finals.

Senior leaders Alec Azar, Billy Kopicki and Kellen Banaszewski had impressive performances. Azar dominated on the mound and pitched an impressive seven innings, allowing only two runs, while Kopicki went 2 for 2 for the day and Banaszewski went 3 for 3 with one walk. Senior Logan King also battled behind the plate.

Liggett remained offensively and defensively sound throughout the game. But the Knight's suffered a few defensive

errors in the top of the sixth, and Greenhills gained momentum. With a runner on second and the Gryphons at the top of their batting lineup, junior Nick Post made a game-changing throw from centerfield to strike out a runner at home plate to keep the score 6-2.

As the team reaches the end of its season and enters the playoffs, Cimini highlights how ULS's offense will play a critical role in advancing for the rest of the season.

"We just need to hit," Cimini said, "We'll be fine, and we're going to rely on great pitching and great defense — so all we need is to put some runs up and we'll be alright."

ULS improved to 14-9 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils struggle to find consistency

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been a rough couple of weeks for the Grosse Pointe South baseball team.

A string of six straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division losses left the Blue Devils in a third-place tie with Utica Eisenhower at 8-7.

Last week they fell victim to Eisenhower, losing 9-2, 3-2 and 6-2.

In the first game, Weston Brundage and Matthew Fabry had three hits apiece, while Fabry and Ryker Mazey drove in runs.

The Blue Devils finished with 11 hits in the middle game, but stranded 11 baserunners.

In the middle game, Patrick Hopper led the

way with three hits and one RBI, while Will Leonard and Brundage had two hits apiece. Brundage took the tough loss on the mound, going the distance, giving up only seven hits and striking out six.

Once again the Blue Devils out-hit the Eagles 12-7, but left nine on base.

Cody Shook pitched the first four innings and suffered the loss in the series finale. Brady McCarron and Conor McKenna pitched well in relief.

Leonard and Hopper each had two hits and one RBI, while Brundage had two hits.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils hosted Utica Ford in a double-header.

Game one was an 11-0

loss in five innings.

They loaded the bases with only one out in the bottom of the first, but didn't score, and it went downhill from that point.

The bats finally woke up in game two as Brundage pounded out four hits and drove in two runs, while Fabry had three hits and one RBI.


The big blow of the game came in the second inning when Cam Mallegg hit a grand slam to give the Blue Devils an 8-2 lead. Others with multiple hits were Hopper, Brian McKenna, Carter Sales and Liam Kaiser.

Miles Jamieson pitched the first 5 2/3 innings, scattering eight hits and striking out three. Kaiser finished the game as the Blue Devils are 13-19.

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ACROSS

11 Macbeth's title
6 Hot dog side
dish
17 Tar
12 Bay windows
14 Mr. Ed's owner
15 President
Woodrow —
16 Suitable
17 Aristocratic
19 Pair
20 Fishing need
22 U.K. fliers
23 Ball of yarn
24 Gold-finger?
26 Copious oil
wells
28 Water barrier
30 Mainlander's
memento
31 Outstanding
35 Kitchen lure
39 Apiary house
40 Tease
42 Strait-laced
43 Commotion

44 Olympian's
award
46 Mound stat
47 Infamous mid-
dle name
49 "Die Hard" star
51 Taxed
52 Loud sounds
53 Fight
54 Villain's look

DOWN

1 Taiwan's capi-
tal
2 Having a han-
dle
3 Priestly gar-
ment
4 It may be a
proper subject
5 Slip-up
6 Cereal quantity
7 Canal of song
8 Have a bug
9 Get snug and
cozy
10 Not as fast

11 Honey bunch?
13 Hemingway's
"The — of
Kilimanjaro"
18 Satchel
21 Tureen acces-
sory
23 Tweet
25 7-Down's mule
27 Red or Black
29 Copes
31 Wrap
32 Neatens (up)
33 Develop
34 Disencumber
36 Threatening
conclusion
37 More like a
mud pit
38 Accumulate
41 Sunrises
44 Encounter
45 Narnia's Aslan,
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48 DIY buy
50 Perjurer's pro-
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